



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Time runs fast and the midterm of my SECEC Presidency has been reached. Difficult times under the shadow of Covid forced us to work online after I took over. During those days I felt I had three objectives to fulfil: one order, one opportunity and one challenge.

The order emerged from our mission as SECEC: start working on our society's strategic plan for 2020-22. Numerous on-line meetings with all SECEC Committees and with the whole ExCom have been held during this year, and productive measures have been taken accordingly.

The opportunity arose for online medical education. After suffering a long period of travelling restrictions; we all got used to webinars, online courses and many other different modalities of medical education. SECEC followed the path of online teaching, and several online events were scheduled by the Education, Junior and Health Care Delivery Committees.

Finally, we had to face a great challenge: should SECEC Poznan 2021 be scheduled as online, hybrid or face-to-face? In May we decided to schedule our 2021 annual meeting face-to-face. No more Zoom, no more Teams, no more screens between us. Only those with travelling restrictions due to the pandemic would be allowed to present on-line. Initially I was quite concerned about the outcome of this project, but the meeting was a real success in terms of scientific quality and attendance.

We can conclude that the three objectives were successfully accomplished; but now, it is time to keep on working. The kick-off meeting for Dublin2022 has just been held, committees are working, and a new ExCom meeting will be scheduled soon. This time, face-to-face in Madrid hopefully. We will keep you updated. Hope to see you soon,

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