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As former president of the BASS and current president of Seeponline *Escaut Meuse Moselle*, I would like to congratulate you – as well as your new BASS Board - for the installation of the new 2020 team. Your choice, in the renewal of this Board, is made for a good part of young and active scientific members. That is the pledge for a continual, beautiful and graceful regrowth of your Association. The Sleeponline *Escaut Meuse Moselle* association will continue to include announcements of your activities, as in the past.

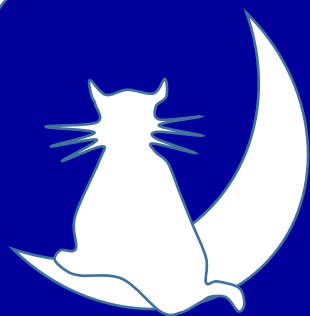
Our common tasks will continue, I hope, despite the harshness of a world that is over-administered and, moreover, tarnished by an epidemic, taking us all back to dark times. Let us remember however that Shakespeare (1564 - 1616) wrote all his works, in times of plague, in London (1564, 1590, 1603 !).

Among our common tasks, come, in the foreground, our common fight for a sub-specialization in sleep medicine (even if it is very difficult to obtain information on this subject ; do you have any on your side ?) and our common fight for the quality of practice and care in sleep medicine. In this regard, I am sending you a document, which summarizes the reactions of Sleeponline *Escaut Meuse Moselle*, to the recent document of proposals from the KCE to the INAMI for the reorganization of the management of sleep centers and the treatment of apnea in the sleep.

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I look forward to the continued and future collaboration of the BASS and Sleeponline *Escaut Meuse Moselle*. I also express to you, on behalf of our association, whose site has been recently updated (Sleeponline.be), our best wishes for 2021.

For the Board of Sleeponline *Escaut Meuse Moselle*,
President Robert Poirrier