



## Europhysiology 2018

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Dear colleague,

With only eight months to go until the 2017 Congress in Vienna, we are already busy preparing the next FEPS Congress to be held in London in September 2018. This will be the first in a series of three meetings organized with The Physiological Society and the German and Scandinavian physiological societies under the name of “Europhysiology”. The next meetings in this series are planned for Berlin in 2020 and Copenhagen in 2022. Importantly, these three national societies have agreed not to hold their individual annual meetings in those years. From a FEPS perspective, therefore, we think that Europhysiology has the potential to provide one of the major FEPS goals, a pan-European physiology meeting.

For practical reasons, FEPS decided to organize this series of meetings together with the three national societies as these societies not only have the largest number of members but, equally importantly, have the financial base to support such a meeting. It is, however, everyone’s intention that the meeting should represent all of European physiology. The scientific programme committee has membership from France, Italy, Slovenia and Turkey. But even more importantly, each and every member of FEPS and its constituent societies can submit his or her nominations for speakers for the plenary and keynote lectures through the Europhysiology 2018 website ([www.europhysiology2018.org](http://www.europhysiology2018.org)) until 31 January 2017. Moreover, the programme committee will be delighted to receive suggestions for symposia, workshops and alike as integral parts of the congress via the same channel from 1 March until 30 April 2017.

The entire Europhysiology organising committee and I in particular hope that in spite of the altered format of the 2018, 2020 and 2022 meetings all members of FEPS and its societies will still see them as “their” annual congresses, and we eagerly look forward to your suggestions for the scientific programmes and of course your active participation in the conferences themselves. We realize that some of you will already have arranged your annual meeting for 2018 but, if not, we would strongly encourage you to hold it as part of Europhysiology. We can provide facilities for your business meetings etc.

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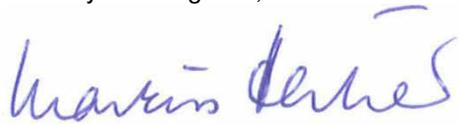
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The traditional FEPS meetings, in association with national societies, will continue in 2019, 2021 etc. so we hope that the new calendar will provide something for everyone's taste. Finally, Europhysiology 2018 will be held in the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre which is adjacent to the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. What better location could there be for a little culture and sightseeing when you have had your fill of physiology?

May I take this opportunity to also wish you, on behalf of the Executive Committee of FEPS, a peaceful but productive new year. See you at FEPS 2017 in Vienna.

With my best regards,



Professor Markus Hecker  
President of FEPS

