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Editorial

From the President of EFAS



Dear colleagues, dear friends

In October 2018, I became the president of the largest foot and ankle community (more than 4000 members), and I am feeling really in tune with this position as I came prepared since many years: council member, then Honorary secretary and at the end president-elected, with numerous and various actions through different committees as such as Education, Membership, Media.

I measure the trust that I am given by the whole EFAS community, and I am honored and proud of this recognition, so excited to face and address all the challenges ahead! I feel confident for the next two years of my presidency because I am supported by a strong, experienced and very active council, combined to a powerful secretary as MCI. Everything is ready to stimulate the emulation within the council for the magnitude of EFAS!

My plans to steer EFAS in the next years will be as follows, with continuity and improvement of the previous one:

- **Education, will remain my priority**, to increase the teaching and scientific research to treat our patients better.
 - o Effective fellowship platform section will be built-up including long-term fellow-ship positions, travelling fellowship, research fellowship programs granted by EFAS.
 - o Re-design of the content of the courses with more specimen courses all over Europe.
 - o Update of the Educational contents on the new website due to a strong cooperation between committees (Media, Education, Scientific and Specimen) with a special focus on a e-learning programme correlated to the certification.
 - o Development of a certification programme including attendance to Instructional basic and advanced courses, specimen courses, annual meeting and the current certification exam.

o Increase of the numbers of papers published in the Journal of Foot Surgery: more pages per issue then more issues per year (8 planned in 2020). This will mean less time to wait to be published, more visibility of our works and better impact factor for the future.

- **Improvement of communication** to increase the relationship between EFAS and its members: renewal of the website (new topics as a Fellowship platform, a “National Society” corner . . .), extended patronage, recurrent mailings, newsletters, social networks as Facebook, Twitter.

EFAS, the foot addict Family, is your society and we need you all!

- **Increase and re-inforcement of the links with other international societies**, pre-existing one as those with EFORT or IFFAS but also new one as those with Ankle Instability Group(AIG) or invited nations in our upcoming meetings (Australian Society for EFAS France 2020).
- **Development and improvement of the partnership with MCI**, to achieve the implementation of a perfect team efficient to cover all the needs of EFAS (communication, membership, sponsorship, courses, meetings . . .)

The tasks are numerous and the projects in progress ambitious, but we are ready to do so with a council full of positive energy . . . and EFAS and all its members are worth it!

I hope to meet all of you in the next weeks for an EFAS meeting.

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