

**Dear Johannes, Daniela, Sabine and Ralph**

On behalf of the SSIEM Council, I would like to congratulate you all for organising a most successful Symposium on behalf of the Society.

The theme of the Symposium <Crossing Borders> resulted in a most interesting and stimulating series of lectures and was picked up by most of the speakers during their presentations.

The organisation was faultless; I would be grateful if you could extend our appreciation and thanks to the Congress staff. Despite the large number of delegates, the congress centre never appeared congested and delegates moved around with ease - a very well designed venue. The open lecture on Wednesday evening, following the poster viewing session was most informative and interesting and certainly followed the theme of the Symposium.

The networking events were all well supported; from the feedback that I have received to-date from those who were awarded Travel Scholarships these events formed a very important part on the Symposium, enabling young investigators meet with peers and develop new contacts.

Again, thank all you for the time and enormous effort which you all put in to make this a most successful SSIEM Symposium and I wish you the very best wishes for the future

Kind regards

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