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Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Members of SECEC/ESSSE,

Prof. Mehmet Demirhan had been proclaimed as President Elect of the Société Européenne pour la Chirurgie de l'Epaule et du Coude (SECEC) at the recent congress held in Berlin, 13-16 September, with an attendance of 1572 participants from 59 countries. Dr. Demirhan took over the Presidency from Dr. Roger Emery, during the 28th SECEC-ESSSE Congress held in Geneva.

Demirhan expressed gratitude and honour which has been given by a very distinguished community, and his enthusiasm for his new role in the society which he has been serving since 2010.

Mehmet Demirhan was Turkey's second national delegate and served as an Executive Committee member from 2010 until 2014 when he successfully administered the 24th congress of SECEC held in Istanbul.



Dr. Demirhan started his residency in 1986 at Istanbul University. Two years later he was granted a Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Scholarship and continued his residency at Heidelberg University. Dr. Demirhan's devotion to shoulder and elbow surgery dates back to the time he spent in Germany, where he contemplated the superb work of Professor Horst Cotta in Heidelberg University. He also had the privilege to attend Professor Harland's and Professor Headman's shoulder ultrasonography courses.

After having completed the residency program he returned to Turkey in 1990, he continued his studies as a consultant at Istanbul University. In 1994, he travelled back to the United States, where he mastered the proficient work of Freddy Fu at the University of Pittsburgh, Sport Medicine Department as a research fellow. At this institution he became acquainted with Dr. JP Warner, where he extended his knowledge in the surgical treatment of shoulder and elbow disorders. He notes that this was a life-changing experience enhancing his whole career. In 1995 he returned to Turkey where he subsequently became an associate professor in 1996. Dr. Demirhan was entitled as professor of orthopaedics and traumatology in 2002.

Dr. Demirhan joined the Mayo Elbow Club in 2002, where he regularly participated and extended his experience and knowledge through the meticulous work of Dr. Bernard Morrey, Dr. Robert H. Cofield and Dr. Shawn O'Driscoll.

As a prominent Professor of orthopaedic Surgery in the department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at one of the most ancient universities of the world, namely Istanbul University, Dr Demirhan has made an outstanding contribution to the constitution and development of the shoulder and elbow unit.

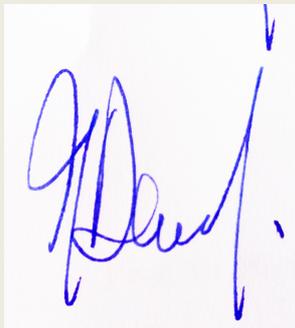
Dr. Demirhan was recently elected to the presidency of the Turkish Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, as well as a senior member of the Turkish Society of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, where he has instructed many young shoulder and elbow surgeons with noticeable diligence. Emphasizing the significance of the education for him, he presently continues his contributions to the improvement of young surgeons' education as the founder chairman of Turkish Board of Orthopaedics and Traumatology.

'Methodological Development' will be the principle during Dr. Demirhan's Presidency. The realization of the SECEC Strategic Plan is the main objective of his term. Dr. Demirhan emphasizes the importance as well as the convenience of written directives for each and every official action of our society and has already convened task forces for this purpose.

Education of young surgeons and the fulfilment of SECEC Certification is one of the priorities of SECEC's new president. Subsequent to the realization of SECEC Curriculum and Syllabus by the qualification committee, SECEC will establish an accreditation program including a board exam and certification. SECEC will focus on young surgeons during Dr. Demirhan's presidency. During the forthcoming term, young members would not only be represented at a wider platform, but also their needs and expectations will be addressed at a higher priority by our organisation. A breakthrough will be unveiled in the way that SECEC educates its young members, through the board exam, the SECEC certificate and expanding fellowship programs. Dr. Demirhan proclaims that the instructional opportunities provided by SECEC will abide by its principles namely equity, accessibility and affordability.

As a conclusion to his statement, Dr. Demirhan calls out to all the members of SECEC to increase the communication. He asserts that SECEC will be more conversational than ever in the course of the two forthcoming years, and more platforms will be established in order to keep members, committees and delegates in contact with each other and increase the data stream within the society.

Dr. Demirhan wishes the best for all the members of our society hoping to meet them next year at the Closed Meeting in Copenhagen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Demirhan', with a small arrow pointing upwards at the end of the signature.