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Dear Stefan,

**RE: FEMS Council 2018, Warsaw**

I would like to send formal thanks on behalf of FEMS for all of your efforts in organising the 2018 Council meeting. It was a great success as a consequence of your enthusiasm and hard work. The organization, venue, and accommodation, were flawless and contributed to an event that was as enjoyable as it was useful and productive. I received many positive comments about the meeting and the location from attendees. I hope that you enjoyed the event as much as we did. I particularly enjoyed the social programme, enabling me to see much of Warsaw on my first visit to the city. I would also like to pass on my thanks to the volunteers who contributed to the smooth running of everything.

I appreciated your presentation on the history and background of Poland and the Polish Society of Microbiologists, and it seems particularly poignant to have the Council meeting in Warsaw during the centenary of an independent Poland. Warsaw is a wonderful city and I look forward to returning one day.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bauke Oudega', written over a horizontal line.

Bauke Oudega

President, Federation of European Microbiological Societies

cc Catherine Cotton, CEO

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