



Dear Colleagues,

Before the summer starts I would like to update you on the latest news in our Society.

Upcoming events

After our successful Congress in Madrid, scientifically and also with ever increasing attendance, we look forward to the ICSES Congress in Edinburgh. As you know, every three years our international conference (ICSES) is held in a different host city around the world. This year, we are looking forward to attend the **11th ICSES Congress in Edinburgh, on 5th to 8th September 2009**. Prominent people from SECEC are in charge of the organization of this meeting. **Steve Copeland** is the chairman of this international meeting and has put his experience of SECEC past President, to build the best meeting possible. The local organising committee headed by **Angus Wallace** have worked hard to arrange the meeting so that it will be enjoyable both academically and socially

The Scientific Committee of the ICSES under the leadership of **Roger Emery** has reviewed over 1000 abstracts, of which nearly 200 have been accepted as podium presentations. In addition to the high quality Instructional Courses and Symposia, the programme in itself is a good reason to join us in Edinburgh (www.icses2010.com). The beauties of the city and Scotland are other good reasons to join. It is important that SECEC members attend and that as many European shoulder & elbow surgeons as possible will be present in Edinburgh. The ICSES is a unique opportunity to meet surgeons involved in shoulder and elbow surgery throughout the world and to make new friends. Also, don't forget that the **3rd International Congress of Shoulder and Elbow Physiotherapists** will also take place in Edinburgh. Please, encourage your physiotherapists to join and attend this meeting tailored for them.

As has been pointed out, prior to the ICSES Congress, which starts on Sunday, the 5th of September, we will have some meetings of the SECEC.

On **Saturday morning and afternoon 4th september** there will be meetings of all committees; in the late afternoon the **National Delegates** are expected at the **Board of Directors** meeting, while in the evening a **dinner** is organized in a splendid setting at **The National Gallery of Scotland**.

For those who have not yet registered for this special event, I would strongly advise you to do so. The National Gallery exhibits an impressive collection of

paintings and sculptures. Prior to the dinner, a very knowledgeable curator will give a **tour through the museum**. You have recently received a letter from us regarding details. In case you missed it, please contact Sylvie Noel (secec@wanadoo.fr).

On **Sunday morning 5th september** you all are invited to the **General Assembly of the SECEC**, where several issues will be discussed and bylaw changes will be voted on. The agenda will be sent to you soon. I hope to see many of you, both at the SECEC as well at the ICSES events!

Activities on the **2011 Congress in Lyon** with **Gilles Walch** as Congress president are ongoing. **Christophe Lévine** and **Laurent Nové-Josserand** are helping Gilles for the scientific and the local organization. The first announcement has been sent out, and further information can be found on our website (www.secec.org)

A visit was made to **Dubrovnik** by Pascal Boileau, Sylvie Noel, and our PCO Mr Torres Pardo for the **SECEC Congress** to be held in **2012** with **Nicola Cacak** as Congress President. The facilities for both the congress areas and the hotels are very suitable.

In **2013**, the **12th ICSES** will be held in Kyoto.

Executive Committee

Within the Executive Committee we have discussed the possibility of further cooperation with the **EUSSER (European Society for Shoulder and Elbow Rehabilitation)**. Physiotherapy forms an essential part in the treatment of our patients; however, since treatment modalities are variable and often not scientifically based, there is a need for support by the SECEC in the activities of the EUSSER. It has been decided to set up a Committee on Rehabilitation as a new standing committee to foster scientific research in this area, in close cooperation with the EUSSER. **Jan Nowak**, an active member of the EUSSER and SECEC, has accepted to join the Executive Committee as chairman of that committee. A senior member of the SECEC will also join the Board of EUSSER to stimulate the cooperation of both Societies.

We have had fixed terms of serving as a committee member in our Society for quite a long time. As it now stands, a committee member is appointed for a period of three years, with the possibility of being re-elected for another three years. As our Society is growing, and more members are applying to participate in committees, we think it would be more advisable to limit this term to three years without re-election, both for standing committees as well as for the Executive Committee, with the exception of the General Secretary, the President and the President-Elect.

You will receive the proposed changes in due time before the meeting of the General Assembly in Edinburgh.

Renewal of committee members

We have requested the following members to join the Executive Committee, replacing those who will be leaving (Rolf Norlin, Frank Gohlke, Jaap Willems): **Bo Olsen** (Denmark), **Ernst Wiedemann** (Germany), **Mehmet Demirham** (Turkey), and **Jan Nowak** (Sweden).

After receiving requests from members, both spontaneously as well as following our call for applications for the standing committees on our website, we have decided to ask the following members to join a committee:

Website Committee: **M. Scheibel** (Germany), **R. Kulkarni** (UK), **R. Van Riet** (Belgium);

Eastern Europe Support Committee: **D. Eygendaal** (Netherlands), **P. Lubiowski** (Poland), **M. Scarlet** (France);

Membership Committee: **O. Verborgt** (Belgium), **C. Voigt** (Germany).

All these proposals must be confirmed by a vote in the Board of Directors as well as during the General Assembly.

News from the Standing Committees

R and D Committee

Shortly, a **rotator cuff tears treatment survey** will start amongst the members of our Society to evaluate the types of treatment performed today for this pathology in Europe .

Furthermore it was also decided that we will have **two research grants in 2010**, one for clinical research and one for basic research, both for the amount of EUR 25,000. For those who did not apply, please submit your application through the website or to Sylvie Noel (secec@wanadoo.fr).

In 2011 the **Didier Patte prize** will be awarded. Applications can be sent to the office till spring 2011.

Education Committee

Following the success of the two previous educational DVDs with technical videos on surgical procedures (sold at our booth in Madrid, but free for members), the third **DVD on Elbow Surgery** (both arthroscopic and open procedures) is in preparation and will be released in Lyon during our 2011 Congress.

This year we will host two fellows from **South Korea** and two from **Japan**. Starting next year, we will send our fellows during one trip to both South Korea and Japan, and from 2012 onwards we will host a combined fellowship from both countries.

The Societies of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery of both **New Zealand** and **Australia** sent a travelling fellow to Europe in 2009, and both Societies expressed a wish to create a reciprocal fellowship like the Japanese and Korean Societies. This is quite a challenge for our Society, and we have to find a solution in the future to satisfy our sister societies.

Membership Committee

This year we had a record number of applications, thanks to the activities of the committee and the easier mode of **application through the website**. Although there were some technical problems at the beginning with applications through our website, the system now works well. It is important to follow all the steps in the procedure. Many applications are still pending because they lack one of the necessary documents. If a new member has any problems with his/her application, please contact Sylvie Noel.

Eastern Europe Support Committee

Last year **three courses** were organized under the patronage of the EESC, with input from local and foreign faculty. They were a great success and reached many surgeons from Eastern Europe. Initiatives for new courses in this part of Europe are greatly encouraged.

Finances

Our Society is in a reasonable financial state at the moment, thanks to the efforts of our treasurer for the past years, **Frank Golhke**. Of our budget, we spend about **40%** on **Educational and Research** activities, about **10%** on the website and the remaining expenses are for our **office and travel expenses**. These latter expenses have been greatly reduced during the last two years, mainly by initiating telephone conferences of the Executive Committee and the other Committees. Nevertheless it should be our goal to extend the budget for Educational and Research activities. With the expansion of the activities of our Office Director, Sylvie Noel, and the improvement of the website, both of which are very necessary activities for our Society, it will be a challenge for us to meet our basic goals in the future.

Conclusion

As President of our Society I have travelled to many countries in Europe during the past two years and participated in courses and congresses organized either by National Societies or by individual members of the SECEC, from Scandinavia (where they have now started a combined meeting of the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian Shoulder and Elbow Societies) to Turkey.

I have been very impressed by the activities going on in Europe in the area of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery. A great deal of basic and clinical research is going on in many countries. Not only has the SECEC the important task of being a podium through which members can present their research activities, it also forms a basis from which research activities can be initiated and coordinated. No doubt in the near future we will make more of our scientific activities known via a web-based journal!

The **SECEC is a very lively society**, growing and attracting young members. As long as we offer the whole spectrum in Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, from basic research, diagnostics, and all treatment modalities, including open and arthroscopic procedures, we will continue to be the leading Society in this orthopaedic specialty in Europe.

I wish you all a nice summer holiday and hope to meet you in Edinburgh for both SECEC and ICSES meetings!



Jaap Willems,
President SECEC