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Dear Friends and Colleagues,



I am delighted to report that 2017 has been a very successful year for our Society. Many records have been broken by the achievements of our Annual Congress in Berlin and we are grateful to Markus Scheibel and his highly efficient team for all their hard work. The program included some very exciting and innovative contributions. I was very pleased, in particular, to welcome the extremely active 'Young Forum', who will undoubtedly shape the future of our Society. We also incorporated a technology session that attracted many participants from all over the world. There has unquestionably helped to distinguish our Congress from

other meetings taking place throughout the year. In 2018, we will place emphasis on Clinical Efficacy and Healthcare Economics of our subspecialty: Where better than Geneva, the home of so many NGOs, to discuss these important issues facing the Western World today?

The Society continues to grow and attracts many surgeons from the smaller countries of Europe. Through the system of National Delegates we hope that everybody is represented and thus is able to shape the Society and to empower the Board of Directors.

Many of you have contributed to our Science and disseminated new knowledge but have also been very active in education. Symposia, instructional course lectures form the core knowledge for our educational curriculum and help to provide continuous professional development for all of us. Through our close collaboration with EFORT we are able to extend this out to young surgeons at the beginning of their careers and to generalists who may not be able to attend some, or all, of the specialist society meetings. The quality of the content provides a wonderful advertisement for our subspecialty, which hopefully will encourage young surgeons to pursue a career in shoulder and elbow surgery.

There is still a great deal to be done and I am fortunate to be supported by an excellent and hard-working Executive Committee together with talented and knowledgeable subcommittees.

I am sure that many of you are working hard to prepare your abstracts for Geneva 2018 which I know will be an exceptional meeting in a very special venue. Nevertheless, I hope you will all find some time to spend with your family and friends over the festive season.

I wish you all a happy and successful New Year.

Roger Emery,  
President, SECEC

