

Presidents report. General Assembly, Bucharest Sunday 7th September 2014

- Thanks for attending.
- Congratulations on a successful ECAM, Cristian and local team.
- Two years as President has sped by. Proud to have the opportunity to serve for another 2 years, and see progress in the Fly Safe, Fly well project. This was only started this year and is gaining momentum, and is an opportunity for ESAM to be a leader.
- Look forward to working with a new EC to be elected later. It has been a challenge over the past 4 years as the team has been for much of that time, only 6 rather than 7. It is important to have a full team of 7, willing and enthusiastic to make a contribution to the work of ESAM. Particular thanks to Carla Ledderhos for her 4 years of hard work as Treasurer.
- Special thank you for Lilla Ungvary who has stepped in this year to help us with the communications director role, particularly in the months leading up to the GA. Her assistance has been greatly appreciated.
- Note that this year at the AsMA meeting in San Diego there was a successful ESAM panel as part of the main conference, rather than a separate lunchtime session. Thanks to Ries Simons for coordinating the abstracts, and to all those who presented. There will be an ESAM session at the forthcoming DGLRM conference in Heidelberg next month.
- A reminder that the election of a new President-elect takes place at the General Assembly in 2015. Suggest Oxford as a venue, at the time of ICASM.
- Propose that ECAM 2016 (the 10th anniversary of ESAM) is held in conjunction with AsMA as part of their first regional meeting. An important step for AsMA and ESAM is pleased to have been invited to be the partner in this venture. This says a lot about our relationship with AsMA, of which we will hear more later from the President, Phillip Scarpa.
- Discuss a new category of ESAM membership, an individual category awarded to recognise a significant contribution to the Society. Along the lines of Fellow or Academician, but a new title to be sought. Suggestions so far include 'Elder', 'Chevalier' or 'Friend'. Comments and suggestions are welcome.
- Commend the proposed changes to the structure of the Advisory Board, to be described by Ries Simons, for a two year trial period.