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Word from the President Prof. F. Carneiro



My Presidency of the European Society of Pathology (ESP) is coming to an end at the upcoming European Congress of Pathology (ECP), in Lisbon.

The two years of Presidency were challenging but also very gratifying mostly due to the privilege of working with the ESP officers, in close collaboration with the ESP boards, committees and working groups. In Helsinki, I advanced for the period of my Presidency that I would focus on three specific areas detailed below. Now the time has arrived to communicate to the ESP members what has been achieved.

The major goal was to **reinforce the role of ESP in the field of Education in Pathology**, the specific objectives being the building of an Education portal and the maintenance/expansion of graduate courses. I am very happy to announce that after long negotiations the Education portal will become a reality thanks to the efforts of Helmut Popper and Fred Bosman. During the Lisbon Congress, a presentation will be done in order to show the functionalities of this new structure that will provide the ESP members with plentiful options for e-learning. Additionally, a new website of the ESP is under construction and will host the membership database.

For the graduate courses the activity of the European School of Pathology (ESCoP) was maintained and two Tutorials were organized at the ESP office in Brussels on Cytopathology and Breast pathology. Several meetings organized by National Societies were partially supported by the ESP in the frame of the decision of the Executive Committee to provide, to the National Societies with collective membership status, an annual budget for the development of education activities, academic development or initiatives contributing to integration of European Pathology. Furthermore, from the profit of the Intercongress Meeting in Krakow (2010), €50,000 were made available to the Polish Society of Pathologists and €50,000 to the Polish Branch of the ESCoP in Krakow for education initiatives in Pathology.

To facilitate the participation of residents and trainees in the European Congresses, the ESP provided bursaries including free registration and a monetary grant of €150. Moreover, 50% reduced registration fee to Prague and Lisbon Congresses were offered to East European and underprivileged country members.

Along the line of Education in Pathology, the ESP maintained its collaboration with the European Association of Pathology Chairs and Program Directors (EAPCP) and Progress and Specialty tests at the European level were run.

Another goal was to **reinforce internationalization of the ESP** via the establishment of solid links with International Organizations and Societies. This objective was achieved leading to MoUs with the EORTC and ESMO and fruitful collaborations with the UEG, ECCO, UEMS and the IAP. Joint meetings were organized in the frame of these collaborations and the ECP 2016 will be jointly organized with the IAP German division.

The third goal, to **reinforce the links with the National Societies of Pathology**, was achieved via the establishment of the collective and supportive membership status and the decision to financially support the Societies adhering to this status for meetings, congresses or other education

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activities (an annual budget will be provided on request in the format of a grant proposal). Further, during these two years, several ESP officers attended Congresses of the National Societies of Pathology aiming to reinforce the relationships between these Societies and the ESP. Among others, I would like to mention the meeting of the ESP President and President-elect with the officers of the German Society of Pathology during the annual congress of this Society.

I would have felt quite happy with these achievements but I also feel very happy for several other developments and actions of the ESP discriminated below.

The **financial status of the society** is very healthy as described in the report of Marco Santucci, the Treasurer of the ESP.

Virchows Archiv, the official journal of the ESP is prospering under the guidance of Fred Bosman, Editor-in-Chief of the journal, as reported in this issue of the Newsletter.

The **Statutes and Bylaws of the ESP were reviewed** and the proposed new versions were made available to the ESP members and will be presented at the General Assembly in the Lisbon Congress. In the report of the ESP Secretary, published in this issue of the Newsletter, a summary of the changes is presented. According to the Belgian law the new Statutes are to be registered in the presence of a notary. For that purpose all ESP members were invited to sign a proxy to the ESP officers who will represent them in an extraordinary General Assembly to be held later this year. The members who had no opportunity to sign the individual proxy are invited to sign a global proxy during the Lisbon Congress, providing the number of his/her identification card or alike (passport and driving licence will also be suitable).

I hereby invite all ESP members to attend the General Assembly at Lisbon Congress, on 4th September 2013, where the presentation of the new Statutes and Bylaws will be done.

The **nomination** for the offices of President-elect, Secretary and the new four members of the future Council was conducted. The procedure has adhered to the current Statutes and Bylaws and has been transparent. The results were published in the ESP website and the Newsletter. I am happy to announce that the nominations of Pierre Bedossa for President-elect and Ilmo Leivo for Secretary (second mandate) will be presented at the General Assembly in Lisbon Congress for approval, as well as those of the four new members: Holger Moch (Switzerland), Ales Ryska (Czech Republic), Dina Tiniakos (Greece) and Gordan Vujanic (United Kingdom).

In the research field, the **ESP recently joined the Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe**, an initiative committed to promote excellence in European biomedical research and innovation with the goal of improving the health and well being of European citizens. Specifically, the ESP aims at increasing the capacity to search for research funding in particular by targeting the European Programme Horizon 2020.

The **External Quality Assurance (EQA) programme**, under the coordination of Han van Krieken, developed smoothly with meetings, new projects and publications.

Venues for future ECPs were selected by the Executive Committee to be presented to the General Assembly for approval: Cologne (2016), Amsterdam (2017) and Bilbao (2018). The organization of the ECP 2014 in London is developing at full speed and the first steps are being taken for the ECP 2015 in Belgrade.

From the large number of registrations for the ECP 2013 in Lisbon we believe that this Congress will be a success and it will be a pleasure welcoming you in Lisbon on 31st August 2013.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you for supporting the European Society of Pathology and to wish all the best to Han van Krieken, the next President of our Society from the Lisbon Congress on.

Fátima Carneiro

Financial Report of the Treasurer Prof. Marco Santucci for the 2012 Annual Accounts



Report compiled by Prof. Dr. M. Santucci, based on the final version of the 2012 annual accounts, to be presented to the General Assembly.

The Balance Sheet as per December 31st 2012 has been approved by the Financial Committee of the ESP.

RESULTS/

From the 2012 accounts, a decision has been made to adopt – to a limited extent – analytical bookkeeping, to allow setting off of income against corresponding costs. This became particularly necessary following the commencement of EQA and master-class activities, as it permits the Executive Committee to verify net income versus net costs for each activity. This can be deduced from the 2012 accounts by grouping income and costs per category, as far as the EQA and EScoP courses are concerned.

The idea for the future is to work more along these analytical lines so that during, as well as at the end of, the year it will be possible to verify the status and results of each activity.

Total results/

The global 2012 result was a positive sum of some 64,304 EUR.

On the income side/

- Membership subscriptions rose from 74,061 to 76,212 EUR in 2012. This corresponds to a small increase in the number of (paying) members, which also followed closer follow-up of unpaid subscriptions in 2013 (by sending several reminders). Members are now reminded that non-payment may result in suspension of their membership.

- Income from the KRAS quality control agreement (EQA income) increased from 58,740 to 70,998 EUR. On the other hand, costs directly linked to EQA programmes increased from 16,365 EUR in 2011 to 119,598 EUR in 2012. Part of these costs still relate to 2011.

Net costs for EQA 2012 amounted to 48,777 EUR. However, some further costs can be expected for activities in 2012, which will only appear in the 2013 accounts.

As far as Congress results are concerned, gross income shows a decrease from 246,356 EUR in 2011 to 154,434 EUR in 2012. This is mainly due to the exceptionally high earnings of the 2011 congress (Helsinki). Congress results are in line with expectations.

Royalties received increased from 279,286 EUR in 2011 to 405,007 EUR in 2012. This increase is due, in part, to the fact that some of the 2012 payments relate to 2011 but were only received in 2012.

Financial income slightly decreased (66,368 EUR in 2011 vs. 56,528 EUR in 2012). This is mainly due to continuing lower interest rates on savings and a lower return on financial investments and other values. Both can be explained by the effect of the economic situation on the financial markets. To maintain and safeguard our financial reserves, part of the share portfolio has been transferred to an internet e-savings account. Accepting lower risk, however is always reflected in lower financial gains.

Taking into account financial costs (44,402 in 2011, 24,071 EUR in 2012), the net financial result in fact increased from 21,966 EUR net in 2011 to 32,457 EUR in 2012.

In short, gross income increased from 731,311 EUR (2011) to 769,726 EUR over the last year. However, gross income is increasingly generated from extra activities (EQA, EScoP courses). The net result from these extra activities is somewhat less than the income from our conventional activities (congresses and royalties). This is especially so considering the extra costs due to the work these extra activities require.

On the cost side/

On the costs side, an increase in general costs is only partly in line with the increase of income from activities. As explained above, this stems from the extra costs for EQA and EScoP activities.

Accommodation costs (office at Rue Bara) increased from 16,553 EUR to 31,199, mainly due to renovation works; however, there was also a negative cost (reimbursement for advanced energy payments) in the previous year, 2011.

Salary costs increased from 120,531 to 171,077 EUR, mainly after hiring extra staff (secretary and short-term employees). This decision followed the extra work generated by EQA and EScoP. Part of the increase can also be linked to reclassification of costs (secretarial assistance), which in the past counted as a general cost but as of 2012 has been included under salaries (short-term employment).

General costs increased from 288,274 EUR to 394,955 EUR. Taking into account the above-mentioned reclassification, the increase is even greater, with a net increase of 144,305 EUR. This increase can largely be explained by EQA costs of 119,598 EUR in 2012 against 16,365 EUR in 2011, and partly by an increase in costs for working groups (6,893 EUR against 985 EUR the previous year), other extra costs (executive committee meetings, accountant) linked to the congress bookkeeping audit with the Professional Congress Organizer CPO Hanser, as well as establishing collaboration with the UK Pathological Society. Other general costs are in line with activities and income.

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As mentioned above, financial costs decreased from 44,402 EUR to 24,071 EUR, considering fewer losses from investment income, mainly due to shifting our financial reserves to saving accounts.

Depreciations are in line with investments.

Taxes have increased slightly, due to an increase in royalty income; taxes are only due on this type of income.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

On the liability side, there were no major changes compared with previous years. Total liabilities to 3rd parties amount to some 206,441 EUR, which leaves ESP a net equity of 2,099,969 EUR.

Increase in debts to 3rd parties are mainly accounted for by invoices due by 31/12/2012 (115,434 EUR against 14,882 EUR in 2011).

For the first time, net equity is divided into general reserves on one side and allocated funds on the other. This follows the resolution that as of 2012 all decisions regarding support to 3rd parties will be allocated in an already assigned fund on the equity side, thus bringing more transparency to future agreements and obligations to 3rd party organizations.

Equity is being employed for the office at Rue Bara and office furniture, with a present value of some 387,959 EUR.

Further assets are divided into long term financial assets (1,165,881 EUR) and short term financial investments (820,300 EUR). Total financial assets are distributed in bonds and saving accounts on the one hand and investments in equities and shares on the other, at a 80:20 ratio (a defensive strategy considering the current economic situation).

These accounts were compiled taking into account all transactions which have taken place during 2013, up to 31/05/2013, in so far as they may influence the 2012 net result.

However, as far as long term activities (EQA, EScOP, etc.) are concerned, some costs will only appear well after the activities began. Therefore it is inevitable that some 2012 costs will only appear in the 2013 accounts.

Treasurer
Prof. Dr. M. Santucci

Report of the Treasurer Prof. Marco Santucci
Balance Sheet of the European Society of Pathology

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY		
BALANCE SHEET AS PER DECEMBER 31th 2012		
The accounts are kept in euro		
	December 2011	December 2012
ASSETS		
MATERIAL FIXED ASSETS	384.062,84	387.959,12
Grounds	90.480,00	90.480,00
Buildings	259.852,84	243.612,04
Interior	23.152,54	47.870,38
Office equipment	1.466,11	1.037,31
Technical installations	5.598,44	3.958,41
Office furniture	3.512,91	1.000,98
FINANCIAL FIXED ASSETS	817.883,16	1.165.881,58
Investments:		
Investments in equities	271.631,27	421.196,22
Investments fixed income	516.652,43	744.485,36
Other placements	29.399,46	-
Guarantees	200,00	200,00
BANK	965.718,87	820.300,42
Amro current account	23.874,38	187.087,77
KBC current account	4.261,27	2.698,19
Internet saving account	511.060,39	520.125,65
Internet plus saving account	556,08	568,03
Portfolio management account	425.966,75	109.820,78
AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE	2.713,39	20.606,06
Provision social charges	2.713,39	2.348,00
Advance payments	-	18.258,06
ACCRUED ASSETS	17.161,57	36.161,33
Accrued costs	11.995,04	36.161,33
Accrued interests	5.166,53	-
TOTAL ASSETS	2.187.539,83	2.430.908,51



EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY		
BALANCE SHEET AS PER DECEMBER 31th 2012		
The accounts are kept in euro		
	December 2011	December 2012
LIABILITIES		
RESERVES	1.906.522,59	2.099.969,22
general reserves	1.906.522,59	1.559.969,22
Educational Portal		100.000,00
Educational activities Polisch Society		50.000,00
Educational act. Institute of Path Krakow		50.000,00
Educational activities Czech Society		50.000,00
EU projects to advance pathology		100.000,00
Support ESP WG and allied societies		50.000,00
Support collective membership status		100.000,00
Support EScoP courses		40.000,00
allocated funds		540.000,00
RESULT FOR THE PERIOD	193.446,63	64.304,16
Surplus income over expenditure	193.446,63	64.304,16
AMOUNTS PAYABLE	84.742,61	206.441,64
Social charges	878,66	3.736,52
Wage tax	1.147,96	3.963,52
Provision for vacation pay	14.420,36	18.395,64
Suppliers	14.816,45	9.818,61
Invoices to receive	14.882,41	115.434,73
Withholding tax to pay	38.596,77	55.092,62
ACCRUED LIABILITIES		
Dues received in advance	2.828,00	60.193,50
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2.187.539,83	2.430.908,52

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT 2012 The accounts are kept in euro		
	December 2011	December 2012
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Dues	74.061,00	76.212,00
EQA income	58.740,00	70.998,18
Masterclasses	500,00	3.550,00
Congress profits	246.356,80	154.434,80
Received royalties	279.286,16	405.007,71
Award money	5.999,00	-
Other income	-	2.995,50
Financial income	66.368,16	56.528,11
TOTAL INCOME	731.311,12	769.726,30
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Accommodation costs	16.553,51	31.199,09
General costs	288.274,08	394.955,29
Salaries and social charges	120.531,07	171.077,94
Financial costs	44.402,69	24.071,72
Depreciations	28.055,83	29.025,49
Taxes	40.047,31	55.092,62
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	537.864,49	705.422,15
SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	193.446,63	64.304,16



**Report of the Secretary of the ESP Prof. Ilmo Leivo
for General Assembly on 4 September 2013 in Lisbon Convention Centre**

Due to several changes in the activities of the ESP over the years, the officers have decided to undertake a revision of the Statutes and Bylaws of the society. In addition, it was found that previous amendments of the Statutes from 2009 had not been notarised according to the rules for non-profit organisations under Belgian law, which meant that the notarisation process had to be undertaken in any case.

Below you will find a table summarising the essential changes the officers have presently made to the Statutes and the Bylaws. The new versions have been submitted to members of the Executive Committee of the ESP, and their full texts have been available to members on the ESP website. They are submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

Changes in the Statutes:

	<u>Old Statutes (2009)</u>	<u>New Statutes (2013)</u>
Members	Ordinary, retired, and honorary members	Ordinary, trainee, retired, and honorary members
Supreme body	<u>General Assembly</u> - composed of all ordinary members - vote: ordinary members	<u>General Assembly</u> - composed of all members - vote: ordinary and trainee members
Governing body	<u>Executive Committee</u> - 12 members	<u>Council</u> - at least 13 members: Officers of the Executive Committee and at least 8 other society members

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Managing body	<u>Officers</u> - President - President-elect - Secretary - Treasurer	<u>Executive Committee</u> - President - President-elect - Secretary - Treasurer - Immediate Past-President
Advisory organ	<u>Advisory Council</u> - 1 member/ natl. soc.	<u>Advisory Board</u> - 1 member/ natl. soc.
Quorum - General Assembly - Council - Executive Committee	- 10% of members - 8 members - 3 officers	- 5% of voting members - 9 members - 3 officers
Changes in statutes or liquidation of society:	- initiated by General Assembly or by 5% of all ordinary members - approved by two-thirds of members present or re-presented at the General Assembly - at least 25 % of ordinary members present or re-presented at the General Assembly	- initiated by Council, Executive Committee, or 25 % of voting members of the society - approved by two-thirds of voting members present or re-presented at the General Assembly - at least 25 % of voting members present or represented at the General Assembly

Changes in the Bylaws:

Old Bylaws (2009)

New Bylaws (2013)

Advisory Council - Chair: non-renewable term of four years. May be re-elected after four years	Advisory Board - Chair: non-renewable term of four years
Education Committee	Education Subcommittee - Members: Chair and at least one member of the Council - Chair is appointed by the President in consultation with Council and WGs - Annual budget approved by the Council



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<p>Nomination Committee - Members are former Presidents of the society</p>	<p>Nomination Subcommittee - Members are former Presidents - Chair: Immediate Past President of the society</p>
	<p>Trainee Subcommittee - Consists of six residents in pathology from various areas of Europe - Chair: appointed by the President in consultation with Council and Advisory Board. Chair will be an ex-officio member of the Council</p>
<p>Finance Committee</p>	<p>Discontinued and substituted by professional auditing of accounts</p>
<p>Congress Coordinator</p>	<p>Discontinued</p>
<p>Local congress organisers - Variable</p>	<p>Scientific committee - 3 members of national societies or division of IAP - President of the ESP - Chair of the WG Chairs - Chair of the Advisory Board</p>
<p>Proposals for future congress locations - Members of ESP, national societies, or divisions of IAP propose location - At least 5 years prior to congress - Executive Committee examines suitably, gives recommendation - General Assembly makes final decision</p>	<p>- National societies or divisions of IAP propose location - Preferably 6 but no more than 7 years prior to congress - PCO assesses proposed venue - Council decides suitability - General Assembly makes final decision</p>
<p>Official publications Virchows Archiv</p>	<p>Virchows Archiv - The Council responsible for contractual arrangements and publication policy - Editor in Chief: appointed by the Council for renewable term of three years in open application process taking into account recommendations of Editorial Committee</p>

**Virchows Archiv: Back to the Future?
Prof. Fred Bosman**



Most of you regularly receive a printed version of Virchows Archiv (VIAR), the European Journal of Pathology, the 'house' journal of the European Society of Pathology. A growing number of you will receive the journal on-line only. So you might feel that you know how things are going, having this monthly confrontation with a series of scientific papers. Always in the same cover (liked by some, despised by others), always with the same make-up, always with a mix of papers, some right in your field of interest, others barely or not at all, some pretty good, others not so good. You might have the feeling that nothing changes: so much seems to stay the same. And yet, we are moving ahead, even though for most of you that might not be all that visible. Let me tell you what's up.

To begin with, last year we conducted a readership survey. This was a useful exercise. First of all, we had a response rate (on 3045 members) of 7%, which I found a bit disappointing. It makes the impression that for most of you the Journal is on the periphery of your interests. Specialists tell me I should not be so pessimistic: 7% is not bad for such a survey. Anyway, this added up to 193 completed forms, a reasonably solid sample to base some conclusions upon. It appears that VIAR is well read, or at least browsed through. About 75% of the respondents find VIAR excellent, which looks good but is not a reason for self-congratulation. I keep thinking of the almost 2900 members who did not respond: what did they think...? Not even worth to react? The question 'what is liked' about the journal evoked a variety of reactions: original articles, review papers (strong call for increasing them), even case reports are appreciated. A real concern seems to be the impact factor: now at a respectable level of 2.7 (up from 2.5!) but with room for improvement. More than half the responders find the competing journals better than VIAR: most votes go to American Journal of Surgical Pathology, Modern Pathology, Journal of Pathology and Histopathology. Why this is? Two answers dominate: 'better quality of papers' and 'better for my daily practice'.

We do strive for better quality of papers. In practical terms this implies being more selective in terms of reviewing and accepting original manuscripts, which we have taken on. Those of you that review for the journal have noticed that we have become more specific in the criteria to be addressed when assessing the suitability of a submitted paper for the journal.

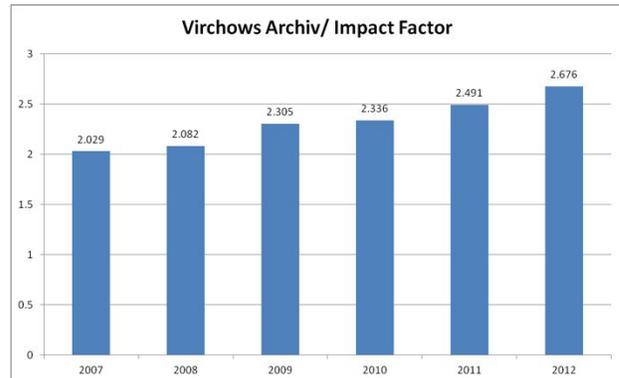
It also means making sure that the papers are well written and easy to read. In order to improve the writing I have undertaken significant editing (which sometimes approaches partial rewriting) of a substantial proportion of the manuscripts. Sometimes the authors get a paper in return that has been provisionally accepted but needs to be language edited by a professional. Titles are often changed to make them more appealing. Abstracts are often extensively edited to make them more informative. My overall impression is that the papers are getting better. But the move up the ladder of impact factors is a long term project and requires consistent application of a well developed editorial strategy. Part of the strategy is to stick to the definition of the 'identity' of the journal: what is our specific 'niche'? We clarified this in the mission statement: '*To advance the scientific basis of human pathology by the publication of high quality research (including molecular and translational studies)*'. To more closely define what we wanted, we added: '*Manuscripts of original studies reinforcing the evidence base of modern diagnostic pathology, using immunocytochemical, molecular and ultrastructural techniques will be welcomed. In addition, papers on the critical evaluation of diagnostic criteria but also broadsheets and guidelines with a solid evidence base will be considered*'. This all adds up to the 'better for my daily practice'. But the latter goal requires more specific actions. We will have to recruit more review papers, as these are clearly one of the most appreciated elements of the journal (and in this we are not alone). The project to get to an annual review issue has been launched earlier this year. The beginning of 2014 will be marked by the publication of an annual review issue dedicated to 'Prognostic markers in diagnostic pathology'. A host of internationally re-known experts has agreed to review for which markers the evidence base exists to justify their routine use in determining prognosis and patient stratification for personalized therapy choice. We also have invited the working groups of the ESP to make better use of the journal: prepare guideline and consensus documents which can be published in the journal, stimulate studies in practice oriented diagnostic pathology of which the results can be published in the journal. Quality of such papers will be assured through the usual peer review procedures. A series of reviews is under way on topics that should be helpful for your daily practice, in part in terms of providing an evidence base for relevant diagnostic questions, in part in terms of focusing on disease mechanisms where they underpin important diagnostic principles.

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Such a long term project requires people ready to invest time and energy in getting where we want to be. The journal has a very active Editorial committee with dedicated Associate Editors and a large Editorial Board, mostly composed of members that have a long standing and active working relationship with the journal. Both will be renewed at regular intervals, in order to recruit new talent and maintain or even expand our competence base. A reviews editor will be recruited: assuring a constant flow of high quality reviews and getting the annual review issue out is a daunting task! But above and beyond what we can and will do, we need you - readers of the journal, members of the ESP. Consider us as your primary publication platform. Submit your high quality manuscripts to us. There's now one more reason why you should consider Virchows Archiv for your best manuscripts: the Best Paper of the Year Award! The award for the best 2012 paper will be presented during the upcoming European Congress in Lisbon. Details as to how the best paper 2013 is going to be selected will be published shortly.

Back to the future? The past is our legacy: throughout most of its more than 160 years of pathology publishing Virchows Archiv has been a driving force in getting pathology into the prominent position it has in modern medicine. The journal will continue to contribute to building its future, with your active support.

Fred T Bosman MD PhD
Editor in Chief
Virchows Archiv





In Illo Tempore

The History of the European Pathology

Lisbon 2013, the 50th Anniversary



Dr. L. Kaklamanis

The history of a society is the history of its members, the history of their achievements. The history of a society is not simply the inevitable and unstoppable time-race of events, the infinite flow of sandglass of generations, the clepsydra of life.

The history, our history, didn't just happen. It is the result of decades of collaborative work of motivated people, their dedication, their talent, the outcome of teamwork. Since the early days, in 1963, the foundation year of our Society and our first President Prof. P. Dustin, till August 2013, the 25th European Congress of Pathology in Lisbon, our current President Prof. Fatima Carneiro and our 50th anniversary, everything is different and at the same time connected to each other.

The face of modern Medicine, the face of modern Pathology with their great advancements and their great disillusion, enter into new spiraling and encouraging pathways. Our scientific and medical evolution brings us in front of new, mostly unexpected, roles and great, challenging complexities.

Who could imagine the unimaginable in 1963, when the first pioneers of unraveling the first puzzled secrets of life, J. Watson, F. Crick and M. Wilkins, had just been awarded the Nobel prize, that in 2013 with tiny probes or primers of DNA or RNA strands, Pathologists could, in just few hours, uncover mutations of genes and provide the means of highly specific and tailored therapies for our patients?

Which are the major evolutionary steps in Pathology during the past 50 years? The “paradigm shifts”, a term used by Historians to describe fundamental changes which modify scientific beliefs and established “dogmas”?

- i) The accurate and reliable definition, specification and assignment of **histomorphology of diseases**, the insuperable architecture of both neoplastic and non-neoplastic, infectious and non-infectious, immunological and non-immunological, idiopathic and non-idiopathic aberrations of life.
- ii) The **immunohistochemistry “sunrise”**, our “penicillin era” which transformed our specialty from the state of “craft” or art to a solid, scientifically-based discipline, providing strong, reliable, numerous, ongoing masterpieces of diagnostic, prognostic and predictive incomparable value.
- iii) The **molecular revolution**, the era of “companion diagnostics” which revolutionized our diagnostic work ensuring the success of targeted therapy and unraveling the minute secrets of neoplastic processes and pathways, hidden within the transformed and untamed cancerous cells.

In Lisbon at the end of August during our 25th European Congress, along with our generous hosts, the Portuguese Colleagues, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the foundation meeting of our Society. Colleagues who served the Society in the past, past but not forgotten, will be with us representing the continuity of our discipline and honouring them for their precious achievements and efforts. This is a perfect occasion to pay tribute to the 20 Past Presidents of our Society who dedicatedly contributed to turn our Society a leading force in European pathology (Please see next page).

L. Kaklamanis, MD, D.Phil

*Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the foundation meeting
of European Society of Pathology*

The 20 Past Presidents of the Society



Prof. P. Dustin
President 1964 -1968



Prof. P. J. Groniowski
President 1968-1971



Prof. A. Piringer-Kuchinka
President 1971-1975



Prof. C. Nezelof
President 1975 -1979



Prof. D. Ferluga
President 1979 -1981



Prof. C. Hedinger
President 1981-1983



Prof. J.V. Johannessen
President 1983 -1985



Prof. G. Seifert
President 1985 -1987



Prof. A. Llombart-Bosch
President 1987-1989



Sir C. Berry
President 1989-1991



Prof. H. Holzner
President 1991-1993



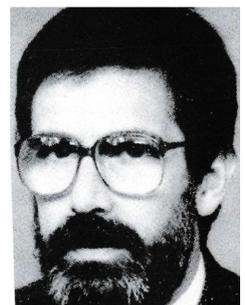
Prof. G. Coggi
President 1993 -1995



Prof. R. Heimann
President 1995 -1997



Prof. G. Klöppel
President 1997 -1999



Prof. M. Sobrinho Simões
President 1999 -2001



Prof. G. Bussolati
President 2001-2003



Prof. A. Cardesa
President 2003 - 2005



Prof. N. Agnantis
President 2005 - 2007



Prof. F. Bosman
President 2007 - 2009



Prof. M. Wells
President 2009 - 2011