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## ESHNR President's Newsletter 2011

Dear colleagues and friends

As my term of Presidency of our Society will soon be accomplished, I would like to summarise some of the important events and achievements of the ESHNR over the past three years.

The annual Meetings of 2008 in Geneva, 2009 in Verona, and 2010 in Vienna have confirmed the high scientific and educational level of the ESHNR faculty and provided evidence that our Society provides a key forum for original research in the field of Head and Neck Radiology. All meetings have been very successful and the number of participants has been very satisfactory. As a new feature, the *Prize for the Best Educational Poster*, first introduced in 2008, is now being awarded by our Society at the annual meetings. It has been a special honour and pleasure for myself to host one of these meetings and I will always remember the occasion to see so many of our members in Geneva.

Several innovations deserve to be mentioned as they may be considered keys to the future for our Subspecialty and our Society.

The *ESHNR Subspecialty Certificate*, based on the European examination in Head and Neck Radiology, held for the first time in Geneva in 2009, has signified a major step forward for our Subspecialty at a time in which several other radiologic subspecialties seek recognition under the roof of the European Society of Radiology. A clearly defined subspecialty training programme and an official diploma are important elements for the definition and the identity of any medical subspecialty, and ESHNR is now well positioned to play its role in the framework of the European Subspecialty Societies. Starting with this year, the ESHNR Subspecialty Certificate is endorsed by the ESR as the *European Diploma in Head and Neck Radiology*.

Over the past two years, the ESHNR has participated in the *European Fellowship exchange programme of the European School of Radiology (ESOR)*. Nine fellows from 8 countries have been able to visit some of the participating training centres in a variety of European Universities with specialised postgraduate programmes for Head and Neck Radiology.

A considerable number of postgraduate courses on head and neck radiology were organised by members of our Society and in 2012, an *Advanced Course on Head and Neck Imaging* will be introduced in the ESOR programme under the auspices of the ESHNR.

Developments throughout Europe have resulted in an increasing pressure for efficiency in our healthcare environment, thus decreasing the time that can be allotted by committee members to administrative tasks outside the daily local professional activities, and to delegate such activities to local secretarial staff. In order to ensure the success of our society in the future, the ESHNR must be able to rely on a professional organisation, just like most other European Subspecialty Societies. Therefore, the ESHNR executive committee has decided to *professionalise the organisation* of both the Society and the annual meetings by means of a contract transferring the organisation into the experienced hands of the *Education Congress Research GmbH*, organisers of the European Congress of Radiology, with its official domicile in Vienna, Austria.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a great note of thanks to all my colleagues and friends of the executive committee for their relentless support of our Society and to wish our incoming President, Martin Mack, success and satisfaction in his tasks during his term.

Kindly Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Becker', written in a cursive style.

Minerva Becker