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**BRINGING HIP SURGEONS
TOGETHER**

since 1992

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25
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foreword

THE PRESIDENT

Dr B Willem Schreurs
The Netherlands



*Dear Members of EHS,
It is a great honour to be the President of your society (2016- 18) while it celebrates its 25th anniversary.
The ExCom asked Prof Garcia-Cimbrello to write this booklet, to document the history of our society for the future.
I hope you will enjoy reading this gift to all our members, and it is my sincerest wish that we will continue to be the only European Hip Society that is made up of a lot of friends working together for the improved care of our patients with hip diseases – as was the intention at its foundation in 1992.
Best Wishes,*

BWSchreurs

introduction

*Dear Members of EHS,
As a Founding Member and Chairman of our History Committee, I was very happy to write a history of EHS and to remember those special days from 25 years ago.
Since 1992, great advances in total hip replacement have been presented, analyzed and discussed in our bi-annual congresses.
The importance of EHS is of course our high scientific level; top speakers from all over the world share their experiences with us, and the EHS is one of the most influential speciality societies in Europe. . . but as you will see in these following pages, it is also a group of friends that meet every two years.*

E Garcia-Cimbrello



Dr Eduardo Garcia-Cimbrello
Spain

EHS HISTORY COMMITTEE

welcome

*Dear Members of EHS,
Now serving my 2nd term on the ExCom of EHS, I am pleased to report that our society goes from strength to strength. We name among our members most of the top hip surgeons of the world, offer Fellowships to four young doctors every year and co-organise national hip courses regularly. Our members come from over 30 European countries and 18 Worldwide. However, it is important to remember our roots and to pay homage to the few founding members of EHS who had the dream in the first place. As our motto says, our aim is to bring hip surgeons together; now and into the future.*



Prof Eleftherios Tsiridis
Greece

SECRETARY GENERAL

THE FOUNDATION

The expansion of hip surgery around the world, favoured and lead to the foundation of the European Hip Society (EHS) in October 1992 in Hamburg, Germany.

Three months before, the British hip surgeon Mr Reginald Elson from The Northern General Hospital in Sheffield, had invited hip surgeons from various Western European countries to attend a meeting to found a new Scientific Society, the EHS. Mr Elson actually organised two meetings that October, in collaboration with Dr Elmar Nieder, an orthopaedic surgeon at the famous Hamburg Endoklinik. During these meetings, Mr Elson, "Reg" to all the attendees, with the collaboration of his daughter Elisabeth, became the true "father" of EHS. The meetings were very interesting and the work, especially for Reg, was hard, but

conversations among attendees were very fruitful.

Finally, on 17th October 1992, the new society for hip surgery was constituted and named, the "European Hip Society". The object of the new association was to provide a forum for the discussion of research, advances in clinical practice and the results of treatment from predominantly surgical procedures of all types relating to the hip joint. Membership was open to any person who practised as a surgeon in Europe and other medical doctors interested in hip problems. Members of the new society were divided into four classes: Associate Members (€50 annual membership dues), Full Members (€75 annual membership dues), Emeritus [continues...]



Above: Mr Reg Elson, UK, the father of EHS, with his daughter Elisabeth (c.1992)

EHS Founding Members

Austria: Prof R Bauer

Belgium: Dr Jean Lewalle

Denmark: Dr J Steen Jensen (Treasurer)

Finland: Prof E B Riska (President Elect)

France: Dr Herve Olivier

Germany: Dr Elmar Nieder

Greece: Prof E K Dretakis (President)

Irish Republic: Mr Garry C Fenelon

Italy: Dr L Specchia

The Netherlands: Dr Sjoerd Bulstra

Norway: Prof Pal Benum

Portugal: Dr Jose Adraio Proenca

Spain: Dr Eduardo Garcia-Cimbrelo

Sweden: Dr Lennart Sanzen

Switzerland: Prof Dr B G Weber

UK: Mr Reginald Elson (Secretary)

In *Orthopaedics Today Europe*, Issue 4, Prof Dretakis said: "Reg Elson — a linguist, a gifted organist and an intellectual — was the heart of the EHS. He had the difficult task of recruiting European hip surgeons known for their scientific contributions in this area to become founding members of EHS. His presence played an important role in the organization and its subsequent progress."

[...continued] Members and Honorary Members. Any person who wished to become a member of the EHS had to be proposed by two Full Members and present a curriculum vitae before being accepted by a majority of members attending a General Assembly. Only Full Members could vote on any business at the Annual General Meetings.

The first ExCom consisted of a President (Prof Emmanuel Dretakis, from Greece), Vice-President (Prof Erik B Riska, from Finland), Secretary General (Mr Reginald Elson, from United Kingdom) and Treasurer (Dr J Steen

Jensen, from Denmark). Positions on the Executive Committee were held for two years, and candidates for successors were to be proposed, seconded and elected by ballot at the Domestic Meeting for members of the EHS.

All attendees to these foundational meetings of the EHS were the Founder Members of the EHS. The National Representative Committee was initially formed by the Founder Member of the EHS for that country and confirmed for each European country by the Full Members of the Society of each

group. The National Representative was responsible for maintaining contact with the other Full and Associate Members in his Country.

The Annual General Meeting was to be organised each year to treat a different question. These Annual Plenary Meetings alternate between the bi-annual meetings held concurrently

with the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) and those held at a date and location chosen by the President and approved by the Committee on the intervening year. Attendance at Plenary Meetings was open



The EHS logo is born

to all members of the EHS. The European Hip Society was presented as a member of EFORT and was presented at the first EFORT in Palais de Congress, Paris, 21st-23rd April 1993.

The President, Prof Dretakis, was charged with organising the First Domestic Meeting which took place in Capsis Beach Hotel, Heraklion, Crete, Greece, on 3-4th June 1994 (see p10). There he finished his term as President and became Past-President, and part of the ExCom. The Vice-President (Prof Riska) became the new President.

Welcome to the 2020 EHS Congress in **Lille**



14th Congress of the European Hip Society

Congress President:
Jean-Alain Epinette, M.D.

See p38 for more information

Lille Grand Palais - Lille - France



SAVE THE DATE
1-2 October 2020



Co-Editors Richard Baker (right) &
Theofilos Karachalios (left) report



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Once again our impact factor has risen! Last year's figures reveal that our impact factor is now 1.26. This represents a steady increase in impact factor every year for the last four years and is an encouraging sign that the journal is becoming more prominent.

We receive approximately 500 submissions a year, of which about a quarter are published. The research articles are published over six editions and case reports are published online only. The rise in impact factor is only possible with our dedicated reviewers and editors and we would like to thank everybody for their efforts.

*Calling all members!
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reviewer for our journal?*

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