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> European Federation of Periodontology EFP President Andreas Stavropoulos

Dear Mr President and members of the Executive Committee!

Dear colleagues!

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinion on the RPA membership in the EFP. We deeply understand the complexity of decision making in this delicate situation.

However, upon discussion, the RPA praesidium members unanimously agreed that the membership suspension on our initiative would be unreasonable, as it would sever international cooperation and would not help achieve the EFP aims and objectives in the development of periodontology, would prevent exchanging the results of clinical trials and medical technologies, which would be detrimental for the basic humanitarian values of the health professionals of the world. As Hippocrates said: "Amor medicina est amor hominum", which means 'Where there is the love of medicine, there is the love of humankind'.

Therefore, we leave the burden of solving the matter to be voted upon by the EFP General Assembly.

We hope and are looking forward to further cooperation.

Kind regards

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