Letter from the President

Dear Member of EHS, dear Colleague

After my first year as President of our Society I would like to bring you up to date on what has been happening. It has been a year rich in activities and more are planned for the future.

First of all welcome to the new members coming from the different countries that are now part of the EHS. Other submitted applications are waiting to be evaluated by our next General Assembly. I hope you will actively promote the activities of our society and provide a scientific contribution to our meetings.

The Ex-Com has done a great job. New committees have been established or are being formed (Scientific, Educational, Website, Historical). The problems of bank account and of fee collecting are finally solved. We have a new Secretary, Mrs Angelika Sprenger, located in Innsbruck, who can be contacted for every need regarding the Society (e-mail address: angelika.sprenger@uki.at). We thank Mrs. Renate Fechter for her past contribution.

The new website of EHS is active (www.european-hip-society.org) where you can find updated news regarding the Society’s activities, future events and useful links. It is the first time that we have had an official and independent website.

The conjoint Meeting with the European Bone and Joint Infection Society organised in Copenhagen last June during the EFORT Congress was a success, both in attendance and in the high standard of the scientific content. The experience of collaboration and of covering three different sessions was unique and could be repeated in future with other speciality societies.

Future events

After the successful experience of the Combined EFORT-EHS Advanced Instructional Course held in Milan in 2009, another is scheduled for next year in Athens (20-21 April 2012). It will be an EFORT ExMex IC combined again with EHS and the local organiser, our Past President George Macheras, has put together an excellent programme with lectures and live surgery.

During the next EFORT meeting in Berlin (23-26 May 2012) our Society will organise a special session on “Conservative Treatment of Osteoarthritis of the Hip”. Martin Krismer has prepared a very interesting programme on this topic, which must be addressed by our Society. Details about exact date, time and room will be available soon.

You can get more information regarding these events and an update on future activities by visiting our website.

Next year the main event for us will be, of course, our EHS meeting in Milan, celebrating our 10th Congress. It will be held at the Milan Marriott Hotel from 20-22 September, 2012. Abstracts submission is now open on the Congress website (www.ehs2012.org). All of you are invited to submit abstracts both for oral presentation and for e-poster. The contribution of each member is essential for a high quality scientific
programme. The deadline is 31 March 2012. The two best presentations in “Scientific contents” and “Inno-
vation”, after due evaluation by the Scientific Committee, will receive an award granted by Hip International respectively of 1.500 € and 1.000 €. The awarded abstracts will be published as full original article/review in a forthcoming issue of Hip International. All selected abstracts will be included in a regular issue of Hip International available at the Congress.

Future activities, particularly in the field of education, will be promoted by EHS and you will be informed of these soon. Every suggestion and contribution from the members is of course very welcome.

Looking forward to meeting you soon. I wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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