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IS THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE IN THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF MÁLAGA (SPAIN), PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT UNIVERSITY OF MÁLAGA AND HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH SOCIETY OF INTERNAL MEDICINE (SEMI) BETWEEN 2018 AND 2020

Dr. Ricardo Gómez Huelgas, new president elect of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM)

- **He has been designated President-Elect of the European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM) during the General Assembly that took place virtually on 18 March**
- **Dr. Gómez Huelgas has been the president of Spanish Society of Internal Medicine (SEMI, for its initials in English) between November 2018 and November 2020, after assuming the positions of first vice president and second vice president of SEMI**
- **EFIM is umbrella of 37 national medical societies from 35 countries and represents more than 50,000 internists**

Madrid, March 23, 2021. – Dr. Ricardo Gómez Huelgas, current director of the Department of Internal Medicine in the Regional University Hospital of Málaga (Spain) and former president of the **Spanish Society of Internal Medicine** (SEMI, for its acronym in Spanish), has been appointed new President-elect of the **European Federation of Internal Medicine** (EFIM), at the General Assembly that took place during the virtual European Congress of Internal Medicine from 18 – 20 March.

Dr. Gómez Huelgas has been the president of SEMI from November 2018 to November 2020, after holding the positions of second and first vice president of the entity, and has now been designated president-elect of the EFIM for the next two years, **joining EFIM Executive Committee**. SEMI is a national society that is part of the EFIM.

Dr. Gómez Huelgas, also a professor of Medicine at the University of Malaga (UMA), **will assume the Presidency of the European Federation of Internal Medicine** when Dr. Dror Dicker's Presidency (belonging to the Israeli Society of Internal Medicine) ends in 2023.

EFIM: 37 internal medicine societies from 35 European and non-European countries

The European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM) was established in 1996 through a merger of its predecessor AEMI and the Forum of Presidents of National Internal Medicine Societies in Europe. The purpose of EFIM is to emphasize the importance of internal medicine in patient care in a world of increasing specialisation.

Education, research and the promotion of internal medicine are at the heart of the EFIM mission. EFIM integrates national societies outside of Europe such as Algeria, Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

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