

## E-AHPBA Council Update: Working Together Towards Growth and Development

Dear E-AHPBA Members,

The E-AHPBA Council is pleased to share our collective goals aimed at aiding the growth and development within our association. With your continued support and engagement, we are committed to achieving these objectives and taking E-AHPBA to the next level.

Under the guidance of **E-AHPBA President, Prof. Marc Besselink**, and the Executive Committee, we have set some core aims for the coming years:

- **Development of an E-AHPBA Early Career Group:** Nurturing the next generation of HPB surgeons is paramount to our mission.
- **Enhanced Mentorship Programme:** We are dedicated to expanding and refining our mentorship programme.
- **Industry Partnerships:** Securing new and long-term partnerships to support our resources and enable us to better serve our members.
- **Continued Education and Webinars:** We remain committed to delivering high-quality educational content to all members and beyond.

In addition to these overarching goals, each committee within the E-AHPBA has outlined specific objectives:

**Membership Committee**, chaired by Prof. Giovanni Marchegiani, aims to increase membership by 10%, with a focused effort on expanding representation from Africa and the Middle East, while also nurturing the Early Career Group and establishing new National Chapters.

**Scientific & Research Committee**, led by Prof. Jose Manuel Ramia, is dedicated to publishing five projects in the next two years, formalising the endorsement process, and initiating a small grant programme to support research endeavours.

**Education Committee**, chaired by Prof. Kjetil Soreide, is committed to providing a robust webinar and case discussion series, maintaining in-person Post Graduate Courses, and exploring collaborative opportunities with UEMS, ESSO, and others.

**Communication Committee**, helmed by Prof. Carlijn Buis, seeks to expand our reach on social media platforms, enhance inter-committee communication, and evaluate member feedback from Africa and the Gulf region.

**Innovation Committee**, chaired by Prof. Oliver Strobel, will focus on disseminating knowledge on innovative technologies, promoting the use of advanced surgical tools, and assessing novel techniques in liver surgery.

Furthermore, we are delighted that IHPBA 2024, will be hosted in our region in Cape Town. We look forward to meeting many of you there and for those unable to attend physically, we encourage you to register for virtual attendance, it's not to be missed!

With warm regards

**E-AHPBA Council**