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To: EFIS Member Societies

RE: Summary of EEIG ECI-EFIS General Meeting Issues and Decisions

Dear All,

As alluded to my 22/12/2017 letter relating the outcome of the consultation on whether or not to relocate ECI 2021, a very productive meeting of the EEIG ECI-EFIS was indeed held in Paris on 23/01/2018. Below is a summary of the major decisions that were reached.

Relocation of ECI 2021

After review of positions, EEIG Members with voting rights unanimously agreed (with the exception of the Spanish Society for Immunology, which abstained) that ECI 2021 needed to be relocated from Istanbul to a different venue to guarantee the scientific and financial viability of the congress. EEIG Stakeholders then welcomed and unanimously approved the proposal advanced by the Turkish Society for Immunology (TSI) to partner with another National Society to relocate and jointly organize ECI 2021 in a different European city. The TSI was given a deadline of May 1st, 2018 within which to formulate and submit a proposal, complete with budget, that clearly illustrates the shared commitment to guaranteeing a scientifically and financially viable meeting. Ideally, the partnering Society will explicitly invite TSI to undertake the joint organization of ECI 2021.

Following submission of the proposal to re-locate ECI 2021, a virtual vote will be held among EEIG Stakeholders: in the event consensus is not reached, a conference call will be scheduled to discuss and plan an invitation for new bids to host ECI 2021 to be voted on at the 2018 EFIS General Assembly in Amsterdam.

Tender for Core PCO for the ECI

To reduce the workload and to improve the overall cost effectiveness of efforts related to the organization of future ECIs, it was agreed that the EEIG would launch a tender for the selection of a core professional congress organizer (PCO). The text of the tender would be circulated to EEIG Stakeholders for observations/comments before inviting PCOs to submit proposals. National Societies intending to bid to host a future ECI would be informed accordingly.

Thereafter, a General Meeting of EEIG Members with shortlisted PCOs will be convened to decide on the agency to be engaged.

Rest assured that you will be notified about all developments regarding the above.

Sincerely,



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President, EFIS