

Dear colleagues

I know most of you ; we have been colleagues for a long time and sometimes good friends and we have had the opportunity to work together during the mandates of Philippe Vielh and Martin Tötsch meaning that I am regular of the EFCS and part of its history. I have participated in all the General Assemblies as well as in the different working groups since 2006 and, together with Fernando Schmitt and Ben Davidson, have been in charge of the scientific committee

EFCS is an essential part of my professional life ; it has given me the opportunity to meet you ; to listen to your presentations ; lectures ; workshops and to learn with you the best that cytopathology has to offer; while President of the SFCC (French Society of Clinical Cytology), it was the opportunity to assess our practices in France, to compare them with the practices in other countries in Europe and in affiliated countries i.e your countries ; it was the occasion to discuss with you, to work with you and as such, to improve my own practice. it was also the best reason for me to strengthen my love for cytopathology and to carry on with my practice.

Cytopathology is in a crucial period in its life ; cytopathology and not the EFCS ; It is true that in all the countries in Europe as well as in the USA ; we are in a difficult scientific climate essentially due to the fact that young pathologists are more attracted to molecular pathology than by cytopathology. Molecular cytopathology nevertheless exists and we have never had so much technical and scientific progress as we have now. So we have the best arguments to defend our specialty.

For all these reasons, because the EFCS and its members have taught me a lot and because I believe in cytopathology for the patients best care I am running for candidate as General Secretary of the EFCS with 3 objectives in mind

1 The gathering of all members of the EFCS which is basically our force ; in order to do this, induced discussions via email and questionnaires between all the members of the EFCS will be necessary in order to have opinions about the EFCS projects;

2 The organization of active studies groups for education ; scientific projects ; communication etc....as previously done as well as of the Tutorial Committee. They should be taken in charge by volunteer colleagues wishing to be active in the EFCS ;

3 A new « brainstorming Group » gathering young colleagues in charge of defining the future of cytopathology and the direction they want to give to the EFCS. The challenging decision will concern the independance of cytopathology and hereby of the EFCS or its link with pathology i.e the ESP.