



Professor George Griffin

Brussels – 26 May: It has been a great privilege to be the President of FEAM over the past three years. Working with biomedical and clinical colleagues throughout Europe has brought many new friendships and professional alliances. My overriding thoughts are that we all face the same challenges, of varying degrees, but that a common approach to these is greatly facilitated by discussion and cooperation.

Indeed, the joint products and statement of FEAM, often in collaboration with other Academies are a testament to such collaboration which I have endeavored to facilitate and encourage.

I am delighted that the spectrum of FEAM has grown to include veterinary medicine and pharmaceutical science indicating that range of medicine is a continuum.

I am indebted for the excellent help and encouragement from my colleagues of the Board who have been invaluable with their support. In addition, the executive staff in the office have always shown common purpose and have greatly facilitated my role as President in a very positive way. The help and advice from the UK Academy of Medical Sciences has always been welcome and available and well received. Has that of all the academies particularly in Brussels.

I am pleased that Professor Stefan Constantinescu will follow me as President. He is an internationally renowned biomedical and clinical scientist. I am certain he will continue the growing reputation and importance of FEAM.