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Presidential Newsletter

Alessandro Castagna, President

Dear Member,

The honour to be President of the SECEC/ESSSE for the next two years is assigned to my person and I feel extremely proud of leading our Society, which is one of the most prominent in the world in the field of shoulder and elbow surgery. I am receiving a legacy that is a big treasure to be preserved and increased. "We are here to serve" is the motto I want to honour in the next two years along with my co-workers involved in the Executive Committee and sub-Committees.

This year we celebrate the 25th anniversary of SECEC. The Society has grown enormously since its foundation thanks to the dedication, passion and competence of the founders and their heirs.

Pascal Boileau left his Presidency after a biennium of intense activity and two successful Congresses. The one in Lyon hosted and organized by Gilles Walch in 2011 and the other one in 2012 in Dubrovnik by Nikola Cicak as local Congress President.

The appreciation to these men is arising spontaneously from the SECEC members but it is not limited within the European borders.

The participants in the Dubrovnik Congress received a commemorative book where, among other sections, the Presidents of the transcontinental "sister Societies" wished a warm Happy Birthday to SECEC and briefly described the solid relationships they developed through the years with exchanges of knowledge, experience and organizing travelling fellowships.

This fact demonstrates that the world-wide network of shoulder and elbow surgeons is alive and SECEC highly considered, as a result of over two decades of intense work and dedication of all the previous Members who devoted their time and experience to the Society growth.

As already mentioned, the Dubrovnik Congress organized by Nikola Cicak has just finished: another great success in terms of participants, scientific quality and international links. Nikola has the gratitude of all of us for his enthusiasm and commitment, supported by the help of the PCO Torres-Pardo and the "evergreen experience" of Sylvie Noel. We need to take these examples to proceed with innovative projects and solid programs.

During the General Assembly in Dubrovnik the Committee Chairmen reported their work done, what is in the next plans and defining the area of competence.

Bernhard Jost,

Chairman of the Website Committee

Bo Olsen,

Chairman of the Membership

Committee

Andy Carr,

Chairman of the R&D Committee for several years has been replaced by **Luc**

Favard

Laurent Lafosse,

Chairman of the Education Committee

Mehmet Demirhan,

Chairman of the Eastern Europe Support Committee

Juan Bruguera,

Chairman of the Program Committee

Simon Lambert,

Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee, who has worked a lot for this new committee, has been replaced by **Marco**

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Ulrich Brunner,

Chairman of the newly created Qualification Committee

Ernst Wiedemann as Treasurer

Furthermore the new "National Societies Corner" was implemented in



December 2012

the Dubrovnik congress with a successful section that, for sure, will rise in the next edition. This is an excellent way to involve more and more the National Societies of Europe in the life and activity of SECEC.

As you see a lot of work has been done and still a lot must be done for a future of growth.

The Executive Committee is supporting the ICSES that will take place in Nagoya in April 2013. As usual this very big event will gather the most famous shoulder and elbow surgeons in the world.

The next SECEC Congress will be in Istanbul, on the 17th – 20th September 2014, where Mehmet Demirhan is already working for another high quality and successful event.

The Executive Committee has also selected Milan for the 2015 Congress venue. In that year, Milan will host the World Expo and it should be a perfect time for matching science and a little leisure. Some Members were regretting not having the opportunity to directly select during the Assembly the venue of the next Congress. I must remind that during the Presidency of Jaap Willems the General Assembly approved a change of the by-laws giving to the Executive Committee the charge of pre-selecting the Congress location in order to avoid emotional choices, not always in line with some organizing requirements that must be considered.

About the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, we must acknowledge the ride but the very important work that Frank Gohlke is doing as Deputy International Editor. He reported during the Assembly the impressive raise of the IF of the Journal. During the last two SECEC Congresses he organized a luncheon to gather the Reviewers and to thank them for the work they are doing and to discuss the problems to be solved and possible improvements. We are grateful for all of that.

Feedback from the entire Community of Members must be kept in the highest consideration. This is why one of our first decisions was to submit an online consultation about the location of the next SECEC Closed Meeting after many "complaints" we received for the originally designated Nagoya (Japan), in coincidence with the ICSES Meeting planned in April 2013. We asked a "Member's Opinion" on internet offering the option between Madrid (September 2013, after the SECEC Elbow Course) and Nagoya. The greater majority of the response was in favour of the Madrid destination that is now finally approved also by the Executive Committee after the online survey. The Closed Meeting will start on September 21. just after the 1st SECEC Elbow course chaired by S. Antuna.

It is the first time that this kind of method was used but I personally found it very efficient and practical.

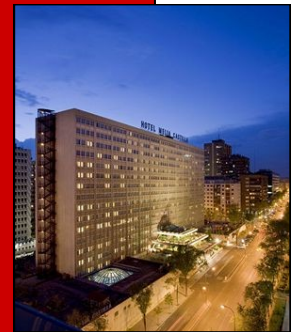
Direct information is important to keep Members updated regarding different aspects of our Society. We will keep you updated of the evolution of the works in progress with a quarterly letter with the support of Juan Bruguera, our tireless General Secretary.

Nevertheless all the suggestions, ideas and proposals are welcome from our Members and will be well received as a relevant contribution to the improvement of the Society efficiency and efficacy.

I take this opportunity also on behalf of the entire SECEC Executive Committee to wish you and your families very happy holidays.

Save the date

*SECEC/ESSSE
Closed Meeting
in Madrid
Hotel
Melia Castilla*



*September 21.—22.,
2013*

