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**Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

It is great to write to you again, and although sorry that we did not meet in London last year, in hindsight, it was the right decision, given the mayhem COVID-19 created round the globe.

**Covid or not – Vaccine or not, we will meet this year**

We are very pleased to invite you to attend the 47th ESAO 2021 Congress (<https://esao2021.org/>), which will be taking place online, virtually in London, from **7-11 September 2021**.

The theme of ESAO 2021 is “Uniting scientific minds towards lasting artificial organs” indicating that science should not follow politics; putting BREXIT aside, science should have no border and patient care should be the main focus anywhere on the map. In Artificial Organs Sciences we are united in Europe and beyond. Therefore, we invite you to submit abstracts (<https://esao2021.org/call-for-abstracts/>) showcasing your most recent collaboration, research, technological developments and clinical innovations that unite us and work towards this goal.

Despite the enormous plausible efforts devoted to developing artificial organs in the past 6 decades, which led to some organ replacement becoming routine practice, we are still far from optimum solutions and the artificial organs scientific and clinical community is still facing great challenges. Therefore, and in line with the key objective of ESAO to promote advances in science and technology for the benefit of human health and to contribute to the evolution of medical care, EASO 2021 congress is structured to achieve that objective. We aim to provide a unique platform to foster interdisciplinary discussions and collaborations between engineering, basic scientists, biologists, clinicians and industry partners, all of whom will play an integral part of the presenters and audience attending ESAO 2021.

The Congress will provide rich scientific interaction, supported by the International Scientific Committee, will be presenting the absolute forefront and latest in Artificial Organs development. We will feature

- Keynote lectures delivered by world-class leaders in their field.
- Symposia will focus on
  - o Artificial and Hybrid technologies and discoveries,
  - o Clinical trials of devices and artificial organs
  - o Regulatory issues, approval of new devices
  - o Commercialisation challenges and development costing matters
  - o New ideas, devices and innovation.
- Poster sessions will form an important part of the Scientific Programme with dedicated poster viewing and chaired discussion times.
- An important part of the Congress is the yEASO meeting for our young investigators.
- An advanced software that will facilitate an enjoyable social program for all participants, with ample time for further discussions, interactions and networking.

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, we look forward to welcoming you to ESAO 2021, for what promises to be an excellent scientific congress and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.