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Milano, November 12th, 2018

NOVEMBER 2018 - LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am happy to renew my invitation to our 20th Annual Congress of the European Pediatric Surgeons Association, that will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, from 12th – 15th of June 2019.

We are very proud that the Annual Meeting will be hosted in such a beautiful, fascinating place located in the middle of Eastern Europe, in agreement with the particular attention that EUPSA has traditionally addressed to the Eastern Countries.

In 2019 the EUPSA Annual Meeting will be preceded by the Colorectal Club Meeting in order to offer to Delegates the opportunity to attend two important scientific events in the same place

We are very close to the opening of abstract submission opening date: this will **start on November 15th, 2018.**

The scientific program is already outlined and will involve the participation of outstanding international speakers in interesting and stimulating events.

On Wednesday, June 12th you will be welcomed by 4 Courses: Basic and Masterclass Laparoscopy Courses, Oncology Masterclass and Neonatal Course. In the following days, you will have the chance to take part into other Courses worthy of note such as the Vesico-Ureteral Reflux Course, the Postgraduate Course on "Reoperative surgery for esophageal atresia, Hirschsprung disease and Anorectal malformations", the "Friday Morning Course" and the "Preparation of a Manuscript Course".

The two "Meet the Expert" will cover topics of great importance such as the "Management of complicated appendicitis" and the "Surgical management of neurogenic bladder". For the first time we offer the opportunity to attend a new session on "Controversies and complications", in addition to Evidence and Guidelines Roundtable and Young Surgeons Group (GYPSE) Session.

I recommend you to follow the updates of the Scientific Program on our official website.

As I reported in the letter sent after the end of the Paris Congress, we are looking for a strategy to revive the financial situation of our Association. In the meantime we obtained a positive external audit for the balance 2017. This financial statement, according with the Swiss Law, cannot be published on the website, but every EUPSA Member can ask to consult it by requesting it to our Office.



As you already know, the financial condition of EUPSA still presents difficulties, related to the unexpected deficit of one of the previous conferences and the high costs of necessary financial management.

Nevertheless, there is a constant effort from the Executive Board and myself to find new income through further collaborations and grants and I believe better times will come.

I am sure that the Congress of Belgrade will be a success thanks to your participation and contribution, therefore I look forward to see you numerous because EUPSA cannot exist without your continuous support.

Looking forward to meeting you soon, I greet you with esteem and friendship

The EUPSA President
Giovanna Riccipetioni

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