

Dear Members.

I hope this update finds you well.

The Executive Committee met this winter in Paris to deliberate on ongoing projects, but more importantly, to work collectively on a new strategic plan (mission and vision) for the period 2024-2027. The previous plan, brilliantly orchestrated by our former President, Mehmet Demirhan, had started in 2020 and concluded in 2023 with the appointment of an Executive Director and the establishment of the SECEC Office, now staffed with two dedicated professionals managing the association's projects.

Three main areas of focus came out of our discussions:

- Community
- Education
- Research

The association mission statement has also been refined to encapsulate our commitment within a dynamic landscape:

"Our shoulder and elbow community promotes scientific cooperation and education in a stimulating, challenging, and independent environment."

Furthermore, our vision for each area was defined as follows:

Education - SECEC aims to lead professional development by:

- providing high level up-to-date scientific content to shoulder and elbow practitioners
- encouraging unbiased practice in order to improve daily care

Community - SECEC provides an inclusive platform to shoulder and elbow professionals to:

- share passion and experiences
- collaborate and debate in an honest and friendly environment

Research - SECEC facilitates international scientific knowledge exchange and collaboration by providing:

- financial, technical and logistical support
- network opportunities for multicentric studies

The Executive Committee and the SECEC Office now bear the responsibility of ensuring that projects are aligned with these new objectives. To this end, several changes, both minor and significant, will be implemented in the coming months. You may notice some changes on the website and on our social media where we are more and more active.

We are thrilled to witness a growing number of members, particularly junior members, joining our community. I encourage you to spread the word about **SECEC** membership within your circles. Being a SECEC member grants access to exclusive content and numerous benefits, including a highly advantageous rate for our annual congress, taking place in Munich from September 4th to 6th.

We have received a record number of abstracts for this unmissable event for shoulder and elbow professionals. The scientific programme is nearing completion and will soon be available online. Remember, you have until June 15th to take advantage of the preferential rates. Don't wait to register online!

Dear members, I am honored to lead the association during this exciting period, with so many things going on, particularly in terms of education. I am delighted that we are now able to offer monthly activities to members, so stay informed about upcoming events via our social media and don't hesitate to participate in all of it. Your dedication and commitment to our profession is what makes SECEC the reference point for shoulder and elbow colleagues around the world.

I look forward to seeing you in Munich!

With warm regards,

Philippe Collin

SECEC President