D Grobbee welcomed the participants and opened the EAPC General Assembly.

President Report
D Grobbee presented the Association’s mission, its main activities, and the key highlights since January 2017: Phase II of the ESC prevention of CVD programme, run in collaboration with ACCA and CCNAP is in progress, with the production of educational webinar, masterclasses, and the upcoming launch of a web section dedicated to secondary prevention, and a supplement of the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology (in 2017). Several papers were published by the Association, notably on cardiac rehabilitation and secondary prevention.

D Grobbee highlighted the new EAPC membership programme, and invited the participants to support the EAPC mission by joining the Association.

He reminded the participants of the EAPC initiative towards the Young Community, notably the LinkedIn group, and networking events.

Elections: Alignment of Mandates
D Grobbee reported on the decision taken by the EAPC Board in February, to align the EAPC Board mandate with the ESC Board mandate (from September to September N+2). As foreseen by the constitution, the elections would still take place before an EAPC General Assembly. The 2018 Elections timelines will be adapted accordingly.

EJPC Editor in Chief report
M Piepoli, New EJPC Editor in Chief reported on the journal’s activity. Submissions numbers are increasing, but the review processing time has been decreased from 52 days in 2012 to 20 days in 2017, with an acceptance rate of 30%. The Impact Factor was of 3.361 in 2015. The editorial board has been extended with the appointment of new deputy editors, and new areas are now covered, in accordance with the latest guidelines. M Piepoli announced that the EJPC Highly Cited paper award was renamed after Prof. Pantaleo Giannuzzi, EJPC Editor in Chief (2008-2010) and EAPC President (2010-2012).

Structure Revision
D Grobbee informed the participants that a revision of the Association’s structure is on the EAPC Board’s agenda, with the objective to be more inclusive, streamlined and efficient. More information will follow in the coming months.

Finance update
In the absence of M Guazzi, EAPC Treasurer, D Grobbee presented the EAPC budget for the Fiscal Year 2018, approved by the ESC Board in March. The Association’s budget is conservative, and projects were prioritized for the coming year. The EAPC budget remains within the set objectives, as part of the ESC consolidated budget, thanks to its congress and journal.

Membership
P Dendale presented the EAPC membership programme and a short report on membership metrics: 1.137 Regular, 115 Ivory and 131 Silver members have joined the EAPC in the first trimester of 2017. The 2016 members who did not yet renew will be transferred as regular members in April / May, and will continue to receive the newsletter.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 10:45, Prof. Grobbee thanked all participants.
The next General Assembly will be held on Sunday 27 August, 15:30-16:30 during ESC Congress in Barcelona.