

## MBC NEWS

### ANNOUNCEMENT, ABFD

Following the election of the MBC General Secretary as EBA President, and to avoid any conflict of interest, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Antonio Di Lonardo, Burn Center Director A.O.U.P., Pisa, Italy, has been appointed Interim General Secretary. Dr. Di Lonardo will serve in his present function until the formal election of a General Secretary during a General Assembly to be convened in Bucharest on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> MBC meeting on May 16-18, 2018.



*Antonio Di Lonardo*

After more than 25 years, MBC and ABFD have entered a new phase with more member countries joining MBC and more national societies adopting ABFD as their official publication. With this, additional efforts are required. Now that MBC and SFB (Société Française de Brûlologie) are becoming closer together, and since SFB is a leading European Burns Society with a large number of members, we believe that a stronger SFB representation in MBC is in order. In addition to Prof. Michel Costagliola who has faithfully and diligently served as MBC National Representative of France since MBC was founded, Dr. Ronan Le Floch, current French Section Editor of *Annals of Burns and Fire Disasters* (ABFD) has been appointed as MBC Assistant National Representative of France. Moreover, Prof. Costagliola, who has all along helped with reviewing submitted French manuscripts and translating abstracts of published manuscripts from English to French, has graciously accepted to serve as Deputy Assistant Editor of the ABFD French Section. These appointments have been approved by Prof. Eric Dantzer, SFB President.

Dr. Enrique Monclus, President of the Spanish Burns Society - Asociación Española de Quemaduras, AEQUE - has reaffirmed the commitment of his society to MBC and named Dr. Jose Ramon Martinez, Secretary of AEQUE and Head of



*Michel Costagliola*



*Ronan Le Floch*



*Dr. Jose Ramon Martinez Mendez (on the left), Dr. Enrique Monclus Fuertes (on the right)*

the Burn Unit of the Hospital La Paz in Madrid, as the new MBC National Representative of Spain.

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*From left: Maurizio Stella, Bishara Atiyeh and Dan Enescu*



*Dan Enescu with Bishara Atiyeh*

The 23<sup>rd</sup> National Congress of Società Italiana Ustioni - SIUst - was held on October 13-14, 2017 in Naples, at the Federico II Conference Center. Prof. R. D'Alessio graciously invited MBC to officially participate in this congress. An MBC session was organized with M. Masellis, B. Atiyeh, Dan Enescu and M. Stella as speakers. Unfortunately Prof. Masellis could not attend. Topics discussed in this session included refugee camps, fire disasters, and burn injuries and the strategy of local burn treatment in premature and newborn patients. At the conclusion of the session, attendants were encouraged to send their work for publication in the Annals of Burns and Fire Disasters that is, after all, the official Journal of SIUst.

The congress was, as usual, well organized and well attended. In addition to attending a high standard scientific meeting, all the guests enjoyed a warm welcome and generous hospitality.



*Antonio Di Lonardo, new MBC General Secretary with Dan Enescu*



*R. D'Alessio (second from left) with his guests.*