



EFORT virtual General Assembly and New EFORT Board



Due to the persisting global Covid-19 pandemic, EFORT was forced once again to organise its General Assembly virtually. During the meeting that took place on Tuesday, 29 June from 16:00 to 17:30 CEST, the EFORT National Delegates elected new EFORT Board members.

David Limb, United Kingdom was elected as the new Second Vice President for the period 2021/2022. According to the EFORT Statutes, Mr. Limb will then automatically become first Vice President for another year serving as President of EFORT from June 2023 to June 2024.

Rob Nelissen from the Netherlands was elected to serve as new Secretary General for a first period of two years from 2021 to 2023.

Theofilos Karachalios, Greece, current Treasurer, was re-elected for another two years to serve in this position.

To complete the Board elections, the EFORT National Delegates elected Stefan Nehrer from Austria for a first term as Member at Large, also serving as Chair of the EFORT Education Committee, and Filipe Lima Santos from Portugal to be the new Young Member at Large for the period 2021 to 2023.

Following the elections and the succession of previous members, the new EFORT Board for the period 2021/2022 is as follows:

- ❖ *EFORT President: Prof. Dr. Li Felländer-Tsai, Sweden*
- ❖ *First Vice President: Prof. Dr. Gómez Barrena, Spain*
- ❖ *Second Vice President: Mr. David Limb, United Kingdom*
- ❖ *Immediate Past President: Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Günther, Germany*
- ❖ *Secretary General: Prof. Dr. Rob Nelissen, the Netherlands*
- ❖ *Treasurer: Prof. Dr. Theofilos Karachalios, Greece*
- ❖ *Member at Large: Dr. Katre Maasalu, Estonia*



- ❖ *Member at Large: Prof. Dr. Stefan Nehrer, Austria*
- ❖ *Member at Large: Prof. Dr. Pietro Ruggieri, Italy*
- ❖ *Young Member at Large: Dr. Filipe Lima Santos, Portugal*

Finally, Luigi Zagra from Italy, current Finance Committee member, was re-elected for another three years to serve in this position.

We welcome all new Board members, who took their positions immediately after the virtual EFORT congress, and the new Finance Committee member and thank all Board members who have left the board for their hard work and dedication over the past years.

The EFORT Board

Virtual EFORT Congress - VEC^{hybrid} 30 June - 02 July 2021 – Replays available



On 29 June 2021 EFORT hosted its Opening Première as a warm-up before the start of the scientific sessions featured in this year's Virtual EFORT Congress 2021.

Under the timely tagline of "Sustainable Professional Practice", EFORT was pleased to offer a variety of scientific sessions covering the latest findings in the O & T science having been broadcast over six different channels within many different session formats.

With more than 22.300 streaming unique viewers from over 100 countries worldwide, almost 14.300 hours of live streaming, more than 1.400 abstracts and 800 ePosters, and over 260 speakers presenting the scientific programme over three congress days, this second EFORT virtual congress was a great success.

Now all replays of the VEC Scientific Sessions are available on the VEC 2021 website for registered participants under the "Explore e-Science" section.



If you have not registered for the VEC prior to the meeting, you can still **register online** and access the replays, abstracts and ePosters for a fee of EUR 45.

All further information is available on the VEC website at https://vec.efort.org/en_GB/home.

EFORT Honorary Awards 2021

Each year during its annual congress, EFORT distinguishes those, whether lay or professional, who have made an outstanding contribution to EFORT and/or the Orthopaedic community. This year EFORT did honour three very renowned orthopaedic surgeons, all of them having done tremendous efforts towards further developing O & T techniques and ultimately improving patient safety.

EFORT is pleased to announce that this year's Honorary Awards were presented to **Professor Freddie H. Fu (United States), Professor Reinhard Windhager (Austria), and Dr. Gilles Walch (France)**.

To read more about the award winner, please visit the EFORT VEC website at <https://vec.efort.org/awards-winners-2021>

EFORT Implant and Patient Safety Initiative

Three working groups have been continuing their activities and preliminary results of the initiative are already available.

Group I (Chairs: T. Grupp and S. Overgaard) developed recommendations on the **"Introduction of innovations in artificial joint arthroplasty"** which are based on a final consensus conference. This conference was held at the Dresden University from 22-23 June 2021. During this conference, voting on the results of research questions was performed, for which data had been extracted in systematic literature reviews done by subgroups. About 50 clinicians, scientists, industry representatives and EFORT National Delegates participated in the working process and contributed with their expertise. The results of the



consensus conference are currently condensed in a manuscript and will soon be published in „EFORT Open Reviews“.

In a very similar process, Group II (Chairs: K. Tucker and L. Zagra) finalised a manuscript on **„EFORT-Recommendations for Off-label use, Mix & Match and Mismatch“**. All currently available evidence for these important topics was carefully analysed and nearly 40 members of the Steering Group (also including all relevant stakeholders) voted during a final consensus conference, which was organised in a hybrid format on 23 June 2021. A manuscript is currently being submitted to EOR and will be forwarded to all EFORT National Societies upon publication.

The members of Group III (Chairs: E. Gomez-Barrena and M. Morlock) have developed a study protocol, which shall support **„Collection and Analysis of Implants Retrieved during Revision“**. As evidence search has shown major procedural heterogeneity in European countries, a prospective collection of implants within a pilot study shall be performed. EFORT National Society members will be invited to participate and contribute to a process of future harmonization.

More information at <https://www.efort.org/ipsi/>

EFORT EORN – The European Orthopaedic Research Network

The European Orthopaedic Research Network Interactive map is a fully mobile adaptable interactive map that features the Orthopaedic research related projects presented at past EFORT Annual Congress. It aims at advocating for the promotion of research throughout Europe in particular but with a broader view as it integrates also non-European projects in Orthopaedic and Traumatology that were present during EFORT Congresses.

With over 500 projects featured, which can be filtered by scientific topic and by geography, both by country and/or continent, it clearly shows how EFORT and its platforms have become not only a reference but as well a preference for the orthopaedic research outreach. It also identifies potential synergies within research projects via its powerful, intuitive and user oriented filtering system. The EORN map can be found at: <https://efortnet.efort.org/eorn-map/#/eorn/map-all>

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