



Dear colleagues and friends,

I will be President of the European Society of Pathology from September 2011 to September 2013 and you can have a look at a summary of my [CV](#) at the ESP website.

Pathology is facing challenges that should be considered as opportunities and I think that ESP may play an important role in bridging the gap between the academic (research-driven) and the service-oriented pathology.

For the period of my Presidency I decided to focus on the following areas:

- **Reinforcement the role of ESP in the field of Education in Pathology**, with the development of e-learning initiatives via the Education portal and maintenance/expansion of courses, for instance in the frame of European School of Pathology (EScoP). Along this line, the integration of the European Association of Pathology Chairs and Program Directors (EAPCP) in the European Society of Pathology will be strongly supported, as well as the establishment of Progress Tests at European level, as tools for future harmonization of graduate education in Pathology;
- **Reinforcement of the internationalization**, with the establishment of solid links with International Organizations and Societies, namely IAP (International Academy of Pathology) and EORTC;
- **Reinforcement of the links with the National Societies of Pathology**, for which the collective membership may play a role, creating the basis for ESP to act as a federation of the National Societies of Pathology.

Summing up, I hope to be able to contribute for the strengthening of ESP and for the consolidation of **European Pathology**, based on **competence** (in the fields of research, education, and diagnosis), **international networking** and **harmonization**.