Dear Colleagues and Friends,

To achieve the best care for our patients throughout Europe - that was the idea Hugo Obwegeser had when he together with other leaders of our specialty founded our Association - and international scientific exchange is the best and most direct way to do so! Now it is only a few weeks until the 24th Congress of EACMFS, the first one without our genius founder.

The scientific committee has worked through more than 1400 abstracts, many of them of excellent quality, and numerous high level oral papers and poster presentations have been accepted, providing the scientific basis of the Congress. We have organized 18 symposia, each with a selection of highly respected experts to discuss the latest research results in almost all fields of our fascinating specialty, 31 guests Societies including those from the United States, China, Korea, India and Japan will send their best clinicians and scientists to Munich to speak about their specific field of expertise, and 18 key note lectures, covering almost every aspect in the huge scope of Maxillofacial Surgery, will mark absolute highlights of the Congress. In addition, 22 masterclasses will be given by speakers with highest didactic competence, and before, during and after the congress, practical courses on flap raising, microsurgery, neck dissection, access surgery to the facial skeleton and orthognathic surgery will be offered. I am immensely grateful to all who helped here.

Moreover, the Congress will go along with an extravagant social program: It will start with the Trainees Party on Monday in a club directly at river Isar, then on Tuesday, the opening ceremony in the Munich Philharmonic with an ensemble of the Philharmonic orchestra will follow, both events directly on the Gasteig, our conference venue in the middle of the city. On Wednesday afternoon, there will be first a float tour along the river and afterwards a Bavarian evening in the famous Hofbräuhaus. The Gala Dinner on Thursday will be celebrated in the ballroom of the Hotel Bayerischer Hof and on Friday the closing ceremony will be held in memory of Hugo Obwegeser supported by musicians from our own specialty. If you still have energy, please take part in the final panoramic run through the English Garden and stay for the Munich Oktoberfest, which starts on Saturday.

Facing the future – but what it will look like? After all that I have experienced during my Presidency, I can only give one answer to that: the fascination of our field is unbroken throughout Europe and our future will continue to be successful as long as we succeed in motivating our junior scientists, providing them with consistent support and patiently passing on our knowledge to them. I cordially invite all of you to experience the spark of science at our Munich Congress and to attend this great event of EACMFS.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

➢ The 2018 Leibinger Award presented by Stryker 30th June 2018
➢ Prof John Lowry Congress Scholarship 30th June 2018
➢ The Helene Matras Congress Scholarship 30th 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 Russia Serbia Turkey Ukraine

HUGO OBWEGESER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED 2018

➢ Dr T Kustro Visit to K-D Wolff February 2018
➢ Dr M Wilson Visit to F Hoelzle February 2018
➢ Dr A Avellaneda Visit to J Hoffman April 2018
REPORT - Dr Tatiana Kustro

I have passed my internship in the Maxillofacial unit of Klinikum Rechts der Isar (Munich, Germany) in the period from 12th to February 28th, 2018 under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. med. Dent. Klaus-Dietrich Wolff at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University hospital Klinikum Rechts der Isar. This department is one of the leading in reconstructive facial surgery, particularly the microsurgery tissue transfer. Each treatment is planning individually for every patient with cancer and is solving jointly with the participation of surgeons, radiologists and other professionals due to individual needs of every patient.

The main purpose of the internship was to obtain the opportunity to improve skills and to receive a new knowledge. During my 2-weeks visit in the Klinikum Rechts der Isar I was actively involved in everyday practice and participated in operations. During my internship, I acquainted with various techniques, strategies, approaches of microsurgical reconstruction. Doctors provide. I was involved in morning meetings with the entire department during which a plan for the treatment of certain patients was discussed.

I was pleasantly impressed by the teamwork of the departmental staff in order to provide the best possible quality of treatment for patients.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. Dr. med. Dent. Klaus-Dietrich Wolff for giving this standout opportunity, invaluable experience and possibility to be part of an experienced team. Also, I'm very thankful to all doctors of the department for the gained knowledge, for sharing experiences.

Report - Dr Mark Wilson

In February 2018 I travelled to Aachen, Germany where I spent time at the department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery under the supervision of Professor Frank Hözle. The hospital is one of the largest medical facilities in Europe with 1450 beds and has wide spectrum of specialities on-site. Professor Hözle is the chief of a department comprising of approximately 25 clinicians. There is a designated senior oberartz who usually leads most of the major cases and they typically undertake 2 microvascular cases per week. Along with providing a full remit of free-flaps, Prof Hözle has a sizeable Cleft Lip & Palate service and he personally performs cleft procedures on a Tuesday. I noted that there were subtle differences in how they “manage the neck” in Oral SCC cases but otherwise the practice there was largely similar to my experiences whilst in training in the U.K. All patients undergoing free-flap reconstruction will have a tracheostomy and are admitted to the ICU post-operatively. An optical flap monitor system is routinely used which generates values for flap oxygenation and appears to be a very useful device. During my time there, I participated in the excellent International Cadaveric Free-flap raising course, which is run in the Department of Anatomy at the University.

I feel my time in Aachen was time very well spent and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the EACMFS sincerely for the financial support which made it possible.

HELEN MATRAS AWARDS (500€)

TIRANA Dec 17
Dr Erman Pashaj
Dr Ana Andoni

Varna April 18
Dr K Tonchev
Dr N Karadjova

EACMFS BEST ORAL PRESENTATION AWARDS (500€)

NAPLES SICMF June 17
Dr E Pashaj
Dr A Andoni

ANTALYA ACBID/IAOMS May 18
Dr A Gull
Dr P Aydin
Dr Ezgi Ergezer Ozasir

IBIZA SECOM May 18
Dr B Laso
Dr M Perez de Perceval Tara
Dr B Pantilie

Poznan May 18
Dr Karol Dominiak
Dr Piotr Szymor
Dr Kamil Abed

For your diary:

> 25th Congress – Paris – President, Prof J-Paul Meningaud 15-18 Sept 2020

> 26th Congress – Madrid – President, Prof J Acero 13-16 Sept 2022