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Letter to the members of the *espmh*

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Dear colleagues,

At our 34th Annual *espmh* conference - it did finally happen! - in Warsaw in August last year we enjoyed many interesting presentations as well as the hospitality of our Polish hosts. Once again, I would like to thank Joanna Różyńska, Paweł Łuków, and all the other Polish colleagues involved, for organizing and accommodating this wonderful conference.

We are now looking forward to our next conference in Riga, Latvia, 23 – 26 August 2023. You find a [call for abstracts](#) for this forthcoming conference on the [society's homepage](#). The deadline for submission of abstracts is **1 March 2023**. Please send your abstract (in **Word** format) by email to the secretary of the *espmh*. After the selection of abstracts, we will draw up a (draft) programme and post it on the society's homepage by the end of March 2023.

To register for the conference in Riga please go to the society's homepage and [register online](#).

At the Riga conference, there will be an election for positions in the Board of the *espmh*. As a result of the last election in Warsaw the composition of the Board as of 1 January 2023 will be as follows:

Péter Kakuk (Hungary)	President	until - 31/12/2024
Ana Borovecki (Croatia)	President-Elect	until - 31/12/2024
Gerrit Kimsma (Netherlands)	Treasurer	until - 31/12/2025
Bert Gordijn (Ireland)	Secretary	until - 31/12/2023
Eugenijus Gefenas (Lithuania)	Member	until - 31/12/2025
Fuat Oduncu (Germany)	Member	until - 31/12/2023
Luciana Caenazzo (Italy)	Member	until - 31/12/2024
Ignaas Devisch (Belgium)	Member	until - 31/12/2024
Frida Simonstein (Israel)	Member	until - 31/12/2024
Joanna Rozynska (Poland)	Member	until - 31/12/2025
Shlomit Zuckerman (Israel)	Member	until - 31/12/2025

The three-year term of office of two Board members will finish by the end of 2023 (Bert Gordijn and Fuat Oduncu). This means that these two board positions will be up for election during the General Assembly in Riga, i.e., the position of Secretary and a position of Regular Board Member.

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We will follow the [By-Laws concerning the election procedure of the Board](#):

1. We invite nominations from the membership.
2. The Board will establish an election proposal based on the nominations received.
3. This proposal will be circulated prior to the General Assembly.

If members do not agree with the proposal of the Board, they are invited to prepare an alternative proposal (backed by 10% of the membership). This proposal must be sent to the Secretary or given to the Board prior to the beginning of the meeting at the latest. The proposal of the Board, as well as such proposals of the membership, will be open for voting during the General Assembly. At the same time, members who are not able to attend the General Assembly can request postal ballot sheets from the Secretariat.

With this first step, we would like to invite you to send in nominations for the two above-mentioned upcoming vacancies in the Board, the position of Secretary and a position of Regular Member of the Board.

For a valid nomination please follow these rules:

1. Specify the name of the person nominated as well as the position (Secretary or regular member of the Board). Only members of the *espmh* can be nominated.
2. We need the written consent of the person nominated (in an email or letter to the secretariat).
3. We need 2 signatures of members who will be making this nomination (names and signatures of these members through email).
4. The nominations must be received by the secretariat **before 1 April 2023**.

In preparing its election proposal, the Board will consider the following criteria: geographical diversity, professional diversity, gender diversity and European residency. If you were to consider making nominations, it would be helpful if you could take these criteria into account as well.

Again, very best wishes for 2023!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes that form a stylized, somewhat abstract shape.

Bert Gordijn,
Secretary of the *espmh*