

**Some headlines of the May 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting for the MEN / FREM section members.**

On **overview of the last two years** reveals a Society focused ever more on serving its' members the Nurses, AHP and MD's in the ICU teams in Europe and beyond. The novel educational efforts have been impressive and have helped colleagues around the world. The leadership acknowledges the contribution of so many ESICM members to these projects and the superb organization by the ESICM office collaborators, whose numbers only increased, despite the pandemic.

The **financial** challenges have been important due to COVID but the Society coped well with the situation.

In both **ESICM memberships** overview and **congress faculty** composition, diversity is clearly increasing (based on the gender distribution today and some years ago), clearly there is still much room for improvement. Strikingly, the youngest members of the Society are nearly fifty-fifty distributed over genders.

**Specific to our section:** First the Executive Committee, thereafter the Council approved and applauded the proposal to change the sections name to Feeding Rehabilitation Endocrinology and Metabolism (FREM). *(Also after the formal meeting, many colleagues expressed their support for this new name, reflecting our focus on improving long term functional outcomes)* Thank you all for your overwhelming support during and after our last virtual meeting!!

**On-line content** provided via social media is booming and requires a continuous flow of material to be launched. (thank you Anne Françoise for contributing here for the FREM!) The Promotional Webinar for the Nutrition Pathway has been a big hit!

**Educational update:** If you have good clinical cases please contact Franky [fduska@yahoo.com](mailto:fduska@yahoo.com) he can turn them into great Case Based Fundamental courses.

**NEXT committee** is very active, think about sending your youngest and most dynamic colleagues. Also if you have a young colleague who could submit a clinical case to the NEXT section, please don't wait. I refer to the recent mail by Stefan Schaller, deadline is May 31! Find all details about the Clinical Case Challenge at <https://www.esicm.org/education/career-development/clinical-case-challenge-book/> For further information, feel free to contact [stefan.schaller@esicm-next.org](mailto:stefan.schaller@esicm-next.org).

**N&AHP committee** is stable, but given the central role of Nurses and AHP in critical care medicine this implication could be much more. ***Something we from the FREM should particularly strive at, given the very multi-disciplinary nature of Feeding Rehabilitation Endocrinology and Metabolism in ICU.***

**ICM is working hard to increase the impact factor**, even if the risk of a rejection is real, turn-over time is very high, so don't hesitate to give it a try and submit your work for publication.

**ICMx** should have an impact factor soon. ESICM members have a discount on Article Processing Costs and the Best Paper is presented at LIVES 2022 in Paris.

Obviously, much more has been communicated in this enriching meeting, these were just some lines I wrote as representative of our section.

*Overall, the council meeting, inspired optimism, now that the darkest days of COVID appear to be over and solidarity with ICU-teams all over the world in the face of new challenges & conflicts.*

*We are part of a strong, inclusive and dynamic Society!*