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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### ECTS goes black, yellow and red

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Dear colleagues, dear members,

As you all know, ECTS went through a number of changes during the last couple of years and I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on our achievements, challenges, and draw your attention to the new opportunities that lie ahead.



While our mission remains unchanged, our strategy, activities and operations have evolved to meet our member's needs:

- ECTS has now a number of activities that are ongoing outside of the congress, one of which is our successful series of webinars
- ECTS supports all stages of career development through its educational program and the ECTS Academy
- We increased our international collaboration by setting up the East-Meets-West program
- ECTS coordinates activities with Patient Group Leaders in the Rare Bone Disease field
- ECTS has a dialogue with European Institutions through Biomed Alliance
- We have a new dedicated team of association professionals working mainly from Brussels

To develop our activities further, taking the political uncertainties of our current base in the UK due to Brexit into account, the ECTS Board of Directors decided to officially relocate ECTS offices to Belgium. We reported our intention to move ECTS from UK to Belgium during the past two Annual General Meetings, in Salzburg and Valencia.

We are pleased to now inform you that on 21 September 2018 the ECTS executive committee signed a new set of bylaws, starting the incorporation process of ECTS in Belgium.

This move will not change the way we will handle your membership as the new bylaws are based on the original ones but there will be more transparency and membership powers. Your new member rights and upcoming milestones for the ECTS incorporation in Belgium can be viewed [here](#).

The incorporation of ECTS in Belgium will only be official once we have the Belgian Government approving our International Association status, which is expected to take place in February 2019.

After that, we will celebrate this important step



ECTS President Anna Teti signing the new  
Articles of Association (Belgian)  
Anna Teti  
ECTS President

during our next Annual General Meeting in  
Budapest on Saturday 11 May 2019.

Watch this space for updated information and  
please do not hesitate to send us an email if  
you have any questions or require any  
additional information.

With kind regards,

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