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Dear fellow EADMFR-members.

As I write this winter has closed its grip on Luleå and we enjoy the white freshness of snow covered surroundings. The snow softens the ambient noise and soothes restless minds as the nature prepares for its winter sleep.

As radiologist and EADMFR-president winter sleep is however a benefit not included in the terms of existence and the office here at Sunderby Hospital is as busy as ever. Busy are also the members of the Turkish Local Organising Committee (LOC) preparing for the XII:th European congress on DMFR in Istanbul on June 2-5:th next year. Three weeks ago I had the pleasure to visit Istanbul and the LOC together with the chairman of the congress committee Laetitia Brocklebank and the secretary Paul Van der Stelt. We were impressed with what was demonstrated by the LOC in terms of preparations for the congress. The venue will take place at the Sheraton Maslak and the venue-site is well suited for the congress. The LOC and their collaborators radiate professionalism and I rest assured that the congress will run smoothly. Istanbul is a metropolis that leaves no visitor unaffected and it is hard to describe it in a few words. If I had to - I think "friendliness" is the word that first comes to my mind. You will have to see for yourself when we all meet there in June next year!

Previously in June this year many of us met at the ICDMFR in Amsterdam, impeccably run by our Dutch colleagues. They had even ordered the best summer weather for the event and the congress was successful in all ways. It can also be noted that the hosting of the 2013 ICDMFR after an exciting ballot went to Bergen, Norway in Competition with Athens, Greece and Santiago, Chile.

In Amsterdam we also had an executive committee meeting in which also central council members were invited to sit in, as has become tradition. It was a meeting with many items on the agenda that had to be discussed in a limited time. Among the decisions made, the following can be noted:

- **Danisia Haba** was elected Assistant treasurer and **Dirk Schulze** Assistant Secretary. Both elections were unanimous and it is with pleasure we welcome them aboard.
- There has been a need for a more translucent way of introducing new officers to be elected. It was thus proposed and decided to appoint a nominating committee ad-hoc. The task of the committee is to nominate candidates for the positions as officers at the Istanbul meeting. It was also decided that the committee should be chaired by the immediate Past President **Kostas Tsiklakis**. As the other two representatives **Eric Whaites** from U.K. and **Björn "Bamse" Mork-Knutsen** from Norway were elected. If this way of nominating candidates for the positions as officers turns out successful we may have to amend the constitution to have a new nominating committee elected by the general assembly at each congress.
- A lengthy discussion was held concerning the topics "fundraising" and "journal cooperation". Both items are linked as journal affiliation demands economic muscle. I have together with the Vice-president Reinhilde Jacobs investigated this topic and it was concluded that the economic status of the academy currently doesn't allow full journal affiliation. The ambition to seek journal cooperation in the future however still stands. It is also clear that the current way of fundraising in the academy is inefficient and cumbersome. It was decided that a taskforce consisting of the Vice-President and the finance committee with the support of LOCs shall draw up and circulate proposals for the future fundraising to be taken forward at the Istanbul meeting.

- The research award guidelines were endorsed and travel grant guidelines were discussed. The latter has now also been completed and endorsed and can be viewed at the official congress website: <http://www.eadmfr2010.org/> Many thanks to Kaan Orhan and the R&S committee who has worked hard to produce these guidelines in a short time.
- The education committee has proposed that the academy provides CPD-courses for EADMFR-members as well as CPD-courses for general practitioners, both courses to be held by EADMFR-members. There was general support within the executive committee for such courses and it was agreed that the EADMFR can underwrite the costs of such courses but that the courses should aim to be self-financing.

As you can see there is much going on in the academy although everything is not so evident on the outside. The academy webpage could be an efficient instrument to circulate and spread information within the academy and I believe that Dirk Schulze's experience in webdesign may prove beneficial. He and Paul Van der Stelt have indeed already begun a process aimed at expanding and improving the role of the academy website.

Looking out my window I can see Christmas decorations already being put up in the shops. It seems a strange thing and very far from the gentle summer breeze we so recently encountered outside the blue Mosque in Istanbul. It is indeed a vast and multifarious continent in which we live. As much as we in our professional life often strive for standardisation I believe that the cultural heterogeneity and multiethnicity of Europe is our strongest asset. This should be reflected as multiculturalism also in the academy when we elect new chairmen and officers. It is in the tension between different elements, as well in chemistry as in human life, that reactions are catalysed and progress is made. Let us together make sure that all part of Europe are invited and gets to influence the future of our academy.

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