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MANLIO GALIE  
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# Message from **FERRARA**

## Dear Colleagues and Friends

We are just back at home after the last splendid 26th European Congress in Madrid where we spent a lovely week joining old and new friends from across the world. This Congress has represented a great new rebirth after the dark times of the pandemic crisis which changed the world permanently.

The global demand for education in our field is growing as well as the need for in-person, face-to-face interactions, meetings and learning experiences. The great success of the Madrid Congress has been evident by the large number of registered delegates who attended from all over the world (2200 from 92 countries).

I should like to congratulate Prof. Julio Acero and his team for putting together a very interesting and dynamic event that will remain forever in our memories. I know how much work and time it takes to put together a European Congress and Julio and his team were exceptional. Moreover, it is important to remember the tireless work organising the scientific and social programmes leading up to the Congress, which is all over in a few Congress days!

During the Madrid closing ceremony, I received from Julio

Acero the Presidential collar chain which means I start my presidential tenure for the next two years.

The Presidential collar chain was donated to the EACMFS by Hugo Obwegeser, Founder of the Association in 1970 and it is a symbol of recognition to our mentors and teachers. It is also the symbol of the tradition which always inspires us as the very essence of the "European spirit" of knowledge exchange throughout Europe.

In 2020 the EACMFS celebrated the "Golden Jubilee", 50 years of dedication and commitment to the transfer of knowledge, the teaching of surgical skills, the motivation of the next generations and much more.

During my presidency, I have every intention of proceeding in the direction laid down by my predecessors. I feel that my knowledge and experience gained by my active involvement within the European Association, since 2002, will undoubtedly stand me in good stead for the responsibilities that lay ahead in the position of President of the EACMFS.

Over many years I have dedicated time and effort to promote many initiatives in favour of the

European Association first at the side of our Past President and Honorary Member Prof. Luigi Clauser and during my terms as Executive Advisor and as Education and Training Officer.

There is a need for a strategic vision of the future for postgraduate medical education and the EACMFS is striving forward 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.

Currently, the role of the Scientific Societies is of paramount importance if we consider our profession not only from the clinical perspective but also as being deeply involved in the organizational changes in management. During the Madrid Congress, we promoted meetings with many representative Scientific Associations around the world (IAOMS, AAOMS, ASIAN OMS, ALACIBU) to explore all opportunities for cooperation between the organizations. During these meetings, the possibility of the creation of a 'young specialist' was discussed.

Now we should start to plan the next Congresses in 2024 Rome, 2026 Athens and 2028 Amsterdam with new ideas, strengthening exchange and stimulating innovative solutions to health challenges. There needs to be an exchange between different scientific disciplines and also between science, politics and society. Facing these challenges including the promotion of women and the next generation of surgeons in leadership and

organizational functions to increase their contributions is of high priority.

The 27<sup>th</sup> EACMFS Congress in Rome aims to be the premier international forum for research, theory and development related to Oral and Maxillo-Facial Surgery in the forthcoming years. The motto of the Congress, "A Journey to Excellence: Culture, Tradition & Innovation" deeply reflects our goals.

Italy has been the cradle of many European cultures, such as the Etruscans and the Romans, later it was the birthplace of the University and of the Renaissance, which began in Tuscany and spread all over Europe. Italy's capital, Rome, was for centuries the centre of western civilization. The Eternal City was Caput Mundi (Head of the World) in the Roman era, and from its law and liberal arts and sciences radiated to the confines of the vast Empire, which covered the whole of the known western world.

Tradition is the most valuable asset of the EACMFS and Innovation is to create a culture of innovation, encouraging creativity, promoting collaboration, fostering a learning environment and using technology. Rome will provide an unforgettable setting for this important event and my vision for hosting the EACMFS Rome 2024 is based on using the art of the Italian welcome and lifestyle to unite the world of the scientific communities in OMF & CMF.

I look forward to welcoming you all to the Eternal City and EACMFS 2024 Congress.



# 27<sup>th</sup> EACMFS CONGRESS

17-20 September 2024

PreCongress day: 16 September

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JAVIER GONZÁLEZ-LAGUNAS

Editor-in-Chief



## BARCELONA calling

**After the Madrid Congress**, a new Executive Committee under the leadership of Prof. Manlio Galie has taken the reins of the association. The succession structure of EACMFS enables ensuring a smooth handover. Projects normally take more than two years to be implemented, but the President, the President Elect, the Past President and the Junior President Elect work side by side, so all the initiatives can have a successful conclusion.

In this second issue of *The Pulse*, you will read a long interview with our new President Manlio Galie so you will gain an in-depth knowledge about his origins, past and current activities and future goals for EACMFS. Riccardo Tieghi is also presenting an initial outline of the Rome Congress, that will be held in September 17-20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We will give a last good bye to the successful Madrid meeting. Dr. Acero and Dr. Almeida will share with us some final data about the first post-pandemic global scientific event in our specialty.

Unfortunately, we have to include the obituary of a giant of our specialty, Professor Jean Delaire, who passed away a few days

before the launching of this issue. I thank Prof. Joel Ferri the time and effort devoted to write our farewell to who was the seventh President of EACMFS.

We are also presenting Max Train, our new platform in the field of Cooperation. Knowing the interest

From my corner as Media Development Manager I would like to draw your attention to two new developments of the association.

First, the newsletter in its new format "**The Pulse**". We intend it to be not only the voice that amplifies the activities of the association and its Executive Committee, but also a platform opened to all members. Individual projects, collaborative ventures, new ideas that can improve the visibility, the quality of training of our specialty and the strength of our association are welcome.

Second, our new online educational platform, that will run under the name of Maxflix. It will include surgical training videos, lectures, corporative information and news from the industry. The platform is finished and ready to be launched, and we are just waiting for the final

edition of the videos that many of you have so generously shared with the association.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you think your projects in maxillofacial surgery need promotion and dissemination across the continent. The Pulse has opened doors to all members. Also have a look at your files and consider sharing your videos with us. We intend to include recordings covering the full scope of the specialty, from basic procedures to complex techniques.



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# The **ATHENS** report

## Dear colleagues and friends

The European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery launched a unique and innovative Postgraduate Programme in Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology in February 2022. The program has been successful thanks to the strong commitment of the Scientific Directors and the involvement of outstanding EACMFS speakers. The second edition of the EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology is scheduled to start in March 2023. The program covers the surgical treatment of head and neck tumors, including reconstructive surgery, as well as the multidisciplinary approach to care that involves other specialists working in this field.

We are excited to announce the launch of the new EACMFS Postgraduate Program in Facial Plastic Surgery: Aesthetic and Function in 2023. This comprehensive program is designed for residents and young specialists who want to advance their skills and knowledge in the field of facial plastic and aesthetic surgery. The program includes a series of online courses that cover a wide range of topics, including oculoplastic surgery, face and neck

lift, rhinoplasty, facial feminization surgery, orthognathic surgery, virtual surgical planning and 3-D printing, orbital decompression and facial reanimation. In addition to the online courses, the program also includes a clinical observership at a specialized surgical center, where participants can observe and assist with real-world surgical procedures. The program also includes a hands-on cadaver workshop, where participants can practice surgical techniques and gain hands-on experience in a controlled environment. More detailed information about the program, including its modular structure, eligibility requirements, tuition fees, and start date, will be available soon. We encourage interested residents and specialists to stay tuned for updates and to contact us with any questions.

At EACMFS, we are committed to providing the best possible education and training opportunities for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Europe. We believe that our new and existing education programs will have a lasting impact on the practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and we are dedicated to continuing to offer new and innovative programs in the future.

Best wishes



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DATE	LOCATION	COURSE	CONTACT
9 - 11 February 2023	Aachen, Germany	76th International Course for Stepwise Flap Raising Aachen	
13 - 17 March 2023	Liverpool, UK	2023 Liverpool Practical Microvascular Course	
15 - 24 March 2023	Bochum, Germany	78th International Course for Stepwise Flap Raising & Microsurgery, Bochum	
17 - 18 March 2023	Firenze, Italy	Comprehensive Management of TMJ Pathology – date changed to 17-18 March 2023	
21 - 22 April 2023	Barcelona, Spain	28th Congress SCBCMO	
4 - 5 May 2023	Barcelona, Spain	Hands-on Cadaver Intensive Course in Orthognathic Surgery and Ancillary Procedures	
10 - 14 May 2023	Antalya, Turkey	ACBID-Asian Joint Congress (16th ACBID International Congress)	
18 - 20 May 2023	Tangier, Morocco	11th Congress de l'association francaise des chirurgiens de la face	
8 - 11 June 2023	Vancouver, Canada	25th International Conference on Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery – ICOMS	
21 - 25 June 2023	Rome, Italy	7th World Congress of the International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies	

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SATHEESH PRABHU  
Secretary General

## OXFORD minutes

**The principles and values of our Association** are a constant in a world where change is imperative. Having served in the capacity of Assistant Secretary for the last six years, the privilege of serving as Secretary General is a joyful responsibility. I am very grateful to Dr. Nicholas Kalavrezos and Mrs. Jill McFarland for making it as seamless as possible. I am also very pleased to have Dr. Titiaan Dormaar as our Assistant Secretary who brings lot of enthusiasm to the team.

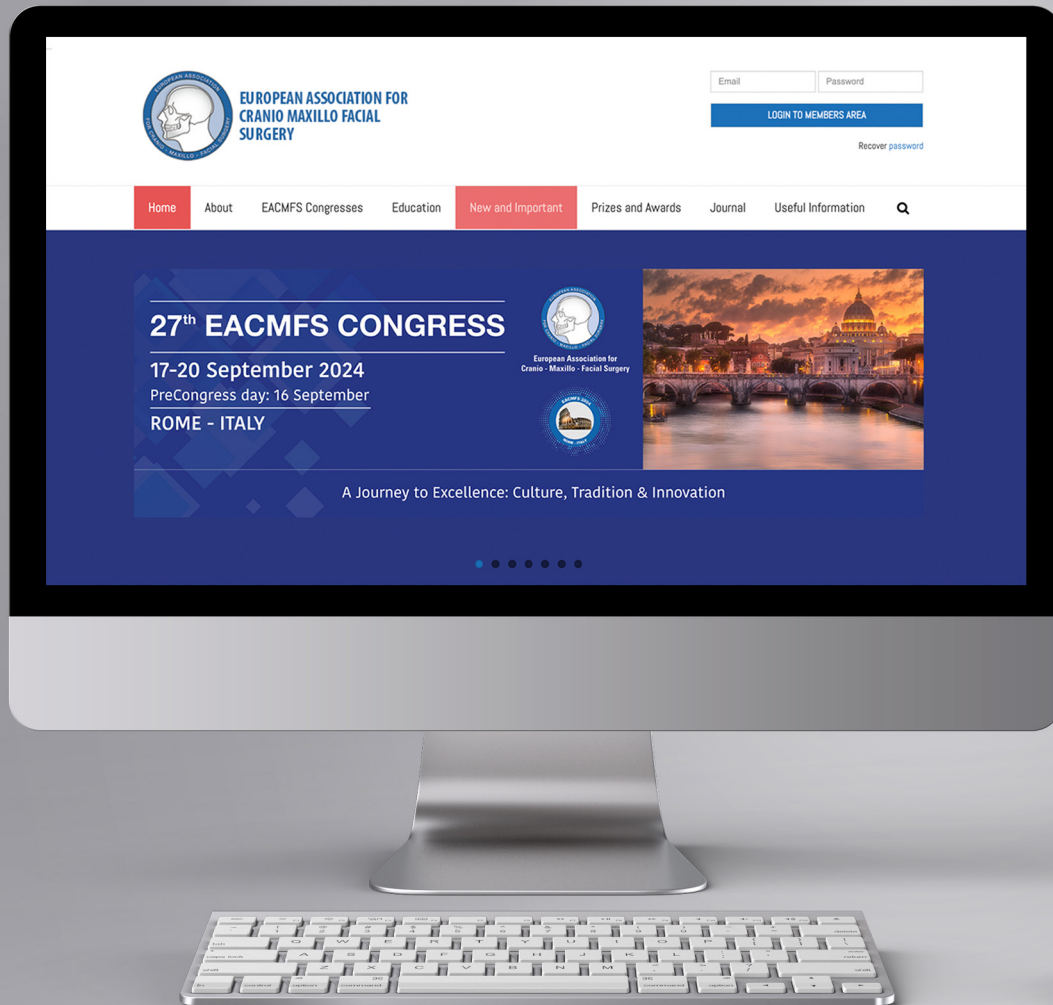
The aim of the Secretariat is to provide value for money for the membership and support the Executive Committee to implement their vision for the Association. This needs to have science at its heart and vision for the speciality.

I will continue to work on the European Lecture Series but will be seeking help to share some of the work to focus on Secretarial responsibilities. With the ever-increasing activities of the Association, the role of secretarial support is invaluable. Additional administrative assistance is now essential and to this end we are recruiting staff to help with various new projects including the PG program.

The presence of EACMFS is now genuinely global. We have scientifically sponsored various meetings across the globe and it is good to see that Madrid had more than 90 countries participating. Our aim to spread knowledge and promote science is well and truly being accomplished. I take this opportunity to thank the membership for making this happen by supporting the Association over the last 50 years.

I hope that you will have some time to reflect on the year that has passed during this festive period and to also spend quality time with your friends and family to mark this year of reunion after the pandemic.





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# PRESIDENT MANLIO GALIE

By Javier González Lagunas



**M**anlio, tell us about your background? Where are you from, where did you do your basic training in Medicine?

I was born in a small town in Central Italy, Adriatic coast, called San Benedetto del Tronto, Marche Region, where I completed my primary and secondary education before moving to Bologna, School of Medicine, where I graduated with honors in 1986.

I completed my residency in Medicine at the Policlinico S. Orsola – Bologna and at the end I wrote a medical thesis in “Adenolymphomas of the Parotid Gland: immunocytochemical study”, as a result of my commitments and dedication to the field of medicine.

The thesis was then published in the Journal Pathologica on October 1986.

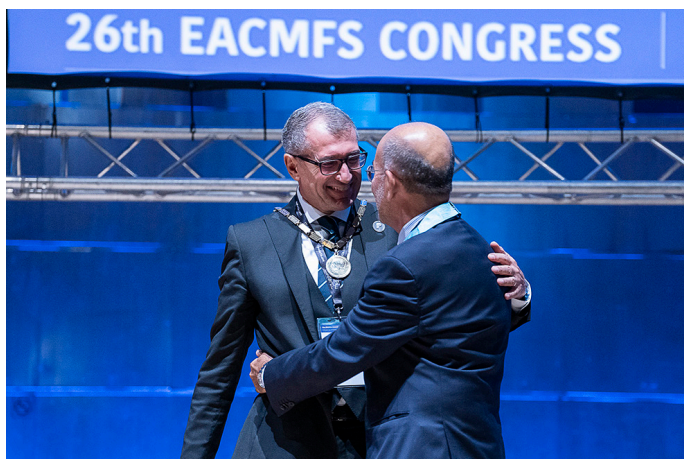
**Why did you decide to specialize in Maxillofacial Surgery and not in other neighbouring specialities ?**

After completing the Medical School and earning the Medical Degree I went to the Dental School in Bologna where I graduated in 1989.

I completed my residency in Dentistry at the University Dental Clinic in Bologna and wrote a thesis in “Anatomo-clinical and immunocytochemical study of parotid adenomyoepitheliomas”.

My first interests were in oral surgery and after the Dental





Handover of power.

Degree I completed 3 years in Military service as Medical Captain at Bologna Military Hospital where I was the chief of the Dentistry Department.

During these years I mainly dealt with oral surgery and developing my skills accordingly.

Following this I moved to the Dental Clinic, University-Hospital of Ferrara, as Assistant Professor and coordinator of the activity relating to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of surgical interest of the oral cavity plus activity relating to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of dysgnathia.

Finally, in 1997 I moved to the Department of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery,

University-Hospital Ferrara, where I completed my residency in Maxillo-Facial Surgery.

In 2002 I obtained the Specialization degree with honors in Maxillo-Facial Surgery with a thesis in "Vertical Alveolar Distraction Osteogenesis of the Atrophic Maxilla".

From the beginning my interests were mainly focused in diseases of the skull, maxillo-facial region and head and neck surgery.

Moreover in 2006 I acquired another specialization in ENT Surgery with a thesis in: "Arthroscopic surgery of the temporomandibular joint".

### **Talk about your training years, your hospital and did you undergo training in any hospital abroad?**

As said before my basic training in Dentistry and Maxillo-Facial Surgery was completed between Bologna and Ferrara University Hospitals.

During my career I visited many hospitals abroad and I would like to happily remember my visits to the Hopital D'Enfants Armand-Trousseau and Hopital Necker Enfants Malades in Paris with my dear friend Patrick Diner. There I developed my skills in distraction osteogenesis of the facial skeleton.

Moreover I was International Fellow at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery with Henry K. Kawamoto, where I completed my skills in Craniofacial Surgery.

### **Who are your mentors, what did you learn of them?**

First of all, during my training years, I would like to remember Prof. Camillo Curioni. Professor Curioni was President of EACMFS from 1976-1978 who organised the IV Congress of the Association in Venice 1978. He was appointed as EACMFS Honorary Member in 2004. He should be remembered for his contributions to both orthognathic and oncological surgery. In particular he was the first to describe techniques for dissembling and reassembling the facial skeleton in order to reach deep-seated



tumours for skeletal and soft tissue reconstruction, until the first applications of distraction osteogenesis came into use at the beginning of the 1990s. His other interests included surgery of the skull base for tumours, deformities and trauma.

I met him during the last years of his career but I appreciated his devotion to surgery and his expertise.

I met Prof. Curioni thanks to my former chief Prof. Luigi Clauser.

Prof. Clauser had a special influence in my education as maxillo-facial surgeon and in my interests in scientific research. Luigi Clauser's expertise influenced my training especially in orbital surgery and in craniofacial surgery. He is internationally acknowledged as a leading expert in cranio-maxillo-facial surgery.

As President of the EACMFS in 2006-2008 he stimulated me to participate in the activities of the EACMFS and I appreciated his philosophy regarding the full educational activity of the EACMFS: *"The possibility of teaching, the chance of learning from attendees, enhancing our own education, inter-country exchange of experiences, meeting with many colleagues, meeting with different cultures, cities, habits, political environments, background, meeting old friends and making new international connections, the link with citizenship of Europe and of the World, reinforcing the European Spirit as an EACMFS Member"*.

This philosophy inspired me in my role as Education and Training Officer of the Association.

Luigi Clauser was appointed as EACMFS Honorary Member during the last EACMFS Congress in Madrid, September 2022.

### **Which is your current position in the hospital?**

Actually I am Full Professor in Maxillo-Facial Surgery, Head of the Department of Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery University-Hospital of Ferrara.

### **Which is your main scope of activity in the specialty?**

I am interested in new innovations in cranio-maxillo-facial surgery and my special interests are in craniofacial

surgery, orbital surgery, reconstructive surgery and total facial rehabilitation, orthognathic surgery, cleft surgery and tumor surgery of the oro-maxillofacial area.

My current researches are in Tissue engineering and Distraction Osteogenesis.



Operating room.

### **You have been involved with EACMFS for many years, how did it all start? Why did you have this wish to serve the specialty?**

My knowledge and experience within the Association, dates back to 2002 with my active involvement at the side of the Past President Prof. Luigi C. Clauser.

Moreover I have had the privilege to meet and work with John Lowry who, as a strong leader, dedicated his life to the EACMFS and education. His example was inspiring and encouraged me to pursue my work inside the Association with enthusiasm.

John Lowry, Julio Acero, Henri Thuau and Luigi Clauser are by far the best teachers one could have and through them I have reached a deep understanding of the “EACMFS spirit”, an accomplishment that has accompanied me through all my activities and international relationships following my nomination as Executive Adviser at the last EACMFS XXI Congress in Dubrovnik in 2012.

**For many years you were the Education Officer... tell us about that experience.**

During my tenure as Education & Training Officer of the Association I took part in many EACMFS educational activities around the world and in the organization of many European Congresses.

It was a fantastic experience and I had the privilege to serve our Association and to work with special people inside the Executive Committee.

means that I have spent approximately 40 weeks in teaching activities and in representing the EACMFS worldwide. Most of my work for the EACMFS has been in three specific areas: evaluating the requests from Congress organizers for endorsement and support, coordinating the EACMFS Sessions as a Guest Society, participating in postgraduate educational activities. I have also written, presented and had accepted the Guidelines for endorsement support of congresses and other scientific or educational events.

**Do you have a special experience as education officer that left a mark in your life?**

The Eastern Europe Educational Programme represented a significant part of this educational activity with the involvement of 10 countries and a huge number of trainees. Every time I



Presurgical briefing.

I should like to extend my personal gratitude to all the members of the Executive Committee for their support over that years, and particularly to Julio Acero, my predecessor for the continuous and enthusiastic support and to Henri Thuau and Nickolas Kalavrezos for their help and advice.

As Education & Training Officer I have personally contributed to almost 80 main scientific events all over the word. Having given an average of 3 days per event it

travelled in those countries I found a high scientific level, the same enthusiasm, great expectations and confidence. The feeling of being Citizenship of Europe and of the World and being closer to the next generation of surgeons was the best investment for the organization and the specialty. The more I met maxillo-facial trainees the more I realized there was a common feeling, a unique focus, persistence and commitment in learning and sharing experiences.



Of course during the job in organizing educational activities and planning travel I also experiences some funny adventures. Between March and June 2010 a series of volcanic events at Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland caused enormous disruption to air travel across Western Europe. I was in Constanta with my former chief Luigi Clauser, Riccardo Tieghi and Giuseppe Consorti participating in a Meeting organized by Prof. Adrian Creanga.

At the end of the course our flight was cancelled with no possibility of being rescheduled anytime soon.

We returned to Italy after a 25-hr trip by car through the Balkan Mountains, a very exhausting long drive from Constanta through, Romania, Hungary, Slovenia, and Austria.

We enjoyed a very nice dinner with barbecued meat together with several truck drivers during a night on a mountain pass.

### Now that you follow Prof Acero as President, what are your goals?

Even if the role of the EACMFS President has been frequently associated with the organization of the European Congress, which must be one of the key objectives, I feel the President should also endeavor to develop, supervise and support EACMFS educational ventures.

I would strongly support the following future plans:

- contribution to the upcoming certifying processes for a global certification process in OMS profession;
- providing new ideas to use Foundation monies;
- to support EACMFS Trainees (i.e.: grants, prizes, awards, fellowship, new educational and surgical activities in developing countries);
- strong cooperation with trainees and the Councillors to develop new ways of communication ( i.e.: social media, streaming live video education);
- expand representation of the EACMFS at international events in order to establish and fortify links with other Associations. I believe the Association would benefit from working closely with the National Meetings through Europe and worldwide

in terms of active participation and the spread of knowledge;

- strong support for educational activities in Eastern Europe and, in particular, the underdeveloped countries;
- review the areas of cooperation between the UEMS and European Scientific Societies ( EES) and to explore new ways to develop common projects;
- support the development of sub-specialty subgroups;
- reinforcing and promoting the European Spirit of the Specialty in all the EACMFS activities and international relationships.

### What would you like to change in the Association?

The role of the Scientific Associations today is of paramount importance if we consider our profession not only from the clinical perspective but also as being deeply involved in organizational changes in management.

EACMFS has become the most prominent and highly respected professional group for the specialty in Europe, and has a high profile in other parts of the world in terms of coordination of the actions in favour of OMF & CMF at a European and National level in order to advance the standards of care through improved education and training.

The exchange of knowledge is a two-way process where all parts involved share learning, ideas and experiences for the advancement of our discipline, which is based on innovation, technology and research.

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Sharing knowledge and experience among people is also important for preserving traditional knowledge that is know-how, skills and practices that are developed, sustained and passed on from generation to generation within a scientific community.

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.

I do not think there is too much to change within our Association as it is currently striving towards achieving its goals.

**The Congress is an important landmark in the life of EACMFS. What are your plans for Rome 2024.**

The 27<sup>th</sup> EACMFS Congress in Rome aims to be the premier international forum for

research, theory and development related to oral and maxillo-facial Surgery in the forthcoming years.

Rome will provide an unforgettable setting for this important event as Europe is a unique blend of cultures and this occasion provides a particular opportunity to share those cultures, benefit from the wealth of education and talent that exists in our countries and above all, join together in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.

My vision for hosting the EACMFS Rome 2024 is based on using the art of the Italian welcome and lifestyle to unite the world of the scientific communities in OMF & CMF.

**Can you provide any plans to change the structure of the Congress? Have any lecturers already confirmed?**

Clearly the format of a European Congress has had its own identity for many years so I believe that changes can be made within this structure.

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October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 visiting «La Nuvola».

My goal is to give more space to the younger generation of surgeons as speakers during the Congress and female participation needs to be promoted. Moreover it is important that scientific integrity is the leading factor in selecting keynote speakers.

I am exploring also the possibility of including allied specialties, i.e., Implantologists, Nurses, Speech Therapists in a parallel programme.

### Will we have an strong support of the SICMF?

I have had the full support of the Italian Association in organizing the Congress in Rome and I fully believe that cooperation with the National Scientific Association will be of paramount importance in organising the Congress and to promote the Italian Maxillo-Facial surgery worldwide.

Currently, the number of active members of SICMF is reaching 500, of which 178 are Trainees.

### Industry is important for Scientific Associations, which guidelines will we follow in the next 2 years?

Collaboration between Scientific Associations, researchers, universities and the industry sector can help bring innovative ideas to market and provide the skills and knowledge for a successful development of new technologies.

Scientific advances and technological change are important drivers of recent economic performance in health services. The ability to create, distribute and exploit knowledge has become a major source of competitive advantage, wealth creation and improvements in the quality of life.

The role of the Industry support is of paramount importance in developing our goals in education and we should do our best to include companies and brands in our activity and in our congresses.

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In most cases, a company will be interested in partnering with us if they believe our event will provide them with a real opportunity to move their own organization forward.

The partnership will be of mutual interest not only in organizing the Congress but also in designing prizes and awards to provide educational support to the trainees.

Recently EACMFS and KLS Martin group have signed a partnership agreement for the next six years.





# IT'S COMING TO ROME

By Riccardo Tieghi

**Dear Colleagues and friends**

Just arriving to Italy after the outstanding 26<sup>th</sup> Congress of the EACMFS in Madrid, we already started working for the next meeting. From September 16<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, the 27<sup>th</sup> EACMFS Congress will take place in Rome (Italy) under the presidency of Prof. Manlio Galiè.



The motto of the congress is *"A journey to Excellence: Culture, Tradition and Innovation"*. This sentence reflects the combination of the Italian spirit (culture and a warm welcome to friends and colleagues), combined with the spirit of EACMFS whose aims are to spread our discipline all over the world, promote education in the young generation of surgeons and improve the quality of care for patients. [The venue is called LA NUVOLA](#), one of the most iconic buildings in the entire City of Rome. This visionary building by Massimiliano Fuksas was inaugurated on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. Since then, it has been acknowledged worldwide as a fine example of contemporary aesthetics, characterized by eco-friendly materials and innovative technological solutions.

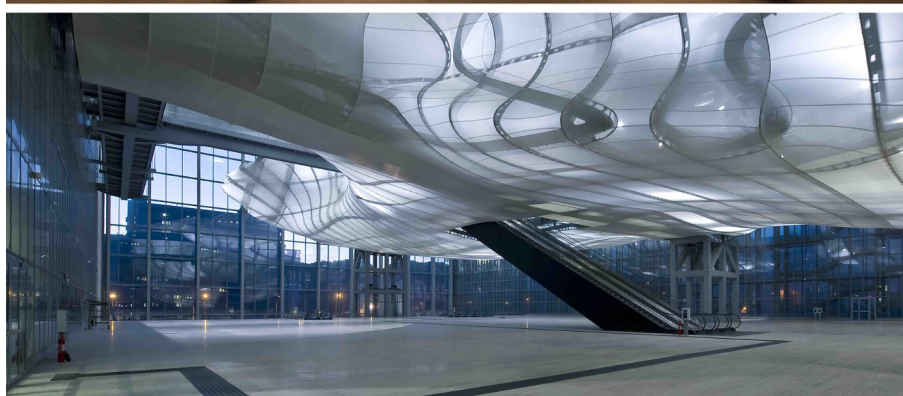
Rome will provide an unforgettable setting for such an event, it will be a unique opportunity to meet and be part of the excellence of our discipline, sharing culture, knowledge and friendship.

Other than the scientific programme, the social part of the event will have a relevant importance and Rome is ready to offer unforgettable experiences that will last for years in our memories.

We all look forward to welcoming you to the eternal city of Rome and to the 27<sup>th</sup> EACMFS Congress.

**From Italy, we want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.**

*Dr. Riccardo Tieghi. EACMFS Executive advisor. Secretary General of the 27<sup>th</sup> EACMFS Congress.*



Rome Convention Center La Nuvola.





# MADRID, FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES!

By Julio Acero and Fernando Almeida

In the last week of September, the XXVI European Congress of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery, organized by the European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EACMFS) was held under the presidency of Prof. Acero. It was a great success both in the scientific aspect as in the social events. Our biennial congress, reaching its 26<sup>th</sup> edition under the title "Building the future through innovation", was held in Madrid, an extraordinary city for such an event, giving the delegates the opportunity not only of enjoying the attractiveness of this dynamic capital, but also a superb state-of-the-art venue for the scientific program.





Some figures define what was a global event and showing the power of EACMFS as a reference scientific organization: 2388 delegates attended the meeting coming from 96 countries worldwide, the highest number compared to previous editions. The event took place over four days at the Palacio Municipal de Congresos de Madrid, at IFEMA, and had 272 speakers and 229 top-level moderators of the specialty.

In the scientific aspect, besides the main program, 765 oral communications and 587 posters were presented, covering the full scope of our specialty. We want to emphasize the 216 papers of oncology, 177 of reconstructive surgery and 126 of trauma surgery. Also noteworthy are the 19 sessions devoted to guess Scientific Associations. Finally we also want to bring out the high participation of delegates in the main social events of the Congress, with 521 delegates in the Spanish Fiesta and 413 in the Gala Dinner. Regarding the participation of the industry, we have to stress an outstanding number of 62 exhibitors.

The organizing and scientific committees, under the leadership of Prof Acero and Drs. Almeida and González-Lagunas have only received messages of congratulations regarding the excellence of the scientific program and the exceptional organization. We are very proud of having regained normality in scientific activities after the dark impact of COVID-19. We definitely feel that Madrid 2022 will be a milestone in the history of EACMFS.





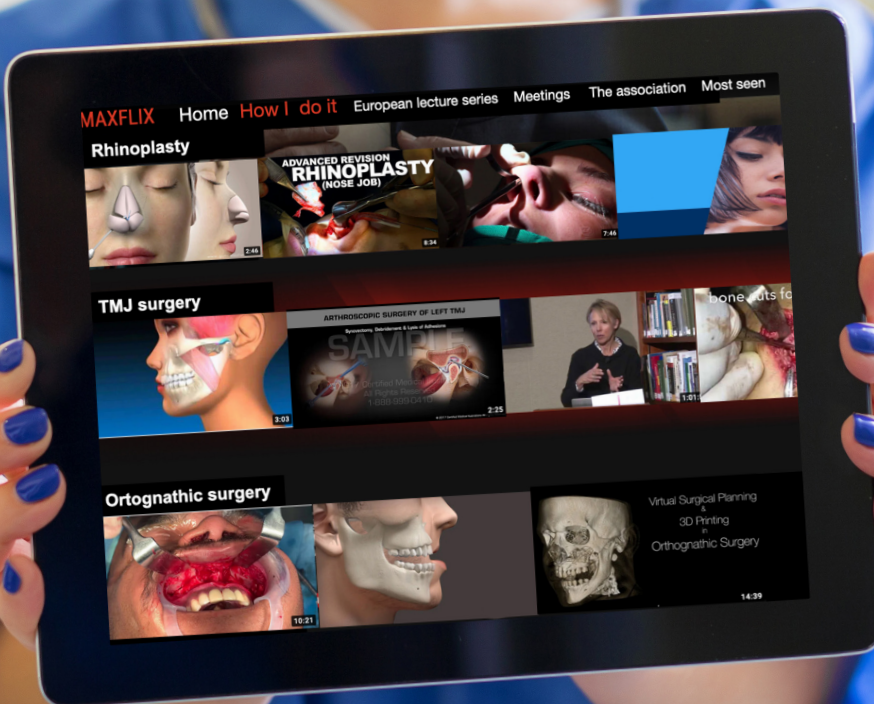
# Maxflix

A new project that will strengthen the role of EACMFS in education of maxillofacial surgeons

**EACMFS** is delighted to announce **Maxflix**, a new project that will strengthen its role in the education of maxillofacial surgeons. The new Educational Platform which was presented in both the Council meeting and General Assembly during the Madrid Congress will include digital resources to enhance the training of specialists.

We would like to call for your collaboration in the form of surgical training videos - short videos recorded in high quality which can cover the full scope of the procedure.

Your support with this new development would be greatly appreciated. We acknowledge that the provision of such training videos will involve a degree of teamwork in the production and we are therefore happy to announce that prize(s) will be available for those videos selected for the new platform and announced in our new newsletter – **THEPULSE**.



IF YOU THINK YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE with your expertise and require further information, please contact our Media Development Officer, Dr. Javier Gonzalez Lagunas at [javiergonzalez@eacmfs.org](mailto:javiergonzalez@eacmfs.org)



## THE MAX TRAIN PLATFORM

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In many regions of LMIC (Low and Medium Income Countries), and especially in rural areas, basic health services are scarce, access to general surgery is very difficult and craniomaxillofacial surgery is non-existent. In these regions, patients with pathologies in the craniomaxillofacial area, whether malformations, tumours, infections, trauma, etc., do not have the possibility of receiving any treatment. The burden of care on family, carers and the state is significant, and the mortality rate or permanent sequelae for any of these conditions is very high.

The enormous burden of major communicable diseases kept the problem of surgical pathologies hidden for decades. Two driving forces of our time, for health and allied professionals, are the WHO Sustainable Development Goals and the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery. The WHO Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030 were “bold and transformative”, as well as challenging. The new agenda called on countries





Ndala Hospital in Tanzania.



A view of the session devoted to cooperation in EACMFS. congress in Madrid 2022.

affordable and timely surgery when they require it. To have adequate access to surgery about 150 million extra operations will be needed per year. Over 80 million families per year have catastrophic expenses because of surgery and its associated costs. Adequate provision of surgery and treatment of common surgical conditions is cost-effective and promotes economic growth. And all this applies to craniomaxillofacial surgery.

There is no reliable direct data on the incidence of cranio-maxillofacial surgical pathology, the number of surgeries or the number of surgeons in most LMICs, but all indications are that cranio-maxillofacial pathology is part of the great tragedy of lack of access to surgery in these countries. A large part of humanity does not have access to safe, affordable and timely treatment of diseases of the craniomaxillofacial area, including benign and malignant tumours, trauma and its sequelae, infections or malformations.

The investment needed to ensure adequate access to craniomaxillofacial surgery in LMICs must include hospital infrastructure, operating rooms with all the necessary equipment, and a healthcare system that offers healthcare at an affordable cost for the population. But if there is one main factor, it is the training of surgeons and anesthesiologists, and this is the field in which international organizations can collaborate most through financial and educational support, facilitating training opportunities by providing teaching staff, exchanges with local universities and scholarships for postgraduate studies in surgery in reference hospitals. Achieving these goals requires the cooperation of all, including the entire global craniomaxillofacial surgery community and its organizations.

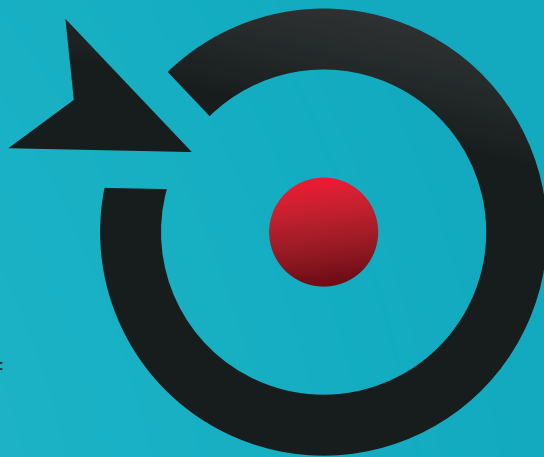
to begin efforts to achieve 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) over the next 15 years. Of particular importance for all in the healthcare sector is SDG3 'Good health and Well-being'.

In 2015, the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery quantified the pressing need for access to surgery and anaesthesia. It identified that most people in the world do not have access to surgery. To be more precise, 5 billion out of the 8 billion inhabitants do not have access to safe

And this is how and why the **MAX TRAIN platform** has emerged in the EACMFS. Many Maxillofacial Surgeons in Europe are promoting or collaborating individually on international cooperation projects. Most European Maxillofacial Surgeons are eager to participate in these projects.

**This is why our Association has decided to collaborate and participate in this field, coordinating and supporting these initiatives, with the following objectives:**

- Connect all surgeons committed to cooperation projects.
- Facilitate the networking, and exchange of information and experiences.
- Provide visibility to these projects. Spread the importance of solidarity and cooperation for the development.
- Facilitate the creation and development of new projects.
- Facilitate the search for and identify volunteers for projects.
- Facilitate access to sources of funding or support for projects.
- Advise on the design and evaluation of international cooperation projects in Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery.
- Identify Centres in Europe that could provide free treatment for patients with complex pathologies that cannot be operated in their countries of origin and can be transferred for treatment.
- Promote training and exchange programmes in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery in developing countries.
- Provide overseas opportunities for European trainees in Craniomaxillofacial Surgery.
- Identify centres in Europe where trainee surgeons from LMICs could gain experience.
- Collaborate with regional or local OMFS associations in training or healthcare projects.



*(left ) A mission of Pediatric Maxillofacial Surgery organized by FECS. (right )European volunteers working side by side with local professionals.*



**We invite all EACMFS members who wish to participate in this new MAX TRAIN platform to send an email to the EACMFS Secretariat ([secretariat@eacmfs.org](mailto:secretariat@eacmfs.org)) or to the platform coordinator ([fernandogmarin@gmail.com](mailto:fernandogmarin@gmail.com)).**





# 300 DAYS OF WAR IN UKRAINE: AN UPDATE

By Igor Fedirko. Myron Uhrin

**D**ear colleagues, maxillofacial surgeons of Ukraine, maxillofacial surgeons of the whole world, dear manufacturers of products for metal osteosynthesis, dear volunteers of Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland, Italy, Austria, France, Spain, Switzerland, Azerbaijan, USA and others, everyone involved in treatment of those wounded in the jaw area in Ukraine. It will be 300 days since Russia invaded Ukraine, a conflict which is characterized by massive missile and bomb attacks not only to military, but also to civilian targets that have resulted in the death of a large number of civilians, including children. This war is characterized by incredibly severe lesions, of which more than 40% are serious injuries in the maxillofacial skeleton.



No country in the world is ready for such massive injuries. But Ukrainian maxillofacial surgeons accepted this challenge with dignity. The same did the global community of our fellow maxillofacial surgeons, volunteers and philanthropists, who from the first years of the war managed to establish a supply chain of osteosynthesis materials, and appropriate support to provide the most effective treatment methods for maxillofacial injuries.



During this time, we managed to create a complex system of coordination between six Maxillofacial Surgery Departments at military hospitals and 18 Maxillofacial Surgery Departments of civilian and university hospitals to provide the necessary tools. With a total amount of more than 1 million euros we could provide assistance to hundreds of people injured in the maxillofacial area.

The results of our work were reported at the EACMFS Congress in Madrid on



An important meeting was held between Myron Uhryn and the Minister of Health Viktor Lyashko, to discuss how to provide medical treatment to casualties with maxillofacial injuries. The general principle that was used: "Ukraine is a single warehouse" storing in a single site all supplies to be readily available to surgical users.

I sincerely want to thank the world-renowned Lithuanian orthognathic surgeon Simonas Grybauskas for organizing systematic humanitarian aid through his foundation "VEIDO FONDAS" and with the involvement of the Myron Uhryn Charitable Foundation and support of IAOMS (Professor Alejandro Martinez) and EACMFS (Professor Julio Acero,) manufacturing firms (KLS Martin, ChM, Leibinger, Anton Hipp, Cizeta, DePuy synthes, Medartis, Stryker, Global D), colleagues from Lithuania - Simonas Grybauskas, Poland - Malgozata Petruski and Jana Petruski, Italy - Daniela Cardaropoli, Austria - (Michael Payer, Medartis AG) and others.

September 27-30, 2022 (Features on maxillofacial injuries in conditions of modern full-scale Russian war against Ukraine without rules) together with Simonas Grybauskas. A presentation was also made in Poland on November 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (Chirurgia szczękowo-twarzowa w warunkach włączenia wojny/ Maxillofacial surgery in the modern war) and 03 December 2022. (Implantologia stomatologiczna jako efektywna metoda rozwiązywania sytuacji klinicznych - 22 lata sząbkowy i przjaźni między OSIS a UDIA/ Dental implantology as an effective method of solving clinical situations - 22 years of cooperation and friendship between OSIS and AIU) and in Ukraine (Organization of the System of Support of Departments of Maxillofacial Surgery by means of osteosynthesis in the conditions of modern war).

Before the big holidays, I want to thank once again everyone involved in this important task. Unfortunately, the war goes on and we face many new and old challenges. Together we remain strong.



# MONEYWISE: THE ECONOMY BEHIND THE ASSOCIATION

By Aakshay Gulaty. Treasurer of EACMFS

**It is with great pleasure** that I would like to announce the variety of prizes and support that EACMFS offers its members and in particular, the trainees. Over the years, the types and number of awards have increased to include the following: Hugo Obwegeser travelling scholarship, John Lowry congress scholarship, Helene Matras congress scholarship, Rosalind Dancygier travelling scholarship, and Leibinger prize. The Leibinger prize has a value of €5500, of which 2 prizes are typically awarded at every congress and attracts healthy competition. I am also pleased to report that 41 congress scholarships were awarded at the recently concluded successful scientific congress in Madrid. The rebate for the EACMFS rolling programmes has been doubled to €300 in the recent past and provides further support to trainees. The new partnership with KLS-Martin in 2022 further underlines the commitment of the EACMFS towards education and further fellowships in head and neck oncology and aesthetic surgery are being developed with industry support following the successful first year of the head and neck fellowship.

The EACMFS Foundation has also committed €10,000 via Médecins Sans Frontières towards the relief efforts for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine apart from waiving off the annual membership fees and congress registration fees for Ukrainian members during 2022. With industry support from KLS-Martin, the EACMFS has also helped donate a significant amount of osteosynthesis material/equipment to the frontline hospitals in Ukraine.



The EACMFS annual membership fee of €150 was set back in 2003 and sadly this has to increase in line with inflation pressures. The increase in membership fees will be implemented in stages rather than a sudden increase to minimise the financial impact on our members. Nonetheless, we feel our members will appreciate the commitment of the EACMFS towards education and will continue to support the association to deliver this.

THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR 2023 will be as follows	
Active	195 €
Associate	195 €
Trainee	70 €
Retired paying	70 €

# PROF. JEAN DELAIRE (1923-2022)

By Joël Ferri

**Professor Jean Delaire** was born on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1923, in Saint-Vincent-sur-Jard (Vendée/France), a small town on the Atlantic Ocean. Medicine attracted him and he enrolled in the Medical School of Nantes. A brilliant student, he passed the difficult residency final exam and thus became one of the few medical physicians with the title of *"interne des hopitaux"*. During his studies he chose Stomatology and Maxillofacial surgery. When graduated he quickly became the head of the clinic of Stomatology and Maxillofacial Surgery of the University Hospital of Nantes. He remained at this position for many years.

His interest in our specialty was immense. He explored all its sectors.

Very quickly he was attracted and influenced by new ideas. Open minded and curious by nature, he visited all the "great names" of his time. From these exchanges with his contemporaries he did a synthesis allowing him to establish his own concepts.

He was particularly interested in the rules that govern cranio-maxillofacial growth. At this time, this subject was of much debate. Professor Delaire was thus one of the first academics to individualize the posterior vertical deficiencies of the face and to describe their consequences on facial balance. He

highlighted the particular physiology of the mandibular condyle and draw conclusions on the treatment of fractures in this unit. His theories on the management of facial clefts were essential. He emphasized the need for functional repair as the only one way to allow the establishment of a normal facial balance. His works on cranio-maxillo-facial physiology and malformation syndromes are memorable and have led to considerable advancements.



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Professors Jean Delaire and Ulrich Joos in  
Orthodontic course in Karlsruhe Germany.



His immense knowledge of cranio-maxillofacial growth would lead him to have an essential influence on the orthodontist community. As a matter of fact, Professor Delaire belonged to three worlds (orthodontics, medicine, and maxillofacial surgery). He had a considerable influence on the orthopaedic treatment of Class III by developing a device for the treatment of this malocclusion. This device is now named *"masque de Delaire"*. Professor Jean Delaire had an enormous contribution to orthognathic surgery by developing a precise analysis of malocclusions. This analysis accurately points out any anomaly of the cranio-maxillo-facial skeleton, showing a clear image of the corrections to be performed. It is today an essential tool for many orthognathic surgeons.

He was, among others, President of the French Society of Stomatology and Maxillofacial Surgery, President of the EACMFS, President of the French Society of Dento-Facial Orthopedics. He was an honorary member of these three societies.

Many maxillofacial surgeons came to Nantes visiting him, in order to learn from him or to exchange with him.

He participated at more than 300 international publications, gave several conferences around the world and received several honorary awards. He is Doctor Honoris Causa of several universities.

He will remain a *"big name"* of our specialty in France and all around the world.

Professor Jean Delaire and some of his pupils (Professors A. Markus, U. Joos, J. Ferri, J. Mercier, S. Schendel).



Professor Jean Delaire and A Markus in Nantes recently.



Professors Jean Delaire and Professor Ulrich Joos at the European mention in 2002 in Münster Germany.

An incredibly hard worker, with a prodigious memory, he dazzled his students with his immense knowledge and his exceptional pedagogical sense. His qualities led him to hold the highest positions and to receive numerous awards.

*Professor J. Ferri*  
*Head of the Department and Chairman of Stomatology and Maxillofacial surgery at the University Hospital of Lille FRANCE.*  
*AIMOM founding member*

# THE WEIRD BIAS

By Javier González-Lagunas

Looking at our continent from well above, any alien would think that we are **WEIRD**. Yes, most members of our association come from Western, Educated, Industrial, Rich and Democratic countries.

And that leads to a certain bias. We see the world, health care and the specialty in a particular way. This is not an exclusive feature of cranio-maxillofacial surgeons, but it is extensive to most of the European population and governance policies of our continent.

A simple example: electric cars and the disappearance of combustion vehicles in our continent. A laudable effort and the way to go, indeed. Now think about the overpopulated cities in Asia or the vast desert areas in Africa. Think about the average personal income in those countries, think about the cost of an electric car, think about the costs of establishing a network of recharging points. Do you really think this should be a concern in territories where the problem is how to provide drinking water? Or an efficient and reliable electric energy delivery network?

Working as a maxillofacial surgeon in developed counties with active welfare states, and well established standards of care is an enviable situation. Europe has pursued and built its reputation of excellence in health care, through years of investment, research and partnership of the multiple stakeholders.

We cannot readily extrapolate all our objectives to other regions of the world. We should not even try to extrapolate them to all areas of Europe, just think about the Ukraine situation. Collaboration is crucial, but we should remember the

exact meaning of the word: **the act of working together with other people or organizations to create or achieve something**. We have the moral obligation of helping, providing our knowledge, technology, skills and know-how. But first of all, we should ask the recipients of our training which are their needs and priorities. Robotics, IA and Virtual Navigation



have changed the way we think and work, milestones in the development of maxillofacial surgery as we know it today. But probably it would be much more helpful providing thorough training in reconstruction and access to osteosynthesis systems. Let's ask them what they need: that's the first step of collaboration.

EACMFS new international cooperation platform is just starting to walk. With the name of **Max Train**, it intends to facilitate and support the networking and exchange of information and experiences of surgeons already involved, and of those willing to help. EACMFS is in the right path.

**Remember, not everybody is WEIRD.**

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