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To MIPS Members

Subject: Resignations from EB

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Dear Members,

I hope you are all keeping well.

I am writing to you after our outstanding 3rd annual meeting in Ljubljana, Slovenia. I am sure that all attendees and the membership at large would like to join me in expressing our utmost appreciation to Professor Adolf Lukanovic and the organizing committee for their hard work and excellent planning to making this event a great success. Ljubljana, I believe, is a monumental milestone in the history of our society. The high-quality scientific presentations, thoughtful and interactive discussions, growing number of participants and exhibitors, five-star social events and affectionate hospitality of our friends in this beautiful city will be very difficult to surpass in future meetings. Above all, the warm and friendly atmosphere that we all uniquely share in this society as a family was distinctly observed and commended by our guests.

Regrettably, 3 of the founding board members have decided to resign from the Executive Board: Dr. Stavros Charalampous, Professor Sherif Mourad and Professor Onay Yalcin. We would like to thank them for their significant contribution to the MIPS mission and wish them all the success in their future career and professional endeavours. In addition, Dr. Mario Gomes, the General Secretary, sadly died last March, as you already read on our website. Since this is the first and Founding Executive Board, the Board decided in its meeting in Ljubljana on 2 replacement Board Members for its remaining term: Dr. Eric Bautrant from Aix en Provence, France and Professor Themos Grigoriadis from Athens, Greece. Eric and Themos are renowned key opinion leaders in incontinence care both in the Mediterranean region and internationally bringing with them a wealth of new experience to the Board and MIPS. The Executive Board positions also had to be re-structured after voting by Board Members and it was agreed that only 2 positions are sufficient to fulfil the Board functions until the term is finished. As you all know, the 3-year term of the Founding Executive Board will end in our 4th Annual meeting in December 2016 when we will have elections of all positions of the new Executive Board by the membership.

Finally, I wish to announce for those of you who were not in Ljubljana that our 4th annual meeting will be held in Malta on 1-3 December, 2016 under the chairmanship of Professor Alberto Vella. Alberto has already convened a distinguished local team of experts for the project in this beautiful and warm central Mediterranean island with such rich historical and cultural heritage. The first announcement will be posted very shortly on the website.

As always, the Executive Board looks forward to hearing your views. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you need further information or assistance.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2016 to all of you and your families!

Yours sincerely,

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