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Letter from the ESVCP President

**Dear Colleagues,**

Once again, we can look back on a very successful year for our society. In line with our mission, we place a strong focus on continuing education, particularly for our members. We pursue this goal through a variety of projects and initiatives.

One highlight of the year was our annual meeting, which took place in Bristol. Kostas Papasouliotis, Elpida Sarvani, Sonia Sanchez-Redondo, and Marta Costa organised a wonderful congress at a truly special venue – a cinema in the city centre of Bristol. The meeting was scientifically inspiring and excellently organised. Many thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm, dedication, and the great success of this congress.

In addition to our established expert rounds, we introduced a new format this year: a residency round. The idea behind this initiative was to give residents and young scientists the opportunity to present their research projects and to use the ensuing discussions to further develop and improve their work. This format was very well received, and we are pleased to announce that we will continue both the residency rounds and the expert rounds next year.

Another important development concerns our research grant. This year, the grant will be organised together with the College. The idea to combine the strengths of the Society and the College was initiated last year, and we are delighted that in 2026 a joint grant will be awarded.

This year, we were also proud to honour Andreas Moritz as a new member of the Hall of Fame. He has been actively involved in both our Society and the College from the very beginning, and his long-standing commitment and contributions truly deserve this recognition.

Finally, we held elections this year, and the entire board was confirmed, which makes me very proud and gives us the opportunity to continue our work for another term.

Looking ahead, we plan to continue the successful formats introduced this year. The congress in 2026 will be organised jointly with the pathologists and will take place in Nantes. From our side, Laetitia Jallardon and Barbara Riond are actively involved in



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the organising committee. I am confident that this congress will be just as successful as this year's meeting.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who contribute their time, energy, and expertise to our Society and the College and who help to advance the field of clinical pathology.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a successful and fulfilling year 2026.

See you in Nantes

Stephan