



I am honored to have been elected by the Board of the ECTS as Treasurer.

During the last years the ECTS continued to attract scientists from Europe and around the world due to its continuous educational efforts and scientific excellence. Importantly, the number of young and active researchers and clinicians increased after the ECTS Academy was founded. It is imperative that our Society continues to flourish and that we further attract the most talented young researchers in the field in order to strengthen the Society's future. For this purpose, we depend on a stable and healthy economy, a challenging task in times of fewer funding opportunities, increased competition and strict regulations.

As Treasurer it is my mission to make sure that ECTS remains a financially stable organization. To this end and to ascertain financial stability my vision is to:

- Maintain transparency and effective reporting
- Reducing unnecessary expenses without challenging the Society's tasks
- Sustain current sponsoring environment
- Create new funding opportunities (basic science research, laboratory medicine, create platform for potential new products)
- Recruit more members, specifically young researchers and clinicians
- Consolidate and increase conference attendance and expand congress revenue

It is a privilege to support the ECTS Executive Committee and the Society being in charge of the finances. Our vision should be that ECTS continues to flourish as an outstanding international biomedical organization in the musculoskeletal field supporting scientific excellence and education. I am happy to support the ECTS to achieve sustained success, specifically on safe financial grounds.

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