

important work that you are doing in the educational field and for the remarkable contribution to the postgraduate education programme and for the development of our discipline.

Finally, may I join our President K-D Wolff in wishing all of you a peaceful and fruitful 2017. See you in Munich 2018!

**Manlio Gailé**

## EDITORIAL NEWS – JCMFS



Dear Readers,

Looking back, our Journal is showing a very significant growth in submissions over the last years. In 2016 our Journal received more than 1200 submissions. The submissions still are mostly submitted by European authors.

The rejection rate slightly increased from 0.67 in 2012 to 0.74 in 2016. We did not want to increase the rejection rate, so, in 2014 "2567" and in 2015 "2180" pages had to be published and we increased the number of issues from 8 to 10.

Despite the increasing workload we were able to reduce the average time from acceptance to online publication to 11 weeks. Now the average time from acceptance to print publication is 12.6 weeks.

We would like to thank all authors and reviewers for their hard work in research and writing. This keeps us going.

Last, but not least, we would very much like to thank Ash Allan, our Executive Publisher with excellent work and thank Jennifer Paris and Kathleen Savage for the excellent work as Language Editors. We are very happy to have all of them on board.

With best regards and wishes for the upcoming challenges in 2017.

**Jorg Wiltfang**

## MEDIA NEWS



Dear Colleagues and Friends

On behalf of the EACMFS, it gives me great pleasure to update you on our recent media developments. With the successful launch and increasing use of our website we are now focusing on expanding the web based platform to enhance member experience. An example

would be that we have recently published the lectures from the John Lowry Trainee day at the successful EACMFS congress in London, September 2016. These can be accessed online via the members' portal and aim to act as a useful educational resource. We have also used the functionality of the Twitter handle #EACMFS2016 which allowed members and visitors to share their images and memories.

We will shortly be launching a condensed version of the website in the form of an app for mobile devices (iOS & Android) which will allow users to perform some simpler tasks, such as renewing subscriptions and will also provide easy access to educational information.

Most importantly however, we have now developed an online version of the 'White Book' which details the training pathways across Europe. This was demonstrated to the National Councillors during the last Council meeting and will allow them to update any changes/developments in training pathways in their respective countries directly into the 'White Book' via their members' portal on a periodic basis. Ultimately, this will allow information on training pathways across Europe to be displayed in a user-friendly format on the website. If you should come across any information that is not up to date, I shall be grateful if you could please inform the respective national Councillor or the Secretariat.

This is an exciting time and I thank everyone for the feedback received following the launch of the website and encourage you all to continue engagement to help us further improve the online experience.

**Aakshay Gulati**

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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

**Date:** XXVI Congress  
**September 2022**  
**Venue:** Madrid, Spain  
**Junior President Elect:** Prof J Acero

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## NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

When I returned from our outstanding Congress in London, I am sure most of you probably felt as I did. I had met with friends, almost like a family, shared the same goals and the same problems, no matter which country,

nor language and I feel proud to belong to a privileged group of surgeons who perform artistic work to the human's most characteristic part of the body: the face.

The Presidential chain, which I have the honour to keep safely with me for following two years, is a symbol of recognition to our mentors and teachers, for solidarity. Thus, it is also a symbol for the tradition, which, since its foundation, has always inspired members of our Association namely, the transfer of knowledge, teaching of surgical skills, motivation of young academics by keeping up a good team spirit and taking responsibility. All of these can be done by each of us and it will be very much appreciated by those who deserve support.

The prosperity and success of our Association is the result of consistent and purposeful commitment by those who actively take over responsibility beyond the normal duties of daily work. I would like to thank all National Councillors, organizers' of EACMFS courses, academic mentors, supervisors of fellowship programmes and all active supporters of our worldwide educational activities. Moreover, we should be grateful to all members of the Executive committee and Council, especially for the preparation of congresses such as the one in London which carries an enormous work load. Our special thanks go out to Ian Martin and his excellent team for making an unforgettable week in London which was attended by around 2000 participants from all over the world. On behalf of the Association, I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Henri Thuau, who took over as Secretary General after the demise of the distinguished surgeon John Lowry. Henri has led our Association with rationality, vision, integrity and we will appreciate his advice and friendship in future. Now, we wish Nicholas Kalavrezos, his successor, the same skill and success to lead the Executive

Committee. His extensive experience as former Deputy and his dedication to our Association are the best guarantees for the further prosperous evolution of the EACMFS. Nicholas Kalavrezos will be supported by Satheesh Prabhu as Assistant Secretary. Frank Hölzle and Rafael Martin Granizo have also been elected as Executive Advisors. We welcome the new officers to our team!

The European Union, the community that gave our Association its name, is quarrelling, but our Association, with continuous rising numbers of members, impressive innovations and the excellent reputation of our Journal, is thriving. This is because we are not politicians; we do not compete about dominance, or money, or implementation of ideologies. We are thriving because we are driven by our intrinsic wish to help our patients with the very best of our knowledge and abilities and often without additional compensation.

The festive season will bring us a break from work and time for recuperation. However, many of us will not stop to reflect on our professional life. Many of us will ask questions of ourselves: what was not perfect, what went wrong, where is there room for improvement, what will be the next career move be, how can our daily work be arranged more effectively, and how can more patients be appropriately seen? Some of us will have skipped the break; have used these days to make up for leeway or to prepare in advance for the next year. Although all this might be comprehensible situations, I think we should try and take the opportunity to have a little distance from our daily work routine and to fathom the particularity of our profession. We know that our patients contact us in cases of emergency; they expect us to help them and they confide in us. If we always do the best we can to never disappoint them, they will notice and this alone is the basis to successfully proceed with our work.

What will the next year bring for EACMFS? Apart from the many activities including participation on ICOMS, IAEO and numerous other courses and meetings our Education and Training Officer, Manlio Galie, has already organised, we plan to expand our fellowship programme and try to improve our communication and service for applicants. Moreover, we will "freshen up" our Newsletter by adding new elements such as information about new national developments, interesting stories, interviews and reports about fellowships. In addition, first steps will be made to create a European Study Group for oncologic research



on Head and Neck Cancer. I am convinced, that many questions we still have about the best treatment for our tumour patients can only be answered by prospective or observational trans-European multi-centre studies, providing numbers of patients large enough for reliable statistical evaluation. From 2017, anyone who is interested in participating will be asked to register via our website and give her or his idea about a topic worth investigating. I am very grateful to our Media Development Officer Ash Gulati, for establishing the website accordingly.

Finally, I would like to express the greatest of my gratitude to Jörg Wiltfang, who, in addition to the excellent job he is doing for the Journal, has kindly agreed to take over the head of the scientific committee for the next EACMFS Congress to be held in Munich, Germany in 2018. He has long standing experience as Editor-in-chief, and there is no other who has such a discrimination and overview about trend-setting scientific activities in our specialty. Finally, with Jill McFarland on our side as secretary administrator, work will be a pleasure and whatever will happen, she will be our rock in turbulent waters. I wish you all a successful 2017.

**K.-D. Wolff**

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Dear Friends, Dear Colleagues,

2016 has been a very busy and successful year in EACMFS.

The 23rd EACMFS Conference took place in London in September 2016. Apart from the excellent weather reminiscent

of a prolonged "Indian summer", the scientific programme was also a big hit confirming the vibrant, ever developing surgical landscape in OMFS. The number of delegates reached almost the milestone of 2000 with representatives from over 70 different countries showing the far-reaching interest in EACMFS activities.

2016 was also a year of changes in the EACMFS Secretariat: Henri Thuau, our long-standing Secretary General stepped down following the completion of his tenure. Henri had taken over the mantle as acting Secretary General in 2008 during rather difficult times for the Association following the steps of the late John Lowry. Henri excelled in his role, introducing several changes – not always easy to be implemented – in the function of the Association. The fixed tenure of officer posts and the transparent, competitive process for the selection of the Executive Officers was an important

leap forward that Henri introduced. It is now up to us to maintain the momentum and indeed keep thinking "outside the box" in order to establish EACMFS as the leading Association in OMFS.

Now that I have taken over from Henri I can only promise that I will do my best to maintain those "winds of change" for the betterment of our Association. In that role, the help and contribution of the new Assistant Secretary Satheesh Prabhu will be crucial. Satheesh is a trainee of the late Prof John Lowry and known among the OMFS community for developing the concept of web-based lectures through "Project Train" back in 2009. He was also the recipient of the Leibinger prize in 2012 while currently he is a Consultant in Oral & Maxillofacial/Head & Neck Surgery at Oxford University Hospitals.

Last, but by no means least, almost none of the above would be possible without the ongoing, steadfast administrative support provided by Jill McFarland. Jill has been working 30 years for the EACMFS. It seems though that nothing has changed in her working ethos, which has been and remains unparalleled. I would like to thank her from this position and wish her many more fruitful years ahead!

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for their ongoing support and more importantly to ask everyone to keep in contact with us on [secretariat@eacmfs.org](mailto:secretariat@eacmfs.org) with any suggestions, proposals, thoughts, queries especially about the emerging topic of fellowships and Europe-wide training opportunities. This indeed is one of the topics where the Association envisages playing a substantial role as a platform of co-ordination of training opportunities for – especially – our younger members and for which I would like to devote my tenure as Secretary General of EACMFS. However, more on this topic in one of our forthcoming Newsletters! I wish you a happy and successful 2017!

**Nicholas Kalavrezos**

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

First, I would like to congratulate Mr Ian Martin and his team for putting together a very interesting and dynamic meeting in London which represents a milestone in the educational activity of our Association.

Even if we are currently facing deep changes in the educational environment, I fully believe that the role of scientific gatherings with social interaction is crucial for the advancement of knowledge and the progress of our

discipline. The Trainee Study Day was very well attended and participated with great interest in the practical activities.

Now the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery is rapidly moving towards its 50th Anniversary Celebration and the challenges it faces in the coming years. The Association was established in 1970 as the brain-child of Hugo Obwegeser, since he felt that the emerging specialty needed the support of a strong professional body. The EACMFS has rightly earned global respect for its activities, has grown in strength and from a membership of less than 600 thirty years ago, has now nearly tripled that number as today the members are 1700.

The long inspirational Eastern European Educational Journey started in 2003 in Chantilly, where a group of visionaries understood the role of education for the progress of our discipline. Through the exchange of people's knowledge and experience and the preservation of traditional knowledge resulting from the lives and activities of different generations, we are encouraging the possibility of a better future for our patients by ensuring efficient and high-quality care.

Guidelines for endorsement of congresses and other scientific or educational events by EACMFS are in place to encourage the highest possible standards in medical congresses and education to ensure optimum benefit for the membership.

The Rolling Programme of Courses and the EACMFS Accredited Courses are regularly updated and relative information is published in The Journal, on the website and periodically emailed to the Members. In 2016, 15 courses, meetings and symposia on various topics had been accredited as Rolling Programme and 22 as Scientifically Sponsored by the EACMFS. The Association has continued to work closely with the European Board for Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EBOMFS) continuing to assist colleagues preparing for the EBOMFS RQ.

Thanks to the generous contribution of Helene Matras, we awarded 3 Trainees for their scientific merit with an EACMFS Scholarship. The next event of this programme will be held in Pristina, Kosovo on June 8-9, 2017.



*Tirana, Albania – The Helene Matras Trainee Scholarship Award*

During the Opening Ceremony of the 10th World Cleft Lip and Palate Congress in Chennai,

Prof Hugo Obwegeser, Founder of our Association, was awarded with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering works, accomplishments and lifelong contribution to our field.

In the next months, the EACMFS will be represented in the following events which are recognized as Rolling Programme and Scientifically Sponsored by the Association:

**ICOMS.** 2017 Hong Kong, 31 March-3 April 2017. *"Reconstructive Challenges in Cancer and Craniofacial Malformations"*

**6th IAOO World Congress.** Bangalore, India, 17-20 May 2017. *"Current Hot Topics in Oral Cancer Care – A European Perspective"*

**53th French Oral and Maxillofacial Society Congress: New Technologies.** Marseille, France, 4-7 October 2017.

**42nd Annual Congress of AOMSI.** Nagpur, India, 16-18 November 2017. *"Craniofacial and Orbital Surgery"*

**BAMS (Balkan Association OMF) Conference.** Ljubljana, Slovenia, 25-26 November 2017.

In the last years, we have reinforced the co-operation between IAOMS and EACMFS to work together for the betterment of the relationships between the two societies as well as our specialty and education, a common area of interests. This collaboration will strengthen our collective knowledge and improve our ability to spread education.



*London EACMFS 2016 EACMFS/IAOMS Joint Meeting*

During the EACMFS Congress in London, a meeting of the College of Postgraduate Education was held. The aim was to share information and start new projects in education within our common interest to improve the standards of care. The ultimate goal will be to give our patients the best treatment everywhere by transcending barriers and differences in training, language, degrees, geography, cultures, politics and generations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, who contributed to this meeting, once again for the