Dear colleagues and friends,

The last year has seen some highly interesting and some more unexpected events for our society. Please note below that EAHP has changed the management of our membership administration, homepage and financial information. But let us start with some information on the upcoming congress.

The upcoming EAHP-SH congress

The 19th Meeting of the European Association for Haematopathology is already on the horizon. It will be held in the beautiful city of Edinburgh, Scotland from September 29-October 4th.

The venue will be the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, centrally located, within walking distance to the city centre attractions and surrounded by hotels to suit different
budgets. You can reach Edinburgh with direct flights from many cities in America and connection flights from most cities in Europe for people coming from Latin America, Asia and Africa. Frequent flights are daily available from the major European airports (London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Paris, Madrid).

The deadline for submissions for the bone marrow (BM) and lymphoma workshops has passed now, but the site for abstract submissions will be open until May 1, 2018. We received many interesting cases for both the BM workshop and the Lymphoma workshop that you really do not want to miss.

The Lymphoma Symposium will be devoted to lymphoproliferations that present at specific locations, including immune-privileged and various extranodal sites. Topics include genetic changes, microenviromental factors of importance for oncogenesis, and clinical behavior of these tumors. As always, one part of the symposium will be dedicated to “Recent Advances” and here new and ground-breaking developments in lymphoma research will be discussed. The Bone Marrow Symposium will deal with “Lymphoid proliferations in the bone marrow” with topics on features of bone marrow involvement in Hodgkin lymphoma, aggressive B-NHL and peripheral T-cell lymphomas, non-neoplastic lymphoproliferations and the role of the bone marrow microenvironment in lymphoma manifestations.

Poster sessions will be an important element of the EAHP workshops and we will have a new dynamic format for the poster presentations. I would encourage our members to participate in this part of the program as well. There are numerous categories for abstract submissions.
Please go to https://www.eahp-sh2018.com/ for more details about this meeting and the abstract categories.

One of the highlights in our meeting is the “Meet the Professor” sessions, where the goal is to achieve an interactive discussion with the audience. Therefore, we will keep the audience for each session limited to 35 participants. These sessions are highly popular, and in the past there have been some difficulties and discontent with the mechanism of ticket distribution. We have, therefore, taken several steps in attempt to address these issues. Firstly, the total number of “Meet the Professor” sessions will be increased to 12 (4 each day; Sunday-Tuesday); here, I want to thank Elaine Jaffe, Daphne de Jong, Elias Campo, Steven Swerdlow, Attilio Orazi and Robert Hasserjian for accepting to moderate the sessions and sharing with us their incredible expertise in lymphoma and bone marrow diagnosis. The second change is that participants are allowed to attend only one “Meet the Professor” session. The third and last change is that tickets will be sold for 10€ during the online registration process (residents are not required to pay this fee when applying for tickets and are strongly encouraged to attend). Tickets that are not sold out will be available again to everybody for purchase during the meeting.

The Executive Committee of the EAHP and the local organizer, John Goodlad, have put together a highly interesting program for this meeting. However, if you need further convincing to attend the EAHP meeting in Edinburgh, here are some more details. The social events will include the Welcome reception on Saturday afternoon in the Convention Centre and the Networking dinner will take place in the historical “National Museum of Scotland” where we all will have the opportunity to talk with colleagues and friends. I hope I will see all of you in Scotland!
Reports on previous meetings in 2017

Our **ESP sessions** in Amsterdam (August-September 2017) were very well attended, especially the real life microscopy sessions. The latter were a huge success and this format should be considered for the EAHP meetings as well. The **SH workshop** "Advances in Molecular Genetics of Hematopoietic Neoplasms." Organized by Robert Hasserjian, Frank Kuo and Olga Weinberg in September 2017 was a highly interesting meeting, and many colleagues from Europe – more than seen in recent SH workshops before – took the opportunity to come to Chicago and contributed to the success of the meeting.
Educational Activities

The EAHP supported two important meetings last year, and I want to take the opportunity to thank Christiane Copie-Bergman and Leticia Quintanilla-Fend for doing an outstanding job in the Educational Committee.

Christiane Copie-Bergman
(Chair of the Educational Committee)

Leticia Quintanilla-Fend
(Secretary of the Meeting)

In May 2017, delegates of the EAHP took part in the founding meeting of our new sister society, the South American Society of Hematopathology (SOLAHP), and helped to make this event in Buenos Aires a huge success. 250 hematopathologists from South America attended the meeting and discussed new aspects in diagnostics and science brought about by the update of the 4th edition of the WHO lymphoma classification.

In December 2017, an educational meeting was held in Surabaya, Indonesia, immediately following the foundation of the Indonesian Hematopathology Study Group. In a three-day meeting, basic and advanced aspects of lymphoma diagnostics were discussed by the panel and 300 attendants from Indonesia and neighbouring countries. For the first time in a workshop organized under the auspices of the EAHP, we also invited a hematologist (M.
Vohringer, Stuttgart) to deal with clinical aspects of the diagnose, and this format turned out to be a big success.
Future organization of the educational committee

For the coming period, it was decided to merge the educational and digital committees, since the overlap is major (digital slide repositories). It was also decided that the educational committee should be composed of active EXCO members, ex-EXCO members and other candidates. The new committee will consist of Christiane Copie-Bergman (chair), Santiago Montes-Moreno, Margarita Guenova, Stefan Dojcinov, and Patty Jansen. So far, educational activities and support of meetings in India (2018), Peru and South Africa (2019) are planned, and I wish to thank all delegates of the EAHP devoting time and labour in order to organize and prepare these meetings. The success of these educational activities is strongly mirrored by the fact that by now, the Society of Hematopathology (SH) is also considering to launch an educational program partnering with EAHP.

New important developments regarding the EAHP

The Executive Committee of the EAHP is pleased to inform you that EAHP has taken further steps in order to professionalize our organization. Our membership administration, SH-EAHP webpage hosting and financial administration will now be managed by a new company, Quality Company Support (QCS), based in the Netherlands. Our main contact in QCS is Danny Douwes and he will in due time take over the membership administration from our secretary for many years, Christine Arkes. Big thanks to Christine for many years of hard labour to organize the membership administration, and special thanks to Birgitta Sander and Daphne de Jong, who accompanied and supervised the transitional process to QCS!!.

Christine Arkes
(Memberhip administration)

Birgitta Sander
(Secretary/Treasurer)

Daphne de Jong
(Elected president)

In late February 2018, our SH-EAHP webpage administration was smoothly moved from Cantrijn to QCS. Your login details remain unchanged. The membership registry is now administered by QCS and the invoice for membership subscription will be sent out in due course by email from QCS. Applications for membership will, as before, be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Birgitta Sander – birgitta.sander@ki.se. We expect that the transition from Cantrijn to QCS will facilitate your interaction with EAHP and make future contacts easier. The new contact details for reaching the EAHP secretariat, Monday-Friday 9:00 – 17:00 CET is secretariat.eahp@sh-eahp.org.

Finally, we have experienced some unexpected discussions with the European Association for Hospital Pharmacists, who are using the same acronym like us (EAHP). Since the European Association for Hospital Pharmacists have a formal legal registration of the EAHP abbreviation, they rightfully claimed the exclusive use of this abbreviation. The legal problem was solved in a very reasonable discussion with their lawyers with the intent to avoid confusion between the two associations in their communication in social media and web
extensions. Therefore, it was decided to apply the extensions sh-eahp and eahp-sh from now on with the latter for primarily European Association for Haematopathology directed activities and the former for primarily joint SH and EAHP communication. The website for the Edinburgh meeting is re-named to www.EAHP-SH2018.com. The elected president, Daphne de Jong, was instrumental in settling this issue.

So now, after having decided to settle some major directions regarding the future of our society, we can look forward to another excellent meeting in the fall of 2018. Thanks again to John Goodlad for organizing this meeting and Peter Johnston, as representative of the EBMWG.

With my best personal regards,

and looking forward to personally welcome you in Edinburgh,

German Ott

President of the EAHP