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Boards' Point of View

One of the greatest privileges of serving as EuGMS General Secretary is witnessing how much can be achieved when professionals from different countries, healthcare systems and backgrounds work towards a common goal. While our Society continues to grow, its greatest strength remains its people—the clinicians, researchers, educators and trainees who believe that older adults across Europe deserve access to high-quality, evidence-based geriatric care.

As I enter the third year of my mandate as EuGMS General Secretary, I find myself reflecting on how much we have accomplished together. During the past years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with colleagues from across Europe through the EuGMS Boards, General Assembly, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Global Europe Initiative (GEI), Early-Career Geriatricians Initiative (ECGI) and, finally, the PROGRAMMING 21122 COST Action. This experience has reinforced an important lesson: advancing geriatric medicine is not only about generating new scientific evidence. It is equally about creating opportunities for collaboration, supporting countries where geriatric medicine is still emerging, sharing expertise, and building sustainable professional networks. The diversity of our membership is one of EuGMS' greatest assets. Different healthcare systems face different challenges, yet many of our priorities are shared: comprehensive geriatric assessment, integrated care, healthy ageing, workforce development and education. By learning from one another, we accelerate progress for everyone.

The success of initiatives such as the PROGRAMMING COST Action demonstrates what European collaboration can achieve. Through education, networking, Short-Term Scientific Missions, training schools and multidisciplinary partnerships, we are helping to strengthen geriatric medicine in countries where it is still developing while creating lasting connections across Europe.

A key part of this mission is attracting, supporting and empowering the next generation of geriatricians. Through the Early-Career Geriatricians Initiative, we are creating opportunities for early-career clinicians, researchers and educators to connect, collaborate and actively contribute

to EuGMS. At the same time, we are working to further professionalise and structure the ECGI, while preserving what has always been its greatest strength-an open, welcoming community that fosters collaboration, mentorship and lasting professional friendships. Our goal is not only to engage early-career colleagues but to ensure that they see EuGMS as their professional home and a place where they can grow into the future leaders of European geriatric medicine.

This commitment will be visible during our upcoming Congress in Lille, where I warmly invite you to visit the Early-Career Corner, a dedicated space designed to encourage networking, collaboration and active participation. We are also developing a campaign to promote geriatric medicine as a specialty of the future and inspire more young physicians to choose this rewarding career path.

Looking ahead, I believe that our Society has an important responsibility-to promote excellence in research and clinical practice, but also to support colleagues wherever they are in their professional journey. Whether you are an experienced geriatrician, an early-career clinician, a researcher or a trainee, your contribution matters. I encourage every member to become actively involved in EuGMS activities, join our Special Interest Groups, participate in educational initiatives and contribute their ideas. Together, we can continue strengthening our community and improving care for older people throughout Europe. Stay tuned and follow EuGMS on social media-there is much more to come!



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