

## Message from Prof. Michael Taroudakis

### President of EAA

Dear Colleagues, Dear European Acousticians, Dear Friends

On behalf of the board of the European Acoustics Association I wish to all of you Merry Christmas and a happy, productive and prosperous New Year.

During the ending year, EAA made its appearance obvious in many instances. National and International Conferences as well as thematic symposia were organized as EAA events under the coordination of EAA member societies, the International Noise Awareness Day was celebrated throughout Europe with many events mainly addressed to the youth and the Young Acousticians Network has increased its influence among young scientists.

Our major event for 2014, FORUM ACUSTICUM 2014 was held in Krakow with great success under the coordination of the Polish Acoustical Society. Negotiations with the Acoustical Society of America for the organization of the FORUM ACUSTICUM 2017 in Boston MA, commonly with the ASA spring meeting of 2017 in Boston, came into a successful end and the Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the presidents of EAA and ASA in the ASA fall meeting in Indianapolis last October.

This year, EAA presented the awards for the promotion of acoustics in Europe commonly to Michael Vorlander (Germany) and Luigi Maffei (Italy) and for lifetime achievements in Acoustics to Michel Bruneau (France). These awards were given to the recipients during the opening ceremony of FORUM ACUSTICUM 2014 in Krakow. A special EAA award was given to Leo Beranek on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and was handed to him in Indianapolis.

Finally EAA has decided to contribute to the production of the documentary film “In Pursuit of Silence” and participate in the celebrations for the Year of Sound 2019.

For the next year EAA has several plans including changes of Internal Regulations in order that the administration becomes more efficient and of course we are looking forward to our major event in 2015 which is the **EURONOISE 2015** to be held in **Maastricht**, May 31, June 3 2015, jointly organized by the Acoustical Societies of Belgium and the Netherlands.

More about the anticipated activities in 2015 will be communicated to you in the near future starting from the January issue of Nuntius.

In the meanwhile I would like once more to wish to all of you **MERRY CHRISTMAS**.

Michael Taroudakis

