

Editorial

Dear EAONO Friends,

The end of the year is always an appropriate time to summarise (the) past activities and for making plans for the future. Everybody hoped that 2022 would be the year when everything returned back to normal after the devastating period of the Covid pandemic, but February sadly brought new global threats and uncertainties caused by the grave geopolitical and human impact of the war in Ukraine.

In spite of all these problems EAONO must continue to actively realize its mission of education and training in otology and neurotology. The EAONO Board has recently decided on new actions that will help to pursue these goals and we would like to share them with you.

One of the most important aspects of (the) continuous education is dissemination of experience and knowledge in scientific publications. EAONO enormously appreciates the longstanding cooperation with the Otology and Neurotology journal and the very preferential subscription fees available for the EAONO members. In 2021/22 there were some inconsistency in the delivery of O&NO journal due to the introduction of a new informatic system, we but shall ensure that all these issues are resolved in 2023.

In parallel, in Europe, there is a widespread need for a broadly accessible scientific journal facilitating publications originating from European research groups. Therefore, the EAONO Board decided that from 1st January 2023 the Journal of International Advanced Otology (JIAO) will become the official journal of the EAONO. EAONO shall also take the financial responsibility for the JIAO. As you know JIAO is unique in that it is a free-access open-source journal that (also) does not charge publication fees to the authors. The JIAO ambition is to keep these unique features available for papers submitted by EAONO members. We hope that this will become an important factor stimulating further European research in otology.

From 1st January 2023 the yearly EAONO membership fee will become 120 Eur. Despite high inflation rates destabilizing world markets, we decided to keep the basic EAONO membership fee unchanged (60Eur). The additional 60Eur will be transferred to JIAO in order to maintain the free-of-charge free access publication opportunities for the EAONO members.

Another new initiative is that the current EAONO Committees/Working Groups have been redefined. The new committees are:

- EAONO TEPONE & training Initiatives
- EAONO guidelines and training materials
- EAONO membership promotion (including the website)
- EAONO congress organization and support
- EAONO Young Members

We hope that this will create new dynamics for EAONO activities and encourage participation in these Committees, especially from young European otologists.

The dates for the next EAONO conference in Nijmegen are 4-7 September 2024. Please reserve these dates in your calendars. However, in the meantime, we plan a number of additional EAONO educational activities and there will also be new training organized commonly by EAONO and IFOS. Please follow the EAONO website: www.eaono.org for further details.

We wish you all a warm end of the year and a healthy, happy and enjoyable 2023! Let us hope that 2023 allows all of us to live, love and work in peace again!