



To all member associations of ESAM

Oslo, 05 June 2020

Invitation - General Assembly of the European Society of Aerospace Medicine 2020

Dear member organisations of ESAM,

As we are going through times of crisis management, our field of Aerospace Medicine is, in some ways, taking a back seat to other more pressing concerns in Society. The Aviation sector is hit hard by the COVID-19 epidemic, and many Aerospace medicine professionals are affected as a result. Many of the personnel we serve have lost their jobs and are experiencing uncertainty for the future. There are new challenges in all sectors in Aerospace medicine arising from the pandemic, and we need to find new solutions to new problems. With such a background, the Aerospace medicine professionals' contribution to flight safety is as important as ever, and our field will have to continue evolving with the evolving challenges for those who are involved in flight operations. In Europe, small groups of professionals in different countries need cooperation to learn from each other and to improve our contribution to flight safety based on science and good aeromedical practice. This is the mission of the European Society of Aerospace Medicine.

This year, we have had to postpone the planned 1st International Conference of Aerospace Medicine until 2021 for known reasons. However, our General Assembly and election must be held according to our statutes. The Executive Committee has decided to hold a digital election and a web-based General Assembly. Our President-elect, Declan Maher, will also take over as our new President. Details will follow, but I would like to invite all Member organisations to hold the date for our 2020 General Assembly:

Sunday September 27, 2020, 2pm Central European Summer Time (CEST)

Please see separate files for the Agenda and also Call for nominations.

I hope you will be able to support ESAM by providing your vote and attending the GA, and look forward to seeing you (albeit virtually) in September!

My best regards, and stay healthy and safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony S. Wagstaff", is located below the text. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Anthony S. Wagstaff

President, ESAM