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Dear Colleagues,

Last August we held our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual ESPMH conference in Tübingen, where we enjoyed many interesting presentations as well as the hospitality of our German colleagues. I would like to thank Professor Urban Wiesing and his team again for having done such a perfect job.

It is with pleasure that we can now look forward to our next meeting in Zagreb, Croatia, 18 – 21 August, 2010. Enclosed please find a call for abstracts for this forthcoming conference as well as a concise conference brochure with some additional information.

In order to register for the conference in Zagreb, please return the enclosed registration form to our secretariat. The deadline for abstracts is 01 March 2010. After the selection of abstracts we will make a draft programme and distribute it by mail by the end of March 2010.

For the 6<sup>th</sup> time we will have the ESPMH essay contest for Young Scholars. Please find the announcement for this contest and the prizes enclosed. It would be much appreciated if you could distribute this information appropriately within your own network.

We have also initiated the preparations for the ESPMH conference in 2011, which will take place in Zürich, Switzerland. The call for abstracts for this meeting will be launched early next year.

Finally, there will be elections for positions in the Board at the Zagreb conference. As a result of the election in Tübingen, the composition of the Board will be as follows, as of 01 January 2010:

1. Renzo Pegoraro (Italy)	Member	until - 31/12/2010
2. Søren Holm (UK)	President	until - 31/12/2010
3. Margaret Battin (USA)	Member	until - 31/12/2010
4. Vilhjalmur Arnason (Iceland)	Member	until - 31/12/2010
5. Tuija Takala (Finland)	President-Elect	until - 31/12/2010
6. Gerrit Kimsma (Netherlands)	Treasurer	until - 31/12/2011
7. Eugenijus Gefenas (Lithuania)	Member	until - 31/12/2011
8. Fuat Oduncu (Germany)	Member	until - 31/12/2012
9. Bert Gordijn (Netherlands)	Secretary	until - 31/12/2012

This means that the Zagreb conference will be the last conference with Søren Holm as President of the ESPMH. Our current President-Elect, Tuija Takala, will automatically become the new President of

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the ESPMH. Hence, we will have to elect a new President-Elect in Zagreb. Furthermore, the three-year term of office of three board members will end by the end of 2010 (Renzo Pegoraro, Margaret Battin & Vilhjalmur Arnason), which means that these three positions will also be open for election in Zagreb.

For this 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.

With this first step, we would like to invite you to make nominations for four above-mentioned vacancies in the Board (the position of President-Elect of the ESPMH as well as three positions of regular member 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 a letter or via email to the secretariat);
- We need 2 signatures of members who will be making this nomination (names and signatures, either through fax or letter);
- The nominations must be received at the secretariat before April 17, 2010.

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

Best wishes,



Bert Gordijn  
Secretary of the ESPMH

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Enclosed:

1. Call for abstracts Zagreb conference 2010
2. Registration form Zagreb conference 2010
3. Zagreb conference 2010 brochure
4. Announcement ESPMH prizes 2010
5. Final report General Assembly at the Tübingen conference 2008