



*From the President*

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To: IUVSTA Officers, Councillors, Alternate Councillors, Chairs of Committees and Divisions

Re: ECM 134, Virtual Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>h</sup> March, 2021

Dear colleagues,

I hereby invite you to attend ECM 134 which will be held from Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation this meeting will be held as a virtual meeting. The meeting schedule and all other relevant documents are available in the "Meantime" section of the IUVSTA website.

The ZOOM link (the same one for each day) for the meetings related to ECM 134 is

*Meeting link*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82860616158?pwd=ODBud1dGSDNobE8zeUNaUWxBemVBdz09>

*Meeting ID: 828 6061 6158*

*Meeting password: 036852*

(Link opens 12:45 all days, all times are CET, Paris time):

**Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>,**

13:00-14:00: Officers Business Meeting, restricted attendance (Officers and Recording Secretary)

**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>,**

12:45-18:00: Committee Meetings and STD

**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>,**

14:00-17:45: ECM 134

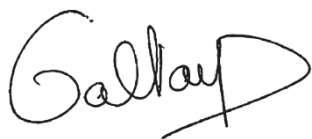
As always, we have to worry about the quorum requirements for an IUVSTA Executive Council meeting which are quite strict. However, no proxies will be issued for this virtual meeting to simplify our voting procedures there. So please use the opportunity to join the meeting from your office or from home to ensure the quorum.

ECM-134 will be also joint with our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, AGM 07 where we will have to approve the budget of 2020 and to also approve the proposed budget of the Union for 2021. In addition AGM 7 will also include a vote on the Honorary Presidency of IUVSTA of Peter Barna, as it was proposed at ECM 133.

In these difficult times for international exchanges, and one year after our 1<sup>st</sup> successful virtual meeting, I strongly encourage you to join and exchange with Officers, Committee Chairs, Division Chairs and Councillors of IUVSTA. Though seriously frustrating, it has the advantage to gather a larger number of participants from the Member societies, to whom we will all report the work which has been done all year long and in particular from the monthly meetings of Officers and Committee Chairs.

Yours experience in your society/country is very interesting to all of us, please participate to inform us! I will be happy to meet and listen to you.

For the smooth operation of the Union in these challenging times, attendance to ECM-134 is very important indeed. Thus, I look forward to meeting you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galtayries', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Anouk Galtayries  
IUVSTA President