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Dr Roland Vermeiren  
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Dear Dr. Vermeiren!

As you know, it is my most important goal during my year as AsMA President to strengthen the bonds that AsMA has with all of our non-U.S. colleagues. AsMA is already an international organization, but I very much wish to increase our non-U.S. membership involvement even further. It is therefore with great pleasure that I invite you and our colleagues from all of the ESAM member organizations to participate in the upcoming celebration of AsMA's 80th birthday at our 2009 Scientific Meeting that will be held this coming May in Los Angeles, California. The theme for the congress is "The Future is Not What it Used to Be".

There are two ways that I would invite ESAM to participate; the first is to submit abstracts for presentations, panels and posters at the congress in Los Angeles. All abstracts must be submitted via the electronic submission system linked to the association's web site: [/www.asma.org](http://www.asma.org) and click on the link to the abstract submission site. Please note that abstracts are due no later than 31 October 2008. Authors with questions regarding the abstract submission process should contact AsMA directly at (703) 739-2240, x101 (Ms. Pam Day); or e-mail [pday@asma.org](mailto:pday@asma.org).

The second (and I believe most important) way that I would very strongly encourage our colleagues from ESAM to participate in AsMA is for them to become an active part of AsMA senior leadership, specifically the Council and Executive Committee. It is critical that non-U.S. AsMA members be considered for election to these governing bodies, and it is my greatest wish to see this happen this coming year. May I therefore invite the leadership of each ESAM member organization to submit names of non-U.S. candidates for consideration for election to the AsMA Council or Executive Committee. Names of prospective candidates should be sent (via e-mail, letter and/or telephone call) as soon as possible (before 01 November 2008) to Dr. Richard Jennings (Past-President and Chair of the AsMA Nominations Committee), whose contact information can be found on the AsMA website.

I look very much forward to seeing you and all my friends and colleagues representing ESAM at our meeting in Los Angeles this coming May!

Sending very best regards,

Sincerely,

*Andy Bellenkes*

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