

Dear representatives of the EFP member societies,

I hope you are all well in these trying times, and that you are managing to keep up your everyday activities along with your spirits.

I am forwarding a letter by our President dr Thomas Romig:

Dear EFP members,

Hoping that you have remained healthy and safe in these difficult times, I wish you good luck for the remaining period until a relevant proportion of the European population has received some immune protection against COVID-19.

In the meantime, and under difficult conditions, our Serbian colleagues have been busy with the preparation of EMOP in Belgrade in coming October. Hoping that most of you and your society members will be able to be in Belgrade physically, there will also be an online component of the congress that will facilitate the participation of those who may still face difficulties with travelling by then.

As you know, during each EMOP, every four years, a general meeting of the European Federation of Parasitologists (EFP) is held, which includes election of the next executive board. Due to ongoing circumstances, EMOP has now been postponed for more than one year, which means that, strictly speaking, the current board is actually an acting board since August 2020.

Plans are, for practical reasons, to hold the general assembly during EMOP in October 2021, which means a postponement of a further six months. As an alternative we could have an online assembly sooner, but this would mean extra work during the EMOP preparations, which are sufficiently difficult under current conditions.

In the name of the EFP board I am therefore **asking you for your permission to postpone the general assembly and the elections until October 2021** to be held during EMOP. Please send your answer as **a reply to this email to the general secretary, Prof. Djurkovic-Djakovic.**

Best wishes, and stay healthy

Thomas Romig
President, European Federation of Parasitologists (EFP)

We would love to greet you all in Belgrade in October, if possible. However, those who will not be able to join us physically will still be able to participate online.

I refer you to the EMOP XIII website, which is being regularly updated (www.emop2020.org). We will announce the registration for online participation shortly.

Stay well!

All the best,
Olgica Djurkovic
President of the EMOP 2021 Organizing Committee