



# EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR CRANIO-MAXILLO-FACIAL-SURGERY

## NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2019

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT PROF JEAN-PAUL MENINGAUD**



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The first semester of 2019 was dense with our surgical routines, our miscellaneous teaching and/or research activities and the numerous congresses we all attended. Although this is invigorating it may also be exhausting. Hopefully for most of us refreshing holidays are approaching and an important occasion to rest and to share leisure with our families and friends. It is also a unique time to reflect on what has been achieved, what could be improved, and what should be discarded. A break is often necessary to let new ideas emerge, to change our paradigms and to escape from cause and effect chains.

The ICOMS in Rio de Janeiro was a peak this year. Our Association had an important Guest Society Session and played a significant role during the Congress. Foremost, we had a meeting with the Presidents of the other Regional Societies to reinforce our relationships. The activity of the EACMFS does not limit itself to participating in conventions. We are continuous with our aims to favour medical education throughout Europe and to influence the rest of the world with our standards of quality. We also dedicate time to help trainees make their dreams reality, not only thanks to grants but also through relevant and accessible information. In September 2019 we will have an important Executive and Council meeting in Paris to prepare future education and scientific events.

The preparation of our EACMFS 2020 congress in Paris is well underway. Almost all keynote and symposium speakers have confirmed their commitment. We have not deplored any refusal. Quite the contrary, their acceptance was always very enthusiastic. This fills me with joy as it is not always simple when you come from a remote area or when you have another important meeting which may interfere. We will have breath taking lectures. The social programme is almost set. Now we are working mainly on the Guest Society programmes. This will be the 50th anniversary of our Association and Paris, the old capital city, is getting glammed up to welcome you!

To finish with Virgil, « You get tired of everything, except learning ». Our specialty is so vast that we are sure to never get bored.

I wish you a very pleasant summer!

**Prof Jean-Paul Meningaud**

**President**