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Dear all,

As we count down to the new year, we get to reflect and prepare for what's ahead. 2020 became a difficult year due to COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has brought death to all walks of life, all races and all the continents. I ask you to remembering all victims, those who have died in the pandemic, and also those who have affected by COVID-19 in their life. Concerns have been raised regarding what's best about our life and humanity, so it is a time that gives us the opportunity to honor the sacrifices and hard works of all scientists and health workers worldwide.

And while this year was difficult for many of us, we must hope that brighter days are ahead of us.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all FAONS member societies, who tirelessly worked on scientific works with many obstacles and difficulties due to COVID-19. Your work is hugely appreciated, and FAONS would not be the same federation without your effort and enthusiasm. As you may know, Council members agreed to postpone the Bali Symposium to 2022 due to this pandemic. We will continue promoting the advancement of neuroscience research and education in the Asian Oceanian regions, as well as contributing to the advancement of neuroscience worldwide

On behalf of FAONS Executive Committee Members, I send the warmest wishes to all member societies across these regions. Happy holidays to all of you, wishing you happiness and good health during the 2021 New Year!

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