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Message from the **PRESIDENT**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It has been six months since our last newsletter when I outlined the five pillars of my Presidency in the years 2024-2026 including:

- Investment in our trainees
- Visibility of the Association through social media
- Research and education
- Equal gender representation
- Congress preparation

I am happy to report that by the time you read these lines, the very first Trainee EACMFS Conference would have been held in Naples with the gracious help and support of the Italian Association for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Equally, I am sure that the Congress highlights will have become widely known through the various EACMFS social media platforms. Social media plays a key role today and is an area which I am very keen to support including short snap messages thus maintaining the ongoing interaction between the Executive Committee and the membership. Keep connected on Instagram, X, and YouTube and visit our dedicated educational platform – Maxflix!

Research and education are at the heart of EACMFS, and I would like to cordially invite all members, from residents to senior colleagues, to contribute by sharing ideas and experiences in 'hot topics' of our speciality. I am very keen for our Association to produce position papers which will give hallmarks of opinion in contested subjects, thus contributing to the wealth of knowledge related to oral and maxillofacial surgery. This 'bottom-up' approach will enhance harmonisation of the specialty across Europe whilst, in parallel, solidifying the EACMFS as an opinion leader in OMFS globally. A systematic analysis by one of our JTUS members on "early signs in head and neck sarcomas" is currently under vigorous validation and hopefully will become part of our maxillofacial/head and neck literature on a topic in which research has usually been dominated by other specialities.

Preparations for the 28th EACMFS Congress in Athens in September next year are well advanced with invitations for the keynote speakers already underway. I am delighted to report that renowned international experts covering a broad spectrum of our specialty have already accepted our call. I am certain that

the 28th Congress will be a memorable event combining the most up to date knowledge in all facets of OMFS in the idyllic environment of the Athens centre! More details on speakers and topics will be provided via our social media announcements, but in the meantime please save the dates -15-18 September 2026.

My pledge for equal gender representation remains high and will be reflected in the scientific programme of the Congress. This is not the reflection of a need for proportional gender representation but a factual reality representing the most dynamic part of our workforce currently: Women in OMFS. I have no doubt that under the dynamic leadership of the scientific committee spearheaded by our former President, Professor Klaus Wolff, with the wonderful support of the BAOMS President, Professor Kathy Fan, and the Deputy Editor in Chief, Professor Leo Vassiliou, equal gender representation will be prominent in the scientific programme. In that respect, I am heavily indebted to all three of them for their leadership, planning and hard work for the success of our forthcoming Congress.

Finally, I am grateful to all EACMFS members for their continuing support and sincerely welcome your ideas or specific requests to steer future developments within our organisation. This is your Association, and I therefore very much encourage engagement from all our members. Your support in the dissemination of EACMFS news and information through your National Fora would also be greatly appreciated.

Our Speciality and our Association is stronger through our teamwork!

.....And as it has been reflected in our moto:

"From Foundation to Innovation:
Harnessing our (joint) Surgical Future!"

I look forward to seeing you in Athens next year if not before !

Kind regards