Dear Friends and Colleagues,

2020 will be an important year. It is not only the opening of a new decade; it is also the year that EACMFS celebrates her 50th Anniversary with the XXV Congress in Paris! It is also the year of changes in our Executive Board!

I will start by mentioning and thanking our distinguished Treasurer, Prof Joachim Obwegeser, our Educational Officer, Prof Manlio Galie and our Media Officer, Mr Ash Gulati for their dedication and contributions to the Executive Committee, as they are now stepping down having served their 6 year tenure.

On top of those three posts there are the Executive Advisor posts which will also become available. These two posts are currently held by Prof F Hoelzle and Dr R Martin-Granizo and have an increasingly significant role as they represent the link between the Executive and the members – ideally through a regional/geographic representation.

These posts on the Executive Committee are open to all Active EACMFS members so please consider yourselves for any of the above!

In addition, the Councillors and the Executive of EACMFS will select in Paris our new President for the years 2024-2026.

There are also several other changes that you will gradually notice happening within EACMFS: It is our collective belief that our European Association should be the leading scientific and educational body in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery not only in our continent but way further afield. This is manifested indeed in the number of colleagues world-wide that wish to join the ranks of our Association.

Therefore, we plan to energise our Foundation side by side with our new Educational Officer facilitating his/her existing and new projects mainly in areas of need in our continent.

On the scientific front we would also like to see the EACMFS as the leading light in our field by providing the platform for guidelines and consensus statements/papers in specific areas of interest in our specialty thus attempting to harmonise clinical practice across Europe. To that end we are setting up working groups with choice of specific topics supported by our Editor in Chief Prof Emeka Nkenke.

See you All in Paris!

Best wishes for a very successful 2020!

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Secretary General