

Reflecting on a year like no other...

Dear friends,

The COVID-19 pandemic has shone a light on the vulnerabilities of societies around the world. I commend all of the health workers who have delivered services with compassion and commitment in incredibly challenging times.

One ray of light within a challenging year has been the amazing progress made by the global scientific community, from improving the care of people with COVID-19 to the development of safe and efficacious vaccines. The speed at which these advances have been made is truly inspiring. In June we published a [Letter of Solidarity](#) which urged us all to focus on the most vulnerable in society, ensuring that nobody is left behind. As we commence the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021 I would again urge that we focus on reaching the most vulnerable in all countries of the world.

For the EASL International Foundation, 2020 has been a year of readjustment. In January our new Secretariat Director took up her post, while in the second part of the year we have restricted our Board and formed a separate Fundraising Committee which will work with the Secretariat. These new governance structures will enable EILF to more effectively deliver on its mission of **increasing the quality of life and reducing premature mortality for the greatest number of people by improving liver health.**

2020 has been a year like no other, but as it draws to a close, I see room for optimism and hope. I look forward to furthering EILF's existing collaborations and forging new partnerships in 2021, and ultimately improving the lives of liver disease patients around the world.

I wish you all a peaceful and healthy end to the year. Stay safe!

Massimo Colombo
Chairman, EASL International Liver Foundation

Everyone deserves a healthy liver!

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