



Message from new ESE President – Dag Ørstavik



The ESE has had a remarkable development over its little more than 3 decades of existence. Initiated in the early 1980s by a few enthusiastic individuals who formed a society of proficient and quality-conscious Endodontists, it expanded in 2001 to become an association of national societies dedicated to the promotion of all aspects of Endodontology: science, teaching and clinical practice. The success of the ESE is manifested by the ever-expanding number of societies joining it (now 36) and the ever-increasing number of participants at the biennial meetings (well over 2000). The administrative workload resulting from this expansion has until now been carried primarily by motivated individuals working in their spare time. This has brought us to a third, crucial stage in the development of the ESE: moving to a more professionally-run organisation with permanent, employed management.

It is certainly a privilege for me to serve as the ESE President during the coming two years of transition. I feel I know the organisation well from my 8 years as Treasurer from 2002 through 2009, and I intend to make my very

best efforts to represent and support all the societies and individuals that constitute the ESE. We have a lot of work to do in several areas: promoting the science of Endodontology; supporting and strengthening educational efforts at all levels of academia; improving and supporting clinical endodontic practice; working towards a European specialty; and not least challenging – the establishment of a new organisational structure with new constitution and bylaws.

I know I can rely on the support of dedicated Board Members and Committee Chairs in working with these issues. I am also confident that the many member societies and the certified and specialist members will help in defining the common goals and take part in the work necessary to realise them. Where disagreements may occur, we must try to compromise and seek solutions that will serve all parties and the ESE in the best possible way. So please join me, in the next two years, in enthusiastic efforts to secure and improve the standing and professional impact of the ESE!



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