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Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure to update you about the forthcoming 31^{st} European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care, scheduled to take place in Belgrade, Serbia, August 16 – 19, 2017. Please find an updated draft version of the programme on the Society's homepage (see www.espmh.org). This programme lists all the abstracts that have been accepted for presentation.

I would like to remind speakers who have not yet registered, to do so asap (registration forms can be downloaded from the Society's website). Persons who have not registered by June 15th will have their names removed from the final programme.

With this, we hope to avoid major gaps in the actual conference sessions.

ESPMH General Assembly

On behalf of the ESPMH Board, I would also like to invite you to attend the General Assembly of our Society, which will take place in Zagreb on Friday 18 August, 2017 (16.30-17.30 hrs). Please find a draft agenda of this meeting in the attachement.

ESPMH Election

In an earlier letter (from 13 December, 2016) we invited you to nominate candidates for two positions in the Board of the ESPMH. By the end of 2017 the current three-year-term of Gerrit Kimsma as treasurer of the ESPMH will come to an end. Hence, we will have to elect a new treasurer in Belgrade. Furthermore, the three-year term of office of one further board member, Eugenijus Gefenas, will end by the end of 2017, which means that this position will also be open for election in Belgrade.

Subsequent to the invitation to propose candidates for these two positions, we have not received any nominations. However, both Gerrit Kimsma and Eugenijus Gefenas have indicated to be willing to serve another term in their respective positions (i.e. Treasurer and Regular Board Member).

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Thus, the Board's election proposal is as follows:

Treasurer: Gerrit Kimsma Regular Board Member: Eugenijus Gefenas

According to the by-laws concerning the election procedure, a candidate can be elected without ballots if there is only one candidate for a position and the General Assembly unanimously agrees.

Bio sketches of the candidates are uploaded on the Society's homepage at <u>http://espmh.org/biographical-notes.php</u>.

On behalf of the Board,

Bert Gordijn Secretary of the ESPMH