



Membership Committee report

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Dear Colleagues,

The Membership committee currently consists of Markus Wambacher, Austria, John Feroussis, Greece, Christian Gerhardt, Germany, Giuseppe Sforza, United Kingdom and myself, Alexandre Lädermann, Switzerland. We have coordinated our work during the last year by regular E-mails and the committee will be holding a meeting in Geneva this Thursday, 20th September.

We focused our on evaluating all new applications and outlining problems and pitfalls in the application process. Further work is needed to facilitate this process as many applications are still incomplete. We are confident that applications will be easier with the new website. So far, all applicants with incomplete applications have been contacted by E-mail. As a result, some of the requested documents have been E-mailed directly to the chairman of the committee to facilitate for those applicants having uploading difficulties. Having the documents sent directly might be a temporary alternative pending the launch of the new website.

In order to increase new recruit, at the end of the year 2017, I wrote a letter to all national delegates and ask them to prospect for potential new members. I was hoping for 10 new applicants per country. Even if this number has definitely not been reach, I still would like to thank the national delegates as it seems that the number of new members has increased. In 2017, 43 new members were accepted while in 2018 59 potential new members joined (+27%). We count 42 ordinary, 7 associate, 6 junior, 2 affiliate and 2 corresponding. Nevertheless, many applications remain pending due to insufficient documentation or lack of required qualification to obtain the membership. We will continue to actively stimulate the applicants in order to have complete forms.

Again, we cannot stress enough the importance of networking. We encourage all national delegates and all members of our society to promote membership of SECEC/ESSSE to qualified colleagues, particularly young doctors being interested in the management of patients with shoulder and elbow disorders.

Alexandre Lädermann, Switzerland, Chairman