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Letter to the members of the ESPMH

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Dear colleagues,

Last August at our 32nd Annual ESPMH conference in Lisbon we enjoyed many interesting presentations as well as the hospitality of our Portuguese colleagues. Once again, I would like to thank Professor António Barbosa and his team for having been such a good host.

We are now looking forward to our next meeting in Oslo, Norway, 7 – 10 August 2019. You find a call for abstracts for this forthcoming conference on the society's homepage (www.espmh.org). The deadline for submission of abstracts is the 1st of March 2019. Please send your abstract (please in Word format) by email to the secretary of the ESPMH. After the selection of abstracts, we will make a draft programme and post it on the society's homepage by the end of March 2019.

In order to register for the conference in Oslo a registration form can be downloaded from the society's homepage at www.espmh.org. It should be emailed to our secretariat.

We have also initiated the preparations for the 2020 ESPMH conference, which will take place in Warsaw, Poland. The call for abstracts for that meeting will be launched next year.

Finally, there will be elections for positions in the Board of the ESPMH at the Oslo conference. As a result of the last election in Lisbon, in August 2018 the composition of the Board as of the 1st of January 2019 will be as follows:

Christoph Rehman-Sutter (Germany)	President	until - 31/12/2019
Péter Kakuk (Hungary)	President-Elect	until - 31/12/2019
Ana Borovecki (Croatia)	Member	until - 31/12/2019
Ignaas Devisch (Belgium)	Member	until - 31/12/2019
Frida Simonstein (Israel)	Member	until - 31/12/2019
Gerrit Kimsma (Netherlands)	Treasurer	until - 31/12/2020
Eugenijus Gefenas (Lithuania)	Member	until - 31/12/2020
Fuat Oduncu (Germany)	Member	until - 31/12/2021
Bert Gordijn (Netherlands)	Secretary	until - 31/12/2021

Thus the three-year term of office of five Board members will finish by the end of 2019 (Christoph Rehmann-Sutter, Péter Kakuk, Ana Borovecki, Ignaas Devisch and Frida Simonstein). According to the By-Laws, Péter Kakuk (now president-elect) will follow up Christoph Rehmann-Sutter as president of the ESPMH. This means that four board positions will be up for election during the General Assembly in Oslo: there are vacancies for the position of president-elect as well as for three positions of regular board member.

We will follow the procedure as outlined in the By-Laws concerning the election procedure of the Board, which is as follows:

1. We invite nominations from the membership.
2. The Board will make a proposal on the basis of the nominations received.
3. This proposal will be circulated prior to the General Assembly.

If members do not agree with the proposal of the Board, they are invited to prepare an alternative proposal (backed by 10% of the membership). This proposal must be sent to the Secretary or given to the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting at the latest. The proposal of the Board, as well as such proposals of the membership, will be open for voting during the General Assembly. At the same time, members who are not able to attend the General Assembly can request postal ballot sheets from the Secretariat.

With this first step, we would like to invite you to make nominations for the four above-mentioned vacancies in the Board (the position of president-elect as well as three regular members of the Board).

For a valid nomination please follow these rules:

- Specify the name of the person nominated as well as the position (President-Elect of the ESPMH or regular member of the Board). Only members of the ESPMH can be nominated;
- We need the written consent of the person nominated (in an email or letter to the secretariat);
- We need 2 signatures of members who will be making this nomination (names and signatures, though email or letter);
- The nominations must be received by the secretariat before April 1, 2019.

In making its proposal, the Board will consider the following criteria: geographical diversity, professional diversity, gender diversity and European residency. If you were to consider making nominations, it would be helpful if you could take these criteria into account as well.

Best wishes,



Bert Gordijn, Secretary of the ESPMH

Please note: Below mentioned documents can be downloaded from the [ESPMH Documentation](#) page:

1. Call for abstracts Oslo, 2019
2. Conference brochure Oslo, 2019
3. Registration form Oslo, 2019
4. Final report General Assembly at Belgrade conference, 2017