

trainees across Europe to meet and form relationships allowing an exchange of ideas.

Lastly, I will be conducting a survey amongst the EACMFS trainee members to gain their valuable feedback with the aim of incorporating any suggestions for the next congress in Prague.

Dr A Gulati

FELLOWSHIPS

The Fellowship programmes continue to be developed. A maximum of 2000 euros per individual fellow will be available as a subsistence allowance at the start of the fellowship. Application forms are downloadable from the website – www.eurofaces.com

Cleft Surgery:

Antwerp, Prof N Nadjmi
Hyderabad, Prof Srinivas Gosla Reddy

Facial Cosmetic Surgery:

Brussels, Prof M Mommaerts
Manchester, Dr B Musgrove
Wurzburg, Dr J Bill

Head & Neck Oncology:

Frankfurt, Prof R Sader
London, Dr N Kalavrezos
Zagreb, Prof M Virag

CRITERIA:

- The applicant should be a member of EACMFS.
- The Fellowship Center should be accredited by EACMFS or any of the Fellowship Committee members.
- The applicant should be a qualified specialist in maxillofacial surgery according to the regulations to be applicable in his/her home country – or the country in which he/she has acquired speciality training.
- Approval for leave of absence should be obtained from the employing authority.
- Clinical or basic research is required. At least one paper reflecting the said research must be submitted for publication to the Journal of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery. Following submission of the paper, the Fellow must cooperate and respond to all requests from the Journal's editor or editorial staff to complete the review process.
- Financial resources should be available for covering the one-year-stay at the host centre with a position paid for by either the home centre, or the host centre, or by a grant that enables the applicant to perform a study while staying at the host centre.
- A complete CV, a log book of operations performed and a list of scientific publications (co-)authored by the applicant plus written proof of all the above shall be sent to the Secretariat.



Dr Raul Jimenez, participant in the EACMFS Fellowship Program

EACMFS Prizes and Awards:

Full details are available on the website. www.eurofaces.com

- Leibinger Prize awarded every two years
- Biomet Grant for Implantology
- Hugo Obwegeser Travelling Scholarships
- Rosalind Dancygier Travelling Fellowship (UCLH-London)
- The Helene Matras Scholarship
- Prof John Lowry Congress Scholarship

Remember: A grant of 150 euros is available to each Trainee Member to support attendance at the Rolling Programme of Education.



Dr Aakash Gulati, Leibinger Prize Award Winner

For your diary:

*Date: XXII CONGRESS SEPTEMBER 2014
23-26th September*

*Venue: Prague, Czech Rep
President Elect: Dr Daniel Hrusak*

*Date: XXIII CONGRESS SEPTEMBER 2016
13-16 September*

*Venue: London, UK
President Elect: Dr Ian Martin*

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NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2012-13

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Taking over the honourable mission of the EACMFS Presidency makes me feel proud to give the oath of professional and scientific devotion to all EACMFS members for the next two years. It is a true commitment to continue along the path marked out (determined) by past Presidents and so many exceptional personalities of our association, while reflecting on the rapid changes and progress of today's science and technology. To avoid repeating mistakes, progress and new ideas must be filtered through the knowledge and wisdom acquired during our history. The last epoch-making century, with its horrific wars and disasters, redeemed itself to some extent by tremendous medical progress. The specialty of cranio-maxillo-facial surgery is developing in the same way. The past decade specifically demonstrates how the influence of technology and science improves and changes our practice of medicine. Living in the same area for half of the past century, I have experienced many radical changes that have made me feel as if I am moving into different worlds, both in my professional career and social life. No matter how the geographical and political chart of Europe is evolving, EACMFS remains ahead of the process for a united Europe on the principles of professional partnership, shared knowledge, entrusting experience and promoting education among nations, independently of boundaries.

The echoes of the last successful 21st Congress in Dubrovnik linger in our ears and we are now focusing on our next meeting in Prague. The standards developed through

consensus during the past congresses represent binding landmarks for the preparation of this forthcoming event, but we would like to improve these further. Czech maxillofacial surgeons, in keeping with the heritage of Professor František Burian, one of the founders of plastic and cleft surgery, Professor František Kostečka, known for his mandibular osteotomy procedure, and Professor Jaroslav Toman, first Councillor for Czechoslovakia at the first EAMFS congress in 1972, are proud to welcome you warmly in Prague, the heart of Europe. The 22nd EACMFS Congress will be held in Prague from 23rd–26th September 2014. Trainees must not miss the John Lowry educational session; master classes will be held every morning and we expect keynote speakers, panels, oral sessions and guest society meetings in the scientific program which will facilitate exchange of knowledge among all participants. Switching to electronic media has proved invaluable, yet as e-posters, e-books, e-journals, and e-conferences replace traditional ways of communication, there is still nothing like a face-to-face conversation among friends and colleagues. I would sincerely appreciate any recommendations on how to improve the standards of our meetings and your opinions will always be most welcome.

The duties and goals of the President will only succeed with your active interaction as well as the support of the Executive Officers and Councillors. Let us work together in a humanist spirit towards, professional cooperation and friendship, moving forward for the mutual benefit of our professional association and the quality of care provided to our patients.

**Daniel Hrusak
President EACMFS**

BREAKING NEWS

We are delighted to announce that our long-standing member of the Executive Committee and hardworking Education and Training Officer, Julio Acero, has recently been elected as Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of the Ramon y Cajal University Hospital, Madrid and we would like to wish him every success in his new position.

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

This newsletter follows a very successful 21st Congress in Dubrovnik under the visionary presidency of Prof Miso Virag. The conference was dedicated to the late Prof John Lowry and the Trainee Session is a permanent testimonial to John being named the John Lowry Trainee Session.



Mrs Valerie Lowry and her daughter Michelle at the tribute session

EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS

Once again I would like to express my recognition to all colleagues involved in the EACMFS Educational activities throughout Europe. Special thanks to our Past President, Prof Virag for his support and to the EACMFS Secretariat for their great work and assistance.

The EACMFS Educational Programme is running successfully, with information published in the Journal, EACMFS website and sent periodically to the members through email alerts. I am happy to inform you that the scientific participation of the EACMFS in important multidisciplinary meetings is highly successful. I try to attend personally as many events as possible in order to participate as a lecturer and to represent the EACMFS. It was a great honour to participate the opening ceremony of the Congress of the German Association held in Freiburg in May 2012 and to attending meetings like the Congress of the Association of OMF in Turkey (May 2012), or the Symposium on New Technologies included in the Rolling Programme held in Bologna in March 2012 and the Course on Operative Techniques in Vienna (April 2012).

New projects of scientific collaboration have been established with the OMF Association in Russia and Belarus. These programs have had a clear impact in the progress of the specialty in Eastern Europe and have contributed to the professional exchange and the harmonisation of the standards of education and care throughout Europe. Intense discussions to

develop the EACMFS Fellowships (Clefts, Aesthetic Surgery and Head and Neck Oncology) took place in Dubrovnik.

May I draw your attention to the different Prizes and Scholarships offered by the EACMFS. It was our pleasure to present during the Congress Award Ceremony in Dubrovnik the traditional EACMFS Prizes: Leibinger and Biomet 3i. Our gratitude to the sponsoring companies and to Prof Matras for her kind donation to assist our young colleagues in Eastern Europe.

With my best wishes for a fruitful period 2012-2014 under the leadership of our new President, Dr Daniel Hrusak.

Prof J Acero

EDITORIAL NEWS – JCMFS

Since adopting online manuscript submission and review using Elsevier's Editorial System (EES) in 2007, the number of articles handled by the Journal has increased each year. Last year it exceeded 500 submissions and in 2012 we will have more than 600 submissions.

The 2011 impact factor which is, together with the refereeing speed, one of the most important issues for our authors, was released and we are delighted that the Journals impact factor has increased by 10% and is now 1.643. The impact factor of the BJOMS only is a little bit higher at (1.95). The impact factor of other journals dealing with the same subject is a little lower (IJOMS 1.54, JOMS 1.64, Triple "O" 1.457). The 5-year-journal-impact-factor is with 1.984 even better.

Another very important issue is the reviewer feedback. 92% of our reviewers agreed that they were very satisfied over all with the experience of reviewing for the Journal.

The availability of JCMFS content on Science Direct allows us to track the reading habits of our users and quantify the popularity of the journal down to the level of individual papers. There are currently 5.259 JCMFS papers online and 7.373 entitled accounts worldwide. In 2011 the total number of downloads of JCMFS from Science Direct was 203.454 (an average of 16.955 per months) – and increase of 12.9% compared with 2010.

The most downloaded paper from Science Direct 2012 was "Current trends and future perspectives of bone substitute materials (Kolk et al).

The most cited papers published in 2009–10 (Scopus data) was "Biphosphonate related osteonecrosis of the jaws ...", Mücke et. al, 2009). At the end of this short message from the Editor-in-Chief I would like to express my recognition to all reviewers and language editors

who are really helping us to enhance the quality of the Journal and Elsevier, our publisher, for the constant great assistance.

Last but not least I would like to thank the secretary of the Journal, this is Andrea Uchtmann, for her excellent work.

Prof J Wiltfang

RESEARCH NEWS

Research networking is the challenge of the next two years and we emphasize the need to promote new ideas and innovations in all fields of interest to the members!

First, we would like to remind everyone to complete the research inventory (20 mins to complete) by clicking

<http://www.modalisa.com/ad-eacmfs>

Your collaboration will contribute to creation of a clear and exhaustive mapping of the European Institutions working in CMFS to include the description of research projects, the knowledge of the diversity and similarities of research initiatives in this field, the networking between research units, the promotion of fellowships and dissemination of innovations. We would like to encourage the Councillors to stimulate the members in their own country to participate in this activity.

The second point is to organise an adequate research panel during our next EACMFS Congress in the same spirit of the Dubrovnik session last September with the support of the elected president Dr D. Hrusak. It could be based and inspired through the result of the inquiry taking into account the main subjects or question of the debate with an highlighted conference or an updated lecture of a well-known researcher and also in collaboration with the journal. So help yourself by clicking!! Thank you!

Prof Sylvie Testelin

EDUCATIONAL NEWS – HELEN MATRAS AWARD WINNER

Prof Helene Matras and the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery gave me the opportunity to visit a European Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Department. I was fortunately able to use this scholarship just after I graduated as a specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in my Country, Albania and therefore wished to use this scholarship in the best way possible for my professional career.

I visited the Clinic of Oral and Maxilla-Facial Surgery, Würzburg. Prof Dr Dr Kübler and Oberarzt Dr Dr Böhm and the team of surgeons

welcomed me in their operation theatres. I followed craniofacial surgery, free flap surgery, tumor surgery and other procedures done in operating theatres, and also the everyday work in the University Clinic.

I also visited the private clinic and hospital of Privatdozent Dr Dr Josip S. Bill. The Bill Medical in Würzburg is a very modern clinic and hospital of high standard where I was lucky to be part of the aesthetic and orthognatic surgery. The visit to Bill Medical Hospital Würzburg was a unique, excellent and very valuable experience for me. Privatdozent Dr Dr Josip Bill also helped me to gain access to scientific research in the field of the specialty.

In summary this one month scholarship enabled me to experience the activities of a high level private hospital and gain knowledge of the latest technology and observe a high standard of work.

The flexibility that this scholarship offers is unique and extremely valuable for residents and young professionals. This scholarship provides not only a visit to another centre in Europe but it is an opportunity to furnish you professionally with personal development and also that of our specialty! Once again my personal thanks to Prof Helene Matras.

Dr Olsi Gjergji

TRAINEE NEWS

I am very pleased to report the pre-congress John Lowry Trainee day at the recent EACMFS Congress in Dubrovnik on Monday 10th September 2012 was a resounding success. Approximately, 200 trainees from across Europe and beyond took the opportunity to attend the lectures on skin cancer which were delivered by Profs Ian Jackson and Miso Virag. They shared their wealth of experience amongst the audience.

The main education programme on the day was preceded by an innovative workshop on 'How to get published?' in the morning. This was also well received and the speakers have agreed to make some of the content of the talks available shortly on the eurofaces website following requests from a number of trainees.

Prof Julio Acero, the EACMFS Education and Training Officer, also gave a small presentation to the trainee group, highlighting the various benefits and prizes being offered by the EACMFS to its trainee members. The day concluded with the trainee business meeting as per the norm.

Of course, the evening saw the beach barbeque hosted in a most beautiful setting and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. As always, this provides an excellent platform for