



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR CRANIO-MAXILLO-FACIAL-SURGERY

NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2018- 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – PROF JEAN-PAUL MENINGAUD



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

When I came back to Paris from our exceptional congress in Munich, I felt like most of you: proud to belong to a lucky assembly of surgeons who dedicate their life to restore the dignity of the most specific area of the human body: the face. At the same time, I was afraid about the task to accomplish after such an outstanding event. The symposiums were unique, the atmosphere was so friendly, and the closing ceremony was an apotheosis.

The presidential chain, which I have the honour to keep safely with me for the next two years, is of course a mark of recognition, but in my mind is mainly the symbol of the continuity and solidarity of our European Association. The chain is like a circle that never ends, and all links are necessary to maintain the spirit, to transfer knowledge and surgical skills, and, moreover, to uphold our ethics. All links are important and contribute to the edification of this building. A good idea can emerge everywhere and needs a ground to be identified, assessed, shared and spread. Our EACMFS is this arena.

The reputation and success of our EACMFS are the consequences of consistent commitment by colleagues who actively take over responsibility far beyond their duties of daily work. I thank all National Councillors, Directors of EACMFS courses, Faculty mentors, Heads of Fellowship programmes, and all active supporters of our educational activities who share their energy and time. I would like to thank especially all members of the Executive and Council. I can witness that they manage an enormous work load. My special recognition goes out to Klaus Wolff. Beyond the marvellous week we spent in Munich with contributions from all over the world, I will never forget the kindness and humility that accompanies the prodigious surgeon that he is. I wish also to express my utmost gratitude to Henri Thuau and Nick Kalavrezos, respectively past and

current Secretary Generals, who were my mentors for four years to understand all the tiny details regarding the functioning of the EACMFS Executive. I admire the way they dealt with difficult questions with a high sense of diplomacy and respect. Nick Kalavrezos is supported by Satheesh Prabhu as assistant secretary, a very dedicated and enthusiastic colleague. With Aakshay Gulati, we are fortunate to have an uncompromising media development officer. He is always seeking the best technology for our Association. Frank Hölzle and Rafael Martin-Granizo, our Executive Advisors are two important assets of the Executive Committee. Frank contributed a lot to the success of the Munich Congress and Raphael is doing huge work to give birth to our 50-year-anniversary book which will be delivered in Paris 2020. I would like to express my gratitude to Jörg Wiltfang, who was the Head of the Scientific Committee for the 2018 EACMFS Congress, but above all for having been such a good Editor-in-Chief. Thank you! I'm sure that Emeka Nkenke will take up the challenge, considering that based on the citations of his work in international journals, Emeka has gained a h-index of 40. As previously said, this is a chain. For the prosperity of our Association we have to thank Joachim Obwegeser, our esteemed Treasurer. The financial good health of our association allows us to grant and support students. This is a core commitment of EACMFS. I can testify the relentless efforts of Manlio Galie for medical education. He is doing everything possible to promote the specialty and spread knowledge even in the most remote regions of the world. Thank you also to Sylvie Testelin who is doing a very good job in coordinating some of our European research activities. A special mention to Julio Acero who I consider my mentor. The energy he has deployed for our specialty is unbelievable. I'm very happy he will be the next President of the EACMFS. Finally, but not least, a thousand thanks to Jill McFarland, our Secretariat Administrator, for her availability, kindness, and efficacy. Nothing would be possible without you.

I said at the beginning of this newsletter that I was afraid of the task to be accomplished but with such a team one can only succeed. So, as soon as I returned home, I began to work on the 2020 EACMFS Congress. Together with Joel Ferri who is the Head of the Scientific Committee we are building a fantastic program. The venue of the Congress and the main social events, Presidential reception, Gala dinner, Cruise on the River Seine and trainees networking party are already booked. Some surprises are on the way. The Congress pre-courses will have special attention. The European Board of Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery examination will take place in the Convention Centre. We had a successful meeting in Brussels with the representatives of the UEMS regarding this important component of our DNA.

What will the next year bring for EACMFS? Apart from the many activities, such as participation at ICOMS in Rio de Janeiro and numerous other

courses our Education and Training Officer Manlio Galie has already organised, we plan to continue to expand our fellowship programme and improve our communication and service for applicants.

Very soon, the festive season will bring us an occasion for respite. But, as most of us are workaholics, we will be tempted to use this time to catch up on some delay or to anticipate other tasks. It has been scientifically proven that a real break is more efficient for the work itself. So please don't feel guilty and use this time for full recuperation with your family who really deserve it.

I wish all of you a happy Christmas and a successful 2019.

Jean-Paul Meningaud

MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT, PROF KLAUS-DIETRICH WOLFF



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

During the past two years, actually since my election as junior president, my thoughts have been almost daily at the EACMFS and at the organisation of the Munich Congress. It was an intense, certainly exhausting, but also very pleasant time, in which I made many friends and gained valuable experience. I believe that during our Congress we all had the feeling that Hugo Obwegeser's vision of a powerful European Association has become true and that we have come very close to the goal of harmonising cranio-maxillo-facial surgery across Europe. It was overwhelming to see the potential hidden in the many young members of the EACMFS who sparked a firework of science in Munich. Facing the future - in Munich, we all realised that our young colleagues are ready for the future and that we must transfer our knowledge to them with enthusiasm whenever we can.

We also celebrated a cheerful festival of international encounters, and not only our fascinating specialty that we all practice with great passion, but also the beautiful city of Munich has given our congress a wonderful setting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the success of the Congress, all the speakers, participants and all the helpers who have done their work very diligently in the background. I particularly thank Stefaan Bergè and his team, who have realised a heart touching, highly emotional memorial session for Hugo Obwegeser. All our expectations were far exceeded by the musically highly professional orchestra and the fantastic stage design. None of us will ever forget this highlight of the Congress.

Our decision to choose Torres / Pardo as PCO for our congresses has proven to be an absolute stroke of luck. Guillem Torres has done a great job with his team and his experience will now have a very positive impact on the following congresses.

What can drive a Past President after such a fulfilling, stimulating time full of beautiful experiences on? The answer is simple, and it applies to all of us: it is our patients who need our highly specialised knowledge and skills, and it is the open questions and clinically relevant issues that we need to focus on scientifically. I am grateful to have been able to contribute to the EACMFS and I look forward to being driven by the exciting developments in our field also in future.

K.-D. Wolff

MESSAGE FROM DR NICHOLAS KALAVREZOS, SECRETARY GENERAL



Dear Colleagues,

It has been a busy and productive year in the EACMFS!

The main event, of course, has been the enormously successful Munich Conference organised superbly by Prof Klaus Wolff. The success of the meeting emphasised the prominent position of EACMFS in the scientific sphere of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

It is now time to build further on that success by making EACMFS a much-needed pan-European "reference centre". This is the only way to augment the role of our specialty in the highly competitive environment of "austere" healthcare economics across Europe.

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery has a massive role to play in all diseases of the head and neck covering the whole spectrum of this challenging anatomical area. In this broad environment everything from simple oral surgical procedures to complex head and neck reconstructions including face transplants and facial gender re-assignments can be accommodated. This does not necessarily mean that all of us should be the absolute experts in the whole region; it means though that oral & maxillofacial surgeons have the foundations to expand their armamentarium in all those fields.

EACMFS is looking forward to being the platform for facilitating this expansion. The Executive Committee is committed to providing support to the sub-specialty groups aiming to be a European forum of expertise in specific topics such as: trauma, reconstruction, facial aesthetics including orthognathic surgery, TMJ, head and neck oncology and of course oral surgery. The webinars that are already under way under the organisation of the Assistant Secretary Satheesh Prabhu will serve the purpose of covering the whole syllabus of the specialty. To that end the ever-closer co-operation with the UEMS will hopefully facilitate the granting of CME points to all EACMFS sponsored events, seminars, meetings and webinars.

Closing that small note, I would like to express my very best thanks to all the colleagues in the Executive Committee for their clear determination in making EACMFS the most successful OMFS society globally, while last but not least my thank you goes to Jill McFarland who very patiently and wholeheartedly supports the secretariat despite the erratic working pattern!

With my very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a very successful 2019!

Nick Kalavrezos

EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEWS – PROF MANLIO GALIE

JUNIOR PRESIDENT ELECT / EDUCATION AND TRAINING OFFICER



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are just back at home after the last splendid European Congress in Munich where we spent a lovely week joining old and new friends from across the world.

I should like to congratulate Prof. Klaus Wolff and his team for putting together a very interesting and dynamic event. The great success of the Munich Congress is evident by the large number of delegates who attended from all over the world (2000 from 67 countries).

There is a need for a strategic vision of the future for postgraduate medical education and the EACMFS is doing the best to meet the challenge. The rapidly expanding use of new learning technologies is a major area where we will see significant changes in postgraduate medical education, but the role of scientific gatherings with social interaction is crucial for the advancement of knowledge and the progress of our discipline.

The EACMFS Education Programme continues to be recognised as a landmark throughout Europe, as well as worldwide. The Rolling Programme 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 Leipzig, Kathmandu, Antalya, Ibiza, Poznan, Tirana, Rome, Madrid and Taipei.

The EACMFS is determined to continue its scientific support in order to improve the growth of the OMFS discipline in South-East Europe offering scientific support and implementing educational programmes and activities in Albania, Kosovo and Macedonia.

Many young trainees from across Europe were awarded and supported in their studies and researches with special awards and scholarships (EACMFS / HELENE MATRAS SCHOLARSHIPS).

Thanks to the generous contribution of partner companies and the support of the EACMFS for travel, 4 trainees from Bulgaria, Poland, Romania and Greece attended the Cadaver Lab Course Programmes in Cologne and Verona.

I wish all of you a very happy Festive Season and a peaceful and fruitful 2019.

Manlio Galie

MEDIA NEWS – DR ASH GULATI



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you very much for contributing towards the collection of data for the Teaching Centres Network Database (Blue Book) through the electronic link that was sent out recently. This is currently being compiled and if you still wish to enlist your unit in this, please use the following link:

<https://www.eacmfs.org/blue-book/>

The information shall be reviewed prior to publication on the website. We hope to provide colleagues/trainees with an up to date database for them to pursue further training and career development in their chosen areas.

We are also currently in the process of refreshing the look of our website for the New Year. We hope our members will like this new look but as always, we welcome any feedback or suggestions moving forwards.

Finally, I wish you and your families a happy and merry Festive Season.

Ash Gulati

MESSAGE FROM PROF SYLVIE TESTELIN - RESEARCH CO-ORDINATER



THE GREEN BOOK: towards an International Research Centres Network

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee in September 2018 it was agreed that a Green Book would be developed along the lines of the Blue Book with orientation towards research. The online form is currently being prepared and will be available in the New Year.

The aim of this "Green Book" is to provide a networking tool for the research CMF student to know which type of research can be done in each department and the potential to visit and work on those subjects. This should enhance research collaboration between the European teams, either for a specific research call within small focused groups or a larger call (more clinical ones) between numerous departments to enhance visibility on an international level.

The Association could then help in the organisation and also review the most important or interesting research projects call by transmitting the information to the teams according to their subject of interest.

Sylvie Testelin

CONGRESS SCHOLARSHIPS PRIZES & AWARDS

We are pleased to announce a record number of recipients for our Munich Congress Scholarships:

- Prof John Lowry Congress Scholarship 26 awardees
- Prof Helene Matras Congress Scholarship 11 awardees

During 2018 dedicated trainee sessions took place in various locations with a competitive element for our newly developed 'Best Oral Presentation Awards':

- Varna, Bulgaria 2 awardees
- Poznan 3 awardees
- Antalya 3 awardees
- Cyprus 1 awardee
- Ibiza 2 awardees

Dr Ioannis Papachiodos, Greece and Dr Christian Spaas, Belgium were the awardees of our prestigious 2018 Leibinger Award *presented by Stryker*.

Additionally, six trainee members were also successful in obtaining a Hugo Obwegeser Travel Scholarship for a visitation of their choice.



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For your diary:

- > 26th Congress – Madrid - President, Prof Julio Acero 13-16 Sept 2022
- > 27th Congress – Rome - President, Prof Manlio Galie 16-20 Sept 2024

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