



# EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR CRANIO-MAXILLO-FACIAL-SURGERY

## NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2017-18

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As this year comes to an end, I would like to give you an update about my activities for the EACMFS and to tell you about some insights that are the result of many conversations, discussions and experiences of the past year.

You will all have received the sad news of the death of Professor Hugo Obwegeser. During the moving memorial service, all the speakers emphasised Hugo Obwegeser's extraordinary qualities: he was an ingenious and innovative surgeon, an inspirational teacher and an empathetic doctor committed to his patients. Obwegeser founded the EACMFS which, for many of us, is an important feature of our professional qualification and a guiding light along our professional pathway. We are greatly indebted to him and will unite in celebrating his memory at the Congress in Munich.

My most important task this year, ably supported by the organising committee and the Board, was to prepare for next year's Congress. Almost without exception, leading representatives of our speciality from all over the world agreed to be contributors to our Congress. Just as pleasing is the great interest that many guest societies have shown in attending. Altogether, 16 symposia, 16 keynote lectures and so far 18 guest society meetings have been arranged. It is therefore a foregone conclusion that the amount of information being presented, the scientific insights offered and the educational value of this Congress will be particularly great. However, the free papers will be just as important as those parts of the programme already established. In the past few years they have become ever more important because of their high informative value and quality. It is now common for ideas and results presented in free papers to become the framework for new methods of treatment. The submission of abstracts and posters for free papers via our Congress webpage **EACMFS2018.COM** started on the 1st of December. It is our aim to present the finished programme to you in May, so that you will have enough time to plan your attendance at the Congress in September 2018. It is definitely advisable to book a hotel well in advance. Apart from the hotels suggested on our website, many other reasonable places to stay, such as those offering bed and breakfast, can be found on the internet.

Regular attendance at our scientific congresses makes it obvious that our specialism - perhaps even more so than that of other professional societies - is developing rapidly. Microsurgical tissue transfer, which three decades ago had an almost experimental character, is now firmly established almost everywhere. The principles of oncological treatment carried out in an interdisciplinary and evidence-based way have doubtless improved tumour therapy. Almost all other areas have guidelines that significantly help decisions to be made that benefit our patients. Important advances in our subject are connected to new technologies. Thus, the spectrum of treatments has been extended by methods such as callus distraction and the use of patient-specific implants. CAD/CAM technologies and especially virtual planning are starting to become a standard part of almost every surgical craniofacial procedure. Our subject has received worldwide attention through the first successful face transplant, and constant improvements in methods of tissue engineering are likely to bring further spectacular advances within our grasp.

Although this list of advances is impressive, not all patients across the globe can benefit from them. Even within Europe, the differences of opportunity in medical and dental qualifications are obvious.

Almost everywhere, a great deal of idealism is necessary to engage in the long process of our training, especially for additional - and as a general rule unpaid - engagement in research. The lack of knowledge transfer is another reason for the disparity in the care of our patients. Hugo Obwegeser therefore founded our professional society with the aim of harmonising maxillofacial surgery in Europe. Much has already been achieved by the EACMFS through the organisation of advanced training, courses and congresses and through the direct transfer of knowledge via fellowships, work-shadowing and placements, but there is still great need for support in certain areas where it is lacking. Although scientific exchange and the presentation of high-performance medicine at our congresses are important, we must not lose sight of our founder's original idea.

With best wishes for a calm and relaxing holiday season and a successful year in 2018,  
**K.-D. Wolff**

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL DR NICHOLAS KALAVREZOS



EACMFS has a long tradition in supporting education across the continent and further afield. This leading role in our ever-expanding specialty might be further supported with the development of groups with sub-specialty interests. Each group comprises 3-4 members with one as the acting Chair. The currently identified sub-speciality groups are:

- Oral surgery and implantology
- Facial deformity and aesthetics
- Cleft and craniofacial surgery
- Head and neck and reconstructive surgery
- Trauma surgery

The role of sub-speciality groups will include but will not be limited to:

- Develop discussion forum
- Produce position papers
- Review established protocols
- Compare outcomes of procedures

A "call for interest" has already reached you and we are still gathering your responses. We will be able to write back to all interested members following the finalisation of group membership fairly soon. In the meantime please continue to write back to us with your preferences. These are inclusive groups awaiting active, enthusiastic members to take part! Let's shape together the future of our Specialty!

There are more exciting initiatives from our side: Our Assistant Secretary Satheesh Prabhu is working very closely with Dr Michel Bila for establishing webinars covering the whole spectrum of OMFS. The plan is to start this new, interactive platform in the next few months and of course your feedback will be essential helping the choice of topics of interest!

Finally, I would like to encourage all our members to make use of our travel scholarships and fellowship programs aiming to enhance training opportunities and allow exchange of scientific and "hands-on" experience of European trainees.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS DR MANLIO GALIE



Dear Colleagues and Friends,  
There is so much going on at the moment and the EACMFS has a great opportunity to reinforce the leadership in education in our discipline.

The EACMFS Education Program continues to be recognized as a landmark throughout Europe as well as worldwide. The Rolling Program of Courses and the EACMFS Accredited Courses are regularly updated and the relative information is published in the Journal, on the website and periodically emailed to the Members.

The Association has continued to work closely with the European Board for Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EBOMFS) and assisting colleagues preparing for the EBOMFS RQ.

A busy educational schedule sees the participation of EACMFS speakers and representatives throughout Europe and worldwide. I personally participated and contributed to many events on behalf of the Association in the last months, in Madrid, Bangalore, Prishtina, Naples, Buenos Aires, Marseille, Nagpur, Ljubljana and Tirana.

Thanks to the generous contribution of Helene Matras we awarded 6 Trainees for their scientific merit with a Scholarship during the Meetings in Prishtina and Tirana.

Three Trainees from FYROM, Albania and Kosovo were supported by EACMFS and Stryker to attend a cadaver course in Basel last November. Six Mediterranean Trainees were supported with a Scholarship during the Italian National Meeting in Naples.

A successful UEMS-ESS Conference was held on 19th October 2017 in Brussels. More than one hundred attendees took part in this important meeting and 22 medical Specialties were represented through their European Scientific Societies. The focus of the Meeting was "Maintaining Professional Development in the Hands of the Medical Profession".

In 2018 the EACMFS will support scientifically the National Meetings in Poland, Bulgaria, Albania and Belarus as part of the Educational Program in Eastern Europe.

### **EACMFS Web Lectures**

EACMFS will be running web-lectures in the New Year. Speakers from European and International fame will be featuring in this Monthly Lectures. Please look out for the emails in the new year from secretariat. All welcome!!

These live Web lectures will be interactive and will be great opportunity for the membership to update their knowledge from the comforts of their chairs.

## **MEDIA OFFICER NEWS DR ASH GULATI**



Dear Friends & Colleagues

It is with pleasure that I share with you the recent developments from the EACMFS media perspective.

Firstly, I wish to thank the national Councillors who updated the 'White Book' form on the secure section of the website. As you may be aware the online 'White Book' is accessible to all and provides a useful database for national maxillofacial training pathway guidelines across Europe. It is a requirement for the national Councillor to keep this database updated every year.

In a similar fashion, an e-form is in the process of being finalised to identify various units across Europe that offer placements/fellowship to visiting trainees and colleagues. This will update the previous 'Blue Book' database and provide colleagues seeking fellowships with important information. In case you would like your department to be included in this list please email [secretariat@eacmfs.org](mailto:secretariat@eacmfs.org).

Other minor improvements on the website include the addition of short CVs for Executive Officers and national Councillors and the ability to contact them directly via the secure section of the website.

We appreciate continued feedback and aim to continue to provide our members with the desired online interface.

# EACMFS NEWS

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:

### ➤ Deadlines

- The 2018 Leibinger Award presented by Stryker – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Prof John Lowry Congress Scholarship – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- The Helene Matras Congress Scholarship – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
*Trainee Members of the EACMFS from the following Eastern European Countries are eligible for the Scholarship: Albania Armenia Belarus Bosnia & Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Estonia Hungary Kosovo Latvia Lithuania Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Moldova Montenegro Poland Romania Serbia Turkey Ukraine*

### ➤ Hugo Obwegeser Scholarship Awardees 2017

- Dr I Burgaz – Poole Hospital, UK – Jan-March 2017
- Miss C Frezzini – NRIEF mission Nepal – 18-26<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Dr A Lukyanova – Vall D'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona -24<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017
- Dr G Salzano – Churchill Hospital, Oxford – 11 Sep-11 Dec 2017

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 24th Congress – Munich, Germany – President, Prof K-D Wolff
  - **Registration opened – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 (early-bird deadline – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018)**
  - **Abstract Submission opened – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 – closes 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Congress – Paris – President, Prof J-Paul Meningaud 15-18 Sept 2020
- 26<sup>th</sup> Congress – Madrid – President, Prof J Acero 13-16 Sept 2022

## ROLLING PROGRAMME COURSES - 2018:

Dates	Title	Contact details
22-24 Feb	55th International Course for Stepwise Flap Raising	mkg-chirurgie@ukaachen.de
7-16 March	56th International Course for Flap Raising & Microsurgery	mkg-chirurgie@ukaachen.de
3-4 May	Hands on cadaver intensive course in orthognathic surgery and ancillary procedures	infodonto@uic.es
16-18 May	Hands-on Course for OMFS/Orthodontists	helelr@rm.dk
13-29 Sept	Pre- & Post Congress Courses	mkg-chirurgie@ukaachen.de

## For your diary

**XXIV CONGRESS 18-21 SEPTEMBER 2018 Munich, Germany President: Prof K-D Wolff**

	<b>24th EACMFS CONGRESS</b> 18-21 September 2018 MUNICH - GERMANY <a href="http://www.eacmfs.org">www.eacmfs.org</a> <a href="http://www.eacmfs2018.com">www.eacmfs2018.com</a>	Facing the future together  European Association for Cranio - Maxillo - Facial Surgery
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**XXV CONGRESS 15-18 SEPTEMBER 2020 Paris, France**  
**XXVI CONGRESS 13-17 SEPTEMBER 2022 Madrid, Spain**

**President Elect: Prof Jean-Paul Meningaud**  
**Junior President Elect: Prof J Acero**

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