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Distinguished Members of Our Society,

This is a great pleasure to address you at this very splendid time of the year, on the happy occasion of Christmas and New Year's eve. A very productive year has been left behind and a considerable amount of task has been accomplished, but an even tighter schedule awaits us in 2019.

By the end of the first tier of the year we will welcome our new website. Website committee is working hard for launching

it as soon as possible besides for bringing forward a more attractive and user-friendly website for our members and followers.

At the end of the summer we will meet in our Closed Meeting and the Elbow Symposium in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Bo Olsen and the Program Committee has arranged a very attractive scientific content as well as an exciting social program. We are hoping to see you all at the most remarkable event of our society.

A new face appears on the board, Istvan Szabo from Hungary will chair the Eastern European Support Committee. He and his committee members has already began conducting new projects in order to prosper the shoulder and elbow surgery in Eastern European countries. Meantime, I would like to remind you that the applications to the Eastern European Fellowship Program will be closed by the end of the year.

As time is passing on, the experience of the seniors becomes more precious. Moreover SECEC has always been respectful to the efforts that has been accomplished in the past for bringing the society at the place



where it is now. Built on this motivation, we are glad to announce the establishment of the 'past president advisory council', an assembly composed of the past presidents of the society with a main objective of advising the executive committee on various agenda. The council will gather annually at an early breakfast during the congresses or closed meetings starting from Copenhagen.

The advises taken from the council will be accomplished with the energy of the youth. The new year will also witness to the creation of a brand new committee, consisted solely of the young surgeons. We are currently working on the definition and the possible tasks to be assigned to this committee which will be voted at the General Assembly in Copenhagen. I am sure that we will soon admire the inspiring work of the dynamic and enthusiastic young members of our society under the name of 'Junior Members Committee'.

Along with the new projects, we are planning to conclude very important and structural work on the platform of education. The Qualification Committee leaded by Markus Scheibel, will give the final shape to the SECEC Curriculum and it will be announced on the new website. The curriculum will constitute the foundation and we will built a very structured education system on this concrete basis. Presently, we are enlisting the centers where SECEC trainees will be instructed and providing qualification for these institutions.

We also intend to strengthen the institutional structure of our society. This is why we proposed the development of a strategic plan, based on the 'Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats Analyses' done by all the committee members. Along with that, we will define the concepts of 'Mission and Vision of SECEC' with the brilliant ideas of all our members.

As I stated at the beginning, we will be challenged with a very heavy agenda during the year 2019. With a complete faith in all our Committee Members, National Delegates and particularly in our Junior Members, I am sure that we will have a glorious 2019.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

