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The **ATHENS** report

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The European Association for Cranio-Maxillo-Facial Surgery (EACMFS) remains steadfastly committed to providing exceptional education and training opportunities for young surgeons and residents throughout Europe. Through the continuous development of innovative programmes with the highest standard of faculty involvement and the provision of state-of-the-art learning resources, we ensure that the next generation of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons is equipped with the knowledge, skills, and expertise required to excel in their careers.

Success of the 3rd EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology:

We are proud to share the resounding success of the third edition of our EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Head and Neck Surgery: Oncology. Building on the achievements of previous years, this programme once again delivered top-tier educational content through dynamic lectures, the hands-on cadaver course, and clinical observerships at leading centres. The enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from attendees highlight the value of the course and reaffirms our dedication to excellence in surgical education.

Launch of the EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Facial Plastic Surgery:

We are pleased to report the enthusiastic response to the newly launched EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Facial Plastic

Surgery, which attracted 27 senior residents and young specialists from across Europe. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Scientific Directors – Prof. Manlio Galie, Prof. Stefaan Bergé, Prof. Tirbod Fattahi, Prof. Jean Paul Meningaud, Dr. Luis Capitan, Prof. Javier González Lagunas, Prof. Federico Biglioli, Prof. Florian Thieringer, Prof. Emeka Nkenke, Prof. Majeed Rana, Prof. Amir Elbarbary, Prof. Michael Miloro, Prof. Reha Kisnisci, and Prof. Martin Gosau – for their exceptional leadership and coordination. We are also deeply grateful to the world-renowned faculty who generously shared their time, expertise, and cutting-edge insights, making this programme a truly transformative experience for participants.

New EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Oral Implantology (beginning in 2025):

Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce the upcoming EACMFS Postgraduate Programme in Oral Implantology, scheduled to commence in 2025. This comprehensive initiative is designed for residents and young specialists who are eager to advance their expertise in oral implant surgery. It will feature online courses covering surgical implant placement, prosthetic procedures, guided bone regeneration, soft-tissue management, bone augmentation, sinus lifts, nerve transposition, zygomatic and pterygoid implants, and subperiosteal implants. Participants will also benefit from a clinical observership at a specialized surgical centre and a hands-on cadaver workshop. More

information on modular structure, eligibility, fees, and dates will be available soon. We encourage all interested colleagues to stay tuned and contact us with any enquiries.

NTR Forum and Upcoming Educational Initiatives:

We are pleased to confirm the successful launch of the National Trainee Representatives (NTR) forum, guided by our dedicated EACMFS Trainee Representative, Dr. Lara Watson. The NTRs will ensure that trainees have a voice in shaping their educational journey, with specific roles assigned to address surgical training, academic activities, research, and international collaboration.

Moving forward, the NTR Meetings will foster the development of innovative educational programmes aligned with trainee needs. Among the planned training opportunities are three EACMFS-endorsed Cadaver Courses in 2025: "Trauma Management," co-organized with Prof. Zygmunt Stopa at the University of Warsaw; "Orthognathic Surgery," held in

collaboration with Prof. Krisztian Nagy at the University of Budapest; and "Surgical Approaches to the Face and Neck," offered in cooperation with Dr. Tadej Dovsak at the University of Ljubljana. Completing all three courses will lead to the awarding of an "EACMFS Postgraduate Diploma in Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery Courses."

Moreover, NTRs will actively contribute to planning the "John Lowry Session" at the XXVIII EACMFS Congress in Athens in 2026. In addition, the 1st EACMFS OMFS Trainee Meeting will be held in Naples in June 2025, in collaboration with the Italian Society of Maxillofacial Surgery (SICMF) National Congress, offering a prime venue for networking, knowledge exchange, and professional growth.

As the festive season approaches, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful Christmas filled with peace, and a New Year blessed with good health and professional success.



Are you an **EACMFS** member



Have you recently...

Participated in an **engaging course**?

Attended a **networking event**?

Achieved a **professional milestone**?

We would love to highlight our members on social media. If you would like to share your experience, please email: **ewiner @eacmfs.org** or **tag us** in your post.



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