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WELCOME LETTER for 2020 ESPCR MEMBERS

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Dear colleagues and friends,

We have just finished the 2019 ESPCR meeting, which has been held in Brussels, nicely organized by Véronique del Marmol. This has been another successful conference for our Society for which I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to Véronique and the rest of her team of Organizers.

In 2019, we have just learnt that Prof. Ghanem Ghanem will step down from the ESPCR Board and his role of ESPCR Administrative Delegate because of his retirement. The ESPCR is enormously indebted with Ghanem for all his generous, dedicated, important and restless many services for our Society, since its inception, in 1987, including the official registration of ESPCR as a non-profit association in Belgium, which he efficiently commanded in 2009. On behalf of the entire ESPCR, I wish to send my thanks to Ghanem and wishing him a most deserved and enjoyable retirement. Fabrice Journé (University of Mons) will take over and substitute Ghanem Ghanem as our new ESPCR Administrative Delegate.

In 2020 we will not have the ESPCR meeting because we will be holding the International Pigment Cell Conference (IPCC), in Yamagata (Japan), 18-21 June 2020, organized by Prof. Tamio Suzuki. The ESPCR will provide travel awards for ESPCR members willing to attend this conference. In 2021, our annual ESPCR meeting will be held in Krakow (Poland), organized by Dr. Michal Sarna (Jagielonian University, Krakow), in September 2021. Please, save these dates and plan to attend these meetings where to share your progress in pigment cell research. Let's support these two forthcoming meetings to the greatest level, as we have continuously done with any previous ESPCR or IPCC meeting organized.

The formal registration/renewal campaign for 2020 ESPCR members will begin in January 2020, after New Year. But you are already more than welcome to join our Society and/or renew your ESPCR membership. For 2020 we will maintain the same annual fees, as we have been maintaining over previous years.

I hope we will continue growing, as a Society, and reaching out to new colleagues involved in Pigment Cell Research throughout Europe and beyond. In this regard, your help and recommendation to pass this message further to other researchers will be greatly appreciated.

With my best wishes,

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