We are delighted to announce the new annual European Stroke Organization Conference (ESOC), the first of which will be held in Glasgow from April 17 to 19, 2015. We invite the international scientific and clinical stroke community to join us.

ESO is the leading clinical and scientific stroke association in Europe and conducts a wide range of educational, political, and scientific activities. For example, it generates the European Guidelines for Stroke Management and runs the Summer and Winter Schools, the Stroke Masters program, the European Stroke Science Workshop, Research Recommendations, and more than a dozen committees handling issues, such as Trials, Stroke Unit Certification, and Women in Stroke. Until now, it has supported the privately owned European conference, which had a good scientific record.

With overwhelming support from our General Assembly, we are founding a new conference to bring full community involvement and benefit to our principal meeting in a way that was not possible previously, while extending the huge scientific success of European meetings. ESO members and fellows have contributed massively to the critical thought, prominent speakers and chairpersons, and credibility of conferences held in Europe until now. Our conference budget will be available to ESO members, exactly like the annual ESO budget. Full compliance with industry and regulatory guidance will be assured. Any modest profit, because we aim to maximize attendance and scientific quality rather than charges to participants, will be controlled entirely by ESO and used for its proven educational, political, and scientific activities. Background information can be found in our presidential newsletters on www.eso-stroke.org, but briefly the association’s decision follows many years of intense but unsuccessful negotiation.

Our ESO Executive Committee is taking direct planning responsibility, in partnership with Kenes International, a professional conference organizer experienced in international medical conferences, such as the World Stroke Congresses. The ESO conference Website at www.eso.kenes.com may be consulted for the latest plans. Strong messages of support have been received from the scientific community across the world, with endorsement by the World Stroke Organization and numerous national societies; and ESO has received indications of generous educational grant support from commercial sponsors. Board meetings for prominent stroke journals will move to the new conference. Trialists are preparing to present their latest research results at our conference.

We are excited to be creating a youthful, vigorous, and healthy structure, one that is aligned with 21st century approaches to conferences generally and to stroke management in particular. ESO asks for approval and practical support from the stroke community.

We hope to see you in Glasgow in 2015!

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