

To

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We welcome the clear statement by the Hellenic Society for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (HESPRAS) from October 23, 2014, concerning the current situation of IPRAS.

The Austrian Society of Plastic, Aesthetic and Reconstructive Surgery (ÖGPÄRC) also takes a critical view at the current state of IPRAS. Concerning the 2015 IPRAS World Congress ÖGPÄRC gladly took responsibility. ÖGPÄRC urged IPRAS to a timely and professional congress organization – both in meetings and in writing. Letters in which ÖGPÄRC ultimately expressed their demands remained unanswered. Hence, ÖGPÄRC decided unanimously to withdraw from the congress organization. The German Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons (DGPRÄC) did the same.

A multitude of IPRAS omissions within the past years created doubt on a professional management. From our point of view, the current board has to be held responsible for this situation.

We urgently demand restructuring of the society. Until trust will be restored in IPRAS and a new board, both ÖGPÄRC and DGPRÄC will temporarily withhold IPRAS fees and not pay until a positive analysis of the situation can be made. In the context of a realignment of IPRAS, we regard a by law reform as inevitable. The ExCo has to be downsized, transparency must be increased and the length of terms has to be reconsidered. This process calls for an open and transparent dialog.

Sincerely



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