

# EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR CRANIO-MAXILLO-FACIAL SURGERY



## NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2015-16

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,



The world seems to be a difficult place at the moment. The terrible events in Paris, Brussels, the USA; the world at war in the middle east; continuing financial austerity throughout Europe with its inevitable consequences for health and educa-

tion. As I write, storms and floods have destroyed homes and lives, and the North of England in particular is being battered by storm Desmond. At this festive time we should all pause to think of those who are suffering around the world, and hope for peace.

Amidst this gloom however there is always hope. As doctors and surgeons, we have a vocational calling to do our best whatever the circumstances, to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for our patients. Whatever turmoil goes on around us, we must not be distracted from that objective.

The Executive and Council met in London this September. Plans continue to deliver pan-European data sharing exercise, to allow benchmarking and prove the health benefits of our specialty. Manlio Galie our Education Officer has done an enormous amount of work, to promote best practice across Europe. Our Editor Jorg Wiltfang has lifted our journal to its current high standard and has achieved an impressive impact factor. We congratulate Julio Acero, a long-standing member of our Executive and former Education Officer for his recent election as President of IAOMS, a most richly deserved honour. It was also a particular pleasure to represent EACMFS at the celebrations held in Madrid this year to mark the 50th anniversary of the Spanish Association (SECOM); Happy Birthday! Ash Gulati, has achieved a dramatic improvement in our website in a short space of time. Majeed Rana, our trainee representative, is putting together an outstanding programme for the John Lowry study day in

London next September, which includes several hands-on practical sessions, and numerous world expert speakers. Andy Brown as Chairman of the Local Organising Committee and Peter Ramsay-Baggs as Chair of the Scientific Committee have put together a great scientific and social programme for our congress in London in September. My wife Diane is working on a guide to help you to get the most out of your visit to our dynamic capital city. It is vital that you book accommodation early. Most hotel booking sites allow you to book and cancel within a few days without penalty, so even if you are unsure whether you can come, please book an hotel early, because prices will rise steeply the later you book. Similarly, flights can be booked very cheaply to London from across the world, but prices will rise the later you leave it. The Congress website is now open to receive abstract submissions, and I do hope you will submit your work, to share with colleagues across the World.

Finally I wish all of you a prosperous and happy 2016.

**Ian C Martin**

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS Dr Manlio Galie

Dear Colleagues and Friends,



As I enter my second year as Education & Training Officer of the Association, I am able to reflect back on the activities that we have experienced in these last years. First of all, I should like to express my deep gratitude to my predecessor Julio Acero for his great support in this transitional stage after I took over the post.

Oral and Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (OMF & CMF) has a rich history and its evolution has been dramatic since today the Specialty takes the lead among the related disciplines in a fully integrated interdisciplinary patient care system.

As a specialty and as a profession, we have faced the changes occurring over the last years and we are now ready to address new challenges that require greater effort. The role of the Scientific Associations today is of paramount importance if we consider our profession not only from the clinical perspective but also as being deeply involved in organizational changes in management.

Nowadays the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery represents 42 European Countries with nearly 1,700 oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgeons as Members.

It has become the most prominent and highly respected professional group for the Specialty in Europe and has a high profile in other parts of the World within the scope of coordinating the actions in favour of OMF & CMF at a European and National level in order to advance the standards of care through improved education and training.



*The EACMFS Executive Committee joins the Councillors of the representative Nations visiting the Queen Elizabeth II Centre, venue of the next Congress 2016 in London*

### **Why education in OMF & CMF Surgery?**

There are many reasons why education is the very essence of our discipline. The exchange of knowledge is a two-way process where all parts involved share learning, ideas and experiences for the advancement of our discipline, which is based on innovation, technology and research.

Sharing knowledge and experience among people is also important for preserving traditional knowledge that is know-how, skills and practices that are developed, sustained and passed on from generation to generation within a scientific community.

The education system is changing and new requirements are needed. We keep hearing of an "education revolution" one in which technology and globalization will bring about a radical transformation.

The recent launch of the EACMFS website has represented a significant step forward to make

learning easier for everybody by embracing new technologies. However, even if we are integrating new technologies to facilitate continuing education, I feel social interaction and physical contact must continue to play a vital role, so the success of conventional and new education relies on a delicate equilibrium. Given this background the key strategy of the EACMFS is now based on a strong support to the Countries demanding cooperation and help to defend the prerogatives of our discipline.

The Rolling Programme of Courses and the EACMFS Accredited Courses are regularly updated and the relative information is published in the Journal, in the website and periodically emailed to the Members.

The Association has continued to work closely with the European Board for Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EBOMFS) by continuing to assist colleagues preparing for the EBOMFS RQ.

In 2015, 15 Courses, Meetings and Symposia on various topics have been accredited as Rolling Programme and 16 as Scientifically Sponsored by EACMFS. In these last months there has been an evident increase in the number of requests for Courses to be accredited by the EACMFS and the Executive Committee has agreed to establish some clear rules and guidelines to review the criteria and processes about which standing to actively support Scientific events.

The EACMFS contribution to scientific events has increased during 2015 and I have personally participated to several events on behalf of the Association. I would like to underline my participation in XIXth CIALACIBU 2015 Lima-Perù, 9th ACBID 2015 Antalya-Turkey, XIXth SICMFS 2015 Rimini-Italy, 23rd SECOM 2015 Oviedo-Spain, 16th ISCFs 2015 Tokyo-Japan, ICMFS 2015 Limassol-Cyprus, FACE 2015 Ferrara-Italy.



*EACMFS Scientifically sponsored Symposium Ferrara FACE 2015*

During the Italian National Meeting last June, Julio Acero was appointed as Honorary Member of the Italian Association for his contribution in Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery and Education.



*XIXth SICMFS 2015 Rimini-Italy  
Julio Acero appointed as Honorary Member  
of the Italian Association for  
Maxillo-Facial Surgery*

In Oviedo I liaised with Rui Fernandes, IAOMS Education Committee Chairman, in order to work together for the betterment of the relationships between the two societies as well as our specialty and education of common area of interests. This collaboration will strengthen our collective knowledge and improve our ability to spread education.

The EACMFS contributed with a joint Symposium on Mandibular Reconstruction with AAOMS at 5th IAEO 2015 Sao Paulo – Brazil and I coordinated an EACMFS Session on Head and Neck Oncology at 22nd ICOMS 2015 Melbourne – Australia. I fully believe that cooperation between Scientific Associations around the world is of paramount importance in developing a common sense of teaching and dissemination of knowledge and education in our discipline.



*EACMFS Council Meeting, London  
September 2015*

The EACMFS Scholarships and Fellowships application process was discussed recently at length and it has been agreed by the Executive that the UK interface Trainee Head and Neck Fellowship could be an interim solution in the process of reviewing the EACMFS Fellowship.

I am happy to report on the cooperation with the new Trainee Representative to the EACMFS Council, Majeed Rana. The Trainees Session is

now a well-established tradition of the Biennial EACMFS Congress, and therefore the John Lowry Educational Session, will be organized in London 2016 with an ambitious topic: "From then until now – Milestones of Craniomaxillo-facial Surgery & Reconstruction".

Among the new projects, the Albanian programme is going to be updated and a new Conference is to be planned in Tirana in June 2016 with the contribution and cooperation of the Societies and the OMF surgeons of the Countries of the Region.



*Ohrid, Macedonia, Third Balkan Congress for  
Maxillo-Facial Surgery, April 2014*

An ambitious new EACMFS project is to promote the organization of a Balkan-Adriatic Region-Eastern Europe OMFS Conference to be held in 2017 within the scope of providing feedback and new ideas after a long EACMFS Educational Journey in these Countries.

**Manlio Galiè**

**EDITORIAL NEWS – JCMFS  
Prof J Wiltfang, Editor in Chief**

Dear Colleagues,



The number of articles handled by our Journal will exceed 1000 submissions in 2015 for the first time. We are proud to see an increased interest in our journal globally. Let me emphasise the top 10 nations submitting in 2015 as there are China, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Brazil, Japan, Netherlands, Spain and France.

This trend is possible only due to the efforts of all authors and reviewers, not to forget the team of Elsevier, who is so helpful in organising the huge amount of articles.

Our impact factor increased one more time and is now 2.933, the over 5 years account was 2.816 on average. The journals IF ranking in DENTISTRY, ORAL SURGERY & MEDICINE in 2015 Q1 was rank 3. We improved from rank 11 in 2014, due to the increasing quality of our journal.

**Jorg Wiltfang**

### MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE ADVISER PROF JULIO ACERO

Dear Colleagues and Friends



After having been dedicated to the EACMFS as the Education Officer during 12 years, it is a big honour for me to continue serving the Association from my current position as the Executive Advisor in the Executive Committee. What this means to me is to serve all of you and to be devoted to the spreading of the European spirit on Oral and Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery.

After a smooth transition, it has been my pleasure during the past months to advise and to support our new Education and Training Officer, Dr Manlio Galie. I have been also engaged in representing the EACMFS in every venue I have attended, like the Spanish Society Congress held in Oviedo last June and the Italian Congress. I also had the opportunity to address the audience during my attendance to the Congress of the Israeli Association for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, held in June in Jerusalem, and the Symposium Face 2015, which was organized by Prof Clauser in Ferrara in November 2015. A landmark in November 2015 was also the 50th Anniversary of the Spanish Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (SECOM). It was a privilege for the Spanish Association the presence of Ian Martin, the EACMFS President, during the impressive Ceremony held in Madrid.

I am happy and proud of the impact of the European colleagues to the global educational activities of our amazing specialty. May I mention the participation of the EACMFS as a guest Society at the 22nd ICOMS which took place in Melbourne (Australia) with a Session on "Advances in Head and Neck Oncology" organized by Dr Galie who also chaired the Session together with myself. This session counted with prominent speakers including I Martin, N Kalavrezos, JP Meningaud and K Wolff. During the Congress in Melbourne took place the Ceremony of handling the Presidential chain from Piet Haers to myself, as a symbol of my official appointment as the IAOMS President for the

period between January 2016 -December 2017. It was also decided the organization of the 23rd International Conference in Hong Kong in 2017 during my Presidency.

May I finally announce that after the success of the II Ramon y Cajal International Symposium included in the EACMFS Rolling Program which was attended in February 2015 by more than 200 colleagues coming from 11 different Countries to Madrid, the III Symposium will be held in Madrid on 26th February 2016.

**Julio Acero**

### MESSAGE FROM THE TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVE – Dr Majeed Rana

Dear Colleagues,



In retrospect, the year 2015 was all about communication and networking. My goal is to optimally link and support the trainees in Europe. To achieve this goal, I encouraged other European countries to represent their trainees in their national societies. I also presented the EACMFS Trainee Program in several meetings across Europe and we discussed the possibility of fellowships. The President of the European Junior doctors was contacted with regard to the need of joint trainee in EACMFS and the Junior Doctor Society. I am looking forward to the Trainee Meeting EACMFS 2016. Our intention is to have the biggest trainee meeting ever in London. To make the programme very attractive, special speakers will be invited. We will also arrange an enjoyable evening program.

**Majeed Rana**

### FOR YOUR DIARY



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

**Date: XXIV CONGRESS - 18-21 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Venue: Munich, Germany**

**President Elect: Prof K-D Wolff**

**Date: XXV CONGRESS - 15-18 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Venue: Paris, France**

**President Elect: Prof Jean-Paul Meningaud**

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