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Dear Colleague,

A new year brings new plans and hopefully new energy. It is in this spirit that the work of the EPHAR for 2013 is being executed. This year is going to be busy, and to carry on its wings a lot of activities for important achievements.

The deadline for EPHAR sponsored Lectures, Symposia and Instructional Courses has expired and we have got a number of requests from different European countries. These events represent the most prominent scientific activities of our Federation and will promote the possibilities that it provides, along the lines of its mission. We hope that by these initiatives, the activities of the EPHAR in the future will cover more countries in Europe.

Our website has been updated by Thomas Griesbacher. Please, have a look to it and send to the Secretary General, Teresa Tejerina Sanchez any important news that you, as representative of a National Society, like to see published in the official Internet site of the EPHAR.
In the last Executive Committee held in December, we have approved the institution of the “EPHAR ambassadors”. In fact, we are trying to reach countries of the European area that are not yet members of the Federation (in particular, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Israel, Belarus). These countries not associated to EPHAR may be possibly not organized in National Societies, which makes them hard to reach. For these countries we’d like to appoint an “EPHAR ambassador” whose job would be, most of all, to ensure that the Federation and its activities are known in that country, but also to propose high-quality applicants for the EPHAR activities, encourage poster submissions for the EPHAR Congress, and host Seminars and other meetings, as appropriate. The ideal candidate would be a senior research pharmacologist, and he/she would be appointed for a (unpaid) two-year term. Finding ideal candidates though will not be easy, and this where we need your help. If you know a senior pharmacologist in one of the countries listed above that would make a good EPHAR ambassador, please let us know.

Another important project on which we are working are changes in the bylaws, both to be presented at the General Assembly to be held in Cape Town in 2014.

Have a great weekend,

Prof. Filippo Drago