



Fellow Colleagues,

I address you in these uncertain times requesting the honor to serve a second term as Vice-President of EUSEM. When, I first presented my candidature 3 years ago, I mentioned 4 priorities that summed up my vision for EUSEM and E.M. in Europe. These are: Unity, Action, Exchange and Quality. I remain loyal to these ideas which have guided my decisions and actions as V-P. Our Unity was tested by COVID-19.

However, EM was present, united despite our diversity against this common enemy, managing numerous patients seeking care. For this we can be proud. An Action that I have lectured upon many times is the necessity to promote our specialty within our countries as within our hospitals, thus requiring an understanding of our medical systems and the legal underpinnings. I am on the Section & Board for EM at UEMS where I participate in a taskforce on working conditions in Europe. I advocate for the ProfCom's Leadership Pre-courses. During my first term, I encouraged Exchange by promoting the actions of national societies, convinced that the more solid they are, the stronger EUSEM will be. I actively support the SEEDMC (a EUSEM congress).

Montenegro honored me requesting that I present and promote their membership to EUSEM. Exchange is also with other specialities, I have initiated collaboration with intensive care. Quality is through support of the EUSEM Research Network serving as the national lead for Belgium. I co-authored pain guidelines; the European Pain Initiative. I also represent EUSEM at the Global Sepsis Alliance where I have lectured numerous times. I was invited to speak on the role of EM in Sepsis before the European Parliament. I am a lecturer at the Institute of ED Clinical Quality Improvement affiliated with Harvard Medical School. I am a member of the EM Cardiac Research & Education Group working on a European Algorithm on the Management of Severe Bleeding in the Anti-Coagulated Patient.

I conclude with the same promise I made 3 years ago: to serve to the best of my ability.

We are the future of EM.