

## **EAMS president's Report 2010.**



Dear EAMS members, Dear Friends

Since we last met at the General Assembly in Milan, a lot occurred in the world of our beloved EAMS. I'll try to keep you updated and hope this annual report will promote a fruitful interaction and helpful participation during our next General Assembly in Helsinki.

### **EAMS and ESA**

As you remember, our Past President John Henderson conducted the discussions with the European authorities that fixed the relations between EAMS and ESA. This very positive negotiations ended with the inclusion of the EAMS as a full Subcommittee, the SC 19 of the ESA. Nevertheless, the EAMS remains a independent specific and self conducting entity with its own membership and Council. It is involved independently in its own activities as well as in participating to airway meetings in various countries in and outside Europe.

Based on these excellent premises, new developments are now to be discussed. The new ESA President, Paolo Pelosi, kindly proposed us to become a Specialist Society in the frame of the ESA. Please see below his message dated from April 22 2010:

The ESA has always appreciated the collaboration with EAMS and when the subcommittee 19 on airway management was set up, the ESA President Sir Peter Simpson announced the future creation of the Specialist Society Membership.

With this Specialist Society Membership existing since 1/1/2010 the Specialist Societies can become an ESA Society member and be officially recognized and participate in the committees as Society. A representative of the Society member can sit ex-officio on the respective subcommittee and is as such supporting the set up of the programme.

We would really welcome the EAMS to become a Specialist Society member of the ESA and we would even more appreciate our continuous and positive collaboration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me further for any queries or clarifications,

Best wishes,

Paolo Pelosi

ESA President

In short, the EAMS could become an ESA Specialist Society Member. This is not for free and would imply a significant fee from the EAMS to the ESA. Of course this decision has to be discussed and your feedback is kindly requested. You will find this question in the agenda of our 2010 General Assembly.

### **2009 Meeting in Milan.**

As usual at the Euroanesthesia, EAMS – Sub-Committee 19 participated actively in the scientific program, according to the schedule fixed during the Board meetings. The Society presented very well attended refresher courses, symposia and workshops on Airway Management. EAMS officers also acted as chairpersons and moderators at different free paper sessions.

The 2009 Council Meeting provided a good occasion to share the different airway tasks accomplished in the different countries and to plan for future involvements of the EAMS in educational projects.

Our EAMS dinner was sponsored by the Ambu Company and I would extend my grateful appreciation for this. We were honoured by the presence of Jennie Hunter and Joachim Priebe.

### **2009 - 2010 special activities.**

Within the frame of the ESA , Flavia Petrini, Markus Weiss and myself were again in charge of reviewing the Airway related abstracts, for the Helsinki Annual Meeting. This hard work was done in due time and at the satisfaction of the ESA Officers despite a central computer problem in Brussels.

The EAMS – SC 19 also prepared a template for the 2011 Meeting schedule in Amsterdam. This template was presented at the official ESA Scientific Program Meeting in Brussels in March 2010. Some adjustments still need to be done but the bulk of the work is done and was accepted by the ESA Scientific Committee. One particular mention is that for the first time we will have a common session with SC 17 on patient safety, chaired by Sven Staender.

The EAMS supported many medical meetings and members of the Society gave lectures and conducted workshops devoted to airway management in many countries.

Other meetings where the EAMS President was active include the ASA annual meeting in New Orleans where the EAMS was well represented during the 2 days workshop, the ESAM in Cairo, the SMART Meeting in Milan, the TSAR Meeting in Hammamet, the SIVA Winter Meeting in Crans Montana, the Airway Meeting in Ismir, Turkey, organized by Kamil Toker, the JLAR Meeting in Lille , the JAMU Airway Workshop in Strasbourg, and the European Courses of Anaesthesia in Kosice, and in Bischenberg, all with lectures and workshops.

In March 2010, the EAMS organized again the Airway Management Workshop of the ISICEM Meeting in Brussels. This session was very successful and was supported by KarlStorz and Covidien Companies. We are already asked to chair the 2011 workshop at the same meeting.

The 2009-2010 summary of activities looks very rich and represents 1) the quality of the EAMS presentations since the demands are always increasing and 2) the efforts of the members who agreed to gift their family time and their good will in order to promote the EAMS ideas of excellence in airway management.

### **The EAMS Board Meeting**

The EAMS Board Meeting took place in Strasbourg on September 04 2009. As you remember the transfer of the location of the Society in Strasbourg took place in 2008. The registration at the Strasbourg Court is acted but we still have some legal issue with the German rules. Ulrich Braun asked us to sign some more papers and to provide a notary certified document. All this is now in progress and we will keep you updated. Conversely, the location of the bank account does not change. It stays in Zurich and this is really convenient since the past and present treasurers live in that city. In this matter, I would like to express a special appreciation to Markus Weiss who did a wonderful job as a treasurer. He kept our account in clear visibility and provided a very useful list of our members. Markus decided to give up his position in June 2010 and we hope that Peter Biro will accept to play again the role of treasurer in the next Board team.

The EAMS is now fully involved in the participation in the ESA Guidelines Task Force.

We also agreed on the creation of a "Research Coordinator" in the EAMS Board in order to try to organize common multicenter projects in the field of Airway Management.

Our website deserves a new Webmaster. Adrian Pearce kindly accepted to act as the Webmaster for EAMS, until another good Webmaster becomes ready to take over this important task. This is not yet completely clear and we may try to hire a professional team, upon a cost evaluation.

#### **The ESA-EAMS Airway Management Workshop: New format.**

Thanks to Flavia and John, we will have our second airway management workshop at the ESA meeting in Helsinki. Please go to the website of the ESA and check for the SC 19 program. You will see how exciting it looks with a real effort towards a new look at the airway management and its problems. Yes indeed, the Refresher Courses and the other Conferences will address the hottest topics in the field and try to share new ideas but our very special signature will be at the workshop. The new format of the workshop takes into account a new distinction between the advanced and the basic skills in airway management. This new format required a tremendous amount of organization work and the good will of numerous very experienced tutors. I would give a very special mention to John Henderson and Flavia Petrini who did give their energy to build this extraordinary organization.

I trust the next EAMS Board will launch new exciting projects and proudly continue the venture of our beloved Society.

#### **EAMS New Board.**

After the 2 years tenure as EAMS President, it is now time for me to welcome the former President Elect Flavia Petrini as the new President of the EAMS. As you know Flavia has worked since years as an officer at the EAMS Board and is currently in charge of the Secretariat. This change is in fact the continuity of the life of our Society as planned already years ago. The new President will be assisted by a new Board consisting of a President Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The General Assembly will have to approve the proposition of the EAMS Council for the new Board and your National Deputies will prepare this proposition during the Council Meeting.

Dear EAMS Members, Dear Friends, thank you for the outstanding experience you allowed me to live as your President, for the extraordinary support you all provided, and for this unbelievable enthusiasm you showed, always keeping in mind that our common goal is the better care for our patients. In the same spirit, I wish all the best to Flavia and her new team, being sure the EAMS is in good hands.

Truly Yours,

Pierre Diemunsch,

EAMS 2008-2010 President.

