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To all members and friends
of the European Society of Microcirculation

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Dear colleagues and friends of the European Society of Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation,

This is my second letter as President of the ESCHM, the first one having been dictated by sad contingencies. Some of the text below had been prepared already in July, after the renewal of the Council of the Society, and then postponed. As you know, it will be an undeserved privilege for me to serve as the new President, which I commit to honour with work, honesty and dedication. In this task, I have the fortune to be supported by three excellent Vice-Presidents: Prof. Reinhart, Prof. Toth, and Dr. Brun. Their intelligence, sensibility and commitment is a true fortune for the Society (and myself).

There are several news that I would like to share with you, along with my best seasonal wishes. The beginning of the year is the time of resolutions, and the first one I give myself, is to try and intensify our efforts to cooperate with other Societies. This is, I believe, the first priority if we want our Society to prosper. Long-term, my hope is to establish a true continuous cooperation, and promote regular joint symposia, publications and maybe also meetings. I would like to invite all of you, particularly the young ones, to forward any suggestion in this direction.

The second resolution is to invest energy in attracting new scientists while respecting our traditions. The website is a potent tool for this task, and I have slowly started making some changes to update it. The process is now taking some momentum, more is to come in the very next days. Hopefully this is the last email of the President of the Society being sent from a private address. Two important points: I am also trying to organize a mailing list: I would be very grateful if the Presidents of the National Societies could forward to me their national mailing lists, when available. Second, I have updated the list of the country delegates to the Advisory Committee; for some countries, however, it still needs revision. Please forward to me any change that need to be done. You will find it under <http://www.eschm.unisi.it/> and then „members“ on the left panel.

There is also a few conferences that I would like to highlight:

- Dr. Efstathios Kaliviotis has signaled that the 4th Micro and Nano Flows Conference will take place at the University College London on 7-10 September 2014 (website: <http://www.mnf2014.com/org.htm>)

- The Joint Meeting 28th European Microcirculation Society and 8th European Vascular Biology Organization will take place in Pisa, Italy, in June 2015 (website <http://www.esmicrocirculation.eu/>). Prof. Koller, General Secretary of the ESM, spoke at our last Advisory Committee Meeting to encourage the

cooperation between our Societies, and Prof. Rossi, the current President of the ESM, is also a member of our Advisory Committee. I hope that the participation of our Society to the meeting will be substantial.

- The 1st Meeting of the Multinational Chapter "A multidisciplinary approach to cardiovascular diseases" of the International Union of Angiology will be held in Palermo, Italy, on 2-5 October 2014 under the chairmanship of Prof. Salvatore Novo. I was invited to co-chair a symposium organized with the ESM. Once again, I believe this type of inter-society cooperation to be strategically very important for the ESCHM.

- The World Congress for Microcirculation will be held at the International Conference Center, Kyoto, Japan on the 25-27 September, 2015. The ESCHM was invited to propose a symposium. Please let me know who of you would be interested in attending this meeting.

- The 15th International Congress of Biorheology and 8th International Conference on Clinical Hemorheology will take place in Seoul, Korea, in June 2015. Here too, I would be grateful if the ESCHM members who plan to participate could inform me.

- Most importantly, the next ESCHM meeting will take place in Lisbon in 2016. More on this below.

Further, I realized that our Society might profit from a new official logo. I would like to place a bid here: anyone who feels creative enough to design one, should just go ahead and submit it. The procedure for the selection of the "winner" will be decided by the Council, and there will be a prize.

Finally, two excellent news. A record of four cities have placed their bid to host the next meeting of the ESCHM, which, to avoid conflicts with other Society Meetings, will be held in 2016. After a long discussion and a vote, The Council decided that the Meeting will be hosted by the city of Lisbon under the Presidency of Prof Saldanha. I know that preparations are underway, and I have no doubt that this will be an excellent congress, like the one in Pecs.

There is a last, and most important, duty, which is to look back. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, whose judgement and leadership remains important. I am personally grateful to Professor Forconi, who led the Society (and my scientific career) for several years. Professor Jung has dedicated (and continues to dedicate) enormous energies to the Journal and the Society, and Professor Antonova has lead it in the last years in their path. I am in debt with all those persons, and with every single scientist and colleague in the Society.

With this, I would like to wish you all and your families a safe and productive 2014. I look forward to the next challenges with enthusiasm, commitment, and, to be sincere, some sense of inadequacy when I compare myself to my predecessors. If I make mistakes, please remember that my door is always open.

Yours sincerely,

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