

ASPS GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FORUM

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Colleagues,

It is truly an honor to serve as the Chair of the ASPS Global Leadership Forum. I serve in this role with humility, gratitude and a deep respect for all that have contributed to development of this body over the years. The strength of the Forum lies not in any single voice, but in the collective wisdom, experience, and vision of its delegates and members who are involved in promoting clinical excellence through global collaboration. The Global Leadership Forum represents a unique platform within ASPS, one where global perspectives converge to shape the direction of plastic surgery across continents, cultures, and healthcare systems. As our specialty continues to expand and evolve, so too must our collaboration and shared responsibility in guiding its future. During my term, I hope to foster:

Shared Leadership and Open Dialogue

I invite every delegate to actively contribute ideas, perspectives and constructive debate. The advancement of the GLF must be a collaborative effort, where strategic decisions are shaped by inclusive discussion and mutual respect.

Global Collaboration and Partnership

By strengthening connections through dialogue, educational opportunities, exchange of trainees and specialists among our countries and regions, we seek to create meaningful educational, scientific and leadership initiatives. I advocate that we should strive to transcend borders and enhance patient care globally by empowering plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgeons with knowledge and purpose, creating new leaders in our specialty who will be capable and able to respond to all challenges we face today and those that await us in the future.

Collective Strategic Vision

Together, we will identify priorities and goals that strengthen the Forum's impact within ASPS and globally—ensuring that our initiatives reflect the real needs and aspirations of plastic surgeons worldwide.

Advocacy for Ethical, Sustainable and Equitable Practice

As global ambassadors of our specialty, we must lead thoughtful discourse on ethics, access to care, innovation and sustainability—positioning plastic surgery as a specialty grounded in responsibility and innovative thinking to, ultimately, provide the best practice and up-to-date treatments to all patients regardless of where they live.

As I already mentioned and have done in my previous leadership roles, I do not see the position of Chair as directing the Forum, but as facilitating its collective potential. Together, through collaboration and shared purpose, we can strengthen our global community and ensure that our leadership reflects the highest standards of excellence, integrity, and vision in plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery.

I look forward to working alongside each of you.

With respect and collegiality,



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