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1°) EANM during my presidency?

I had the pleasure of spending 8 years on the board, first as treasurer (2005-2008), then as President Elect (2009-2010) and President (2011-2012). So I have lived the life and development of EANM from within over a long period of time. I was able to observe everything and support the professionalisation of the Association, both in the management of the annual congress, which over the years has become the most important event in the world, and in the management of scientific activities (committees, educational facilities) or financial management and press relations.

The EANM has become a modern company at the service of Nuclear Medicine. During my mandates a lot of work has been done in relations with other Scientific Societies (cardiology, neurology, oncology ..). Jointly managed seminars have emerged. Numerous partnerships have been signed with foreign nuclear medicine societies, in particular with China.

However, my presidency was unfortunately also marked by the conflict linked to the "white paper" relating to a common radio-MN training in cross-sectional imaging. The negotiations had been previously initiated by President A Cuocolo, of whom I was the treasurer at the time. This conflict lasted several years and partially polluted my presidency. It will ultimately be concluded under my chairmanship with a favorable vote from the assembly of delegates. The adopted document will *in fine* not lead to any official recognition of a common teaching with radiology.

2°) EANM now and in the future?

The EANM has become today the most important scientific Society in our discipline. The Annual Congress brings together the largest number of participants and offers the largest exhibition of material. In the space of 30 years, the progress made is huge. The EANM is known and recognized by the whole international community. This is the result of a quality policy based on very high level clinical, translational and fundamental european research groups. The EANM, through its annual congress, but also various workshops organized alone or in partnership with other scientific societies, as well as thanks to its offer in and its continuing education structure, represents today one of the main players in professional training.

The EANM must support research teams by helping them in particular to respond to calls for tenders from the European community.

The EANM must assume its leadership role and develop its support for the training of professionals in developing countries, in partnership with the IAEA. It must strengthen its links with other Nuclear Medicine Societies, particularly in the Pacific area (China, Japan, Korea, Australia) by offering them joint actions in the field of research (supporting joint programs, promoting exchanges of PhD students, initiate workshops, support clinical trials).

3°) What is EANM for me?

First of all, a big family where people from very diverse backgrounds meet. It is a place of exchange allowing all professionals to upgrade knowledge and quality of practice. Since its creation, EANM has been able to offer a friendly atmosphere. This is one of its essential characteristics today. The EANM is a powerful organization today, listened to by public authorities, and therefore able to promote recognition and progress in our discipline at European and world level. It should be THE "home" of all European nuclear physicists.