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Dear Madam, Dear Marketa,

I am sorry to write to you only now, about the loss of your husband and your father Josef Marek.

He behaved towards me as only good friends are able to do, and I am quite grateful to him. I was very much honoured that he wanted me to be his successor as the president of FEAMC. But, beyond that, I really admired his science, his modesty, and the way he had borne his health difficulties, since the years 2000. Ignoring to what end he was, I invited him to our next board meeting in Paris, at the end of the week.

Dr Dagmar Pohunkowa, whos was very faithful to him, sent me the news soon, so that I could warn all the members of our european board, and I received from them the following testimonies :

Dr Ermanno PAVESI (Switzerland, Treasurer of FIAMC) :

Dear Professor Marek, I would like to write to you in Italian, because you have always wanted to speak Italian with me, but the other colleagues would not understand. We met for the first time at the 1992 FEAMC congress in Venice. An important congress attended by representatives of several Eastern European countries for the first time, but already willing to play an important role in the FEAMC. And you immediately proposed to hold the 1996 congress in Prague, which you organized perfectly. Your hospitality will also be unforgettable at the FEAMC board meeting in Prague in 2008. From our first meeting I could appreciate your profound humanity and I was lucky enough to enjoy your friendship for all these years. I thank you

Dr Paul DESCHEPPER (Belgium, Honorary president of FEAMC) :

Chers confrères, je me souviendrai toujours de Josef Marek comme un confrère bien aimable, toujours de bon humeur et prêt à rendre service. Il fut en outre un vrai catholique et une personne profondément religieuse et tolérante.  
Qu'il jouisse d'un bonheur éternel dans la présence divine.

Dr Michel de BOUCAUD (France - former president of CCMF) :

Nous adressons notre profonde sympathie à la famille du Pr Josef MAREK, et en union d'intention et de prière. Nos sentiments très cordiaux.

Dr Jozef GLASA (Slovakia - Board member)

I received, from prof. Čáp, the funeral notice of Prof. Josef Marek, which I forward to you (enclosed). I want to attend, I try to make myself free for that, probably also with Helena. Prof. Marek has always been very dear to us both. Yesterday, we had a monthly meeting of the Club of Christian (Catholic) Doctors and Health Professionals in Bratislava, which we started by a brief commemoration of and prayer for Jozef Marek. With kind, friendly regards,

Dr Vincenzo DEFILIPPIS (Italy - President of FEAMC).

The death of Joseph Marek deprives the Feamc of a careful, clear, strong presence of witness to the Gospel in the medical profession. He was a witness of the Faith in Christ under the communist dictatorship and protagonist of the democratic revival of the Czech Republic. He was a key player in the presence of Catholic doctors in Europe. We Catholic doctors today have lost a dear friend on earth and bought a great friend in Heaven. May Prof. Marek, a gentle and wise man, always continue to be close to us and guide our choices in order to be doctors authentic witnesses of the Gospel in our beloved Europe. In prayer, all of us recommend it to the Lord.

Dr Diogo CUNHA E SÀ (Portugal - Board member)

Prof. Josef Marek was a very kind person. For me and my wife it is a great longing for the friend. I am sure he rests in peace with God.

Dr Alexandre LAUREANO-SANTOS (Portugal - Secretary General of FEAMC)

Thanks be to God by the all Life of our brother Josef Marek who lived with us as a permanent witness of the authenticity of Our Faith and love of the Truth. We pray together for his eternal presence with all Saints under the shine of Our Lord.

Dr Christian BRÉGEON (France, former treasurer of FEAMC).

Le Professeur Josef Marek a été un Président remarquable et admirable, perspicace, fédérateur, toujours aimable et accueillant, et je me joins avec émotion à la prière et à la peine de sa famille et de ses proches. Il voit désormais clairement Celui qu'il a toujours cherché.

Dr Jasenka MARKELJEVIĆ (Croatia, FIAMC ExCo Member)

My deepest sympathy is with our Professor Jozef Marek who is now in the silence of eternity illuminated by the grace of God and in our memory on his existence here surrounded by love and attention of his loved ones and by those who have appreciated and known him. Professor Marek lived a life of authenticity and external truth inscribed on our hearts that leads us with golden threads of destiny throughout our lives to the Almighty. Eternal rest grant upon him and let perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace.

Dr Niklaus WALDIS (Switzerland, FIAMC General Secretary)

The first FEAMC congress I attended was the one in Prag, organised by Prof. Marek. I still remember him very well. His death is a big loss for the FIAMC as well as for our Czech colleagues. On behalf of the FIAMC, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace. We are going to keep him in our prayers.

Dr Nikolaus & Dorothee ZWICKY-AEBERHARD (Switzerland, former member of the board of FEAMC)

I remember with pleasure and great respect our former FEAMC-president Prof. Dr. Josef Marek. He represented the various national medical associations wisely and respectfully and he was a president who was working in the service of the Almighty. We shall remember him also during the Holy Mass held on the occasion of the next General Assembly of the association of Swiss Catholic Doctors on March 7th 2020. RIP.

Dr Rudolf GIERTLER (Germany, former member of the board of FEAMC)

He was a great and at the same time a very modest person and he was a good friend. I will not forget him. My sympathy goes especially to his family. May he rest in peace.

Dr Alfredo ANZANI (Italy, former Secretary general, and Vice president of FEAMC) :

VIR PROBUS! Good and faithful servant: now he is in the glory of the Lord. I spent with him, at the Feamc, many extraordinary years of collaboration, united in a single ideal: following Christus Medicus to witness in Europe how service to sick brothers should be. Dear Josef, rest in peace.

Please accept all my condolences for the loss of Josef

Yours sincerely

Dr François BLIN  
Past-president of FEAMC