Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Three months have passed since we met face-to-face for the last time in Poznan. SECEC is working continuously and most SECEC committees have scheduled business meetings during this time. The qualification process in shoulder and elbow surgery is being developed under the direction of Patric Raiss. Olivier Verborgt did an outstanding job with his team, updating the list of new members after the admissions approved in Poznan, and encouraging new applications. It has been easy for Philipp Moroder to take over Mario in the chair of the Website Committee since both had worked side by side in this project before. Philipp and his team are expanding our website’s possibilities. Jeppe Rasmussen and Samuel Antuna are working in a research project that will be shared with you soon. The Education Committee chaired by Paolo Paladini scheduled a webinar on distal biceps tears moderated by Ata Can Atalar, and Joanna Walecka’s Junior Committee organised alongside Natalia Martínez-Catalan an interesting online school webinar on shoulder instability in which I had the honour to participate. Both webinars were completely organised by SECEC and received major attendance. The scientific content will be owned by SECEC without the participation of external companies. Both Paolo and Joanna, have a tight calendar of activities scheduled for 2022. Tjarco Alta is working in the educational offer with EUSSER. Podcasts conducted by Robert Hudek have been one of the most successful initiatives within SECEC according to the number of followers. The Eastern European Committee, newly chaired by Ali Ersen, was renovated in depth, and has created a strong network to disseminate SECEC in Eastern Europe. Annual fee payment updating is a somewhat strenuous task that has been undertaken very efficiently by Lionel Neyton, our new Treasurer.

Dublin is our next official presential appointment. We have met several times with the Programme Committee, chaired by Mario Borroni, together with Ruth Delaney and Hannan Mullett as congress co-chairs. Everything is running smoothly. Symposia will be scheduled on preop planning for shoulder arthroplasty and tendon transfers around the shoulder, chaired by Olivier Verborgt and Phillipe Valenti respectively. Xavier Duralde, as ASES President, together with Joaquin Sanchez-Sotelo will be our guest speakers.
Unfortunately, due to unexpected circumstances SECEC meeting will be scheduled one day prior to the planned dates.

I have been kindly invited to attend the annual ASES meeting in Tampa. I had the opportunity of sharing four lovely days with our colleagues and friends from across the ocean, proving the excellent relations between both societies. Despite this, the world is changing, and new actors will play an important role in relation among shoulder and elbow scientific societies globally.

As you can see the list of activities carried out is long, but it is even longer the agenda for 2022.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for the next year!

Emilio Calvo,
SECEC President