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**Dear friends, Dear Colleagues, Dear ESPES members,**

**2020 will be remembered as a year in which the whole world has been deeply damaged by a virus against which practically no one was immune.**

**The consequences are many and varied but one, very painful, will remain in my memory: the incredible propensity that scientists in general have had to rush through studies, announce unverified or verifiable figures, get rid of basic rules of any scientific publication, invade social networks and the press with their opinions and comments rather than confront the criticisms of their colleagues.**

**Congresses, like the EUPSA / IPEG / ESPES in Vienna is one of those occasions where we can compare our knowledge, have it validated, progress. Unfortunately, it cannot take place.**

**The ESPES Executive Board and the Executive Task Force (ETF) led by Philippe Montupet (initially for Vienna) are pleased to announce the **holding of the Xth ESPES congress in the form of an E-congress on Friday 18 September 2020.****

**This congress will consist of scientific communications, poster walk, readings, etc. A round table will bring together experts around the different modes of insufflation in the context of the Covid -19 pandemic.**

**The congress will be followed by a General Assembly with the passing of witnesses from one president to another.**

**Details, program at the glance and technical specifications will be communicated to you via the ESPES website.**

**Cherry on the cake, this congress will be completely **free of charge for Members** in order of their 2020 dues. Don't forget to renew your membership!!**

**Save the date: Friday **18 September 2020** between 08.00 and 19.00 h (Paris / Brussels time).**

**We are really proud to be, for this first E-congress, the hosts of IRCAD in Strasbourg, that will take care of the logistics for us and will host us during this great day.**

We look forward to seeing you very numerous, from Europe and around the world, to exchange our experiences between scientists, with rigor and humility. We are very excited by this new challenge

Stay Safe!

For the EB and the Program Chair

*Henri Steyaert*

ESPES President