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Dear esteemed members of the CAU,

Firstly, we hope this message finds you well in these challenging times of our unfortunate world pandemic and in this regard we send our very best wishes to you and your families. We are very pleased to announce the establishment of an organization termed the **Global Society of Rare GU Tumors** solely dedicated to advancing the care for these rare genitourinary tumors through promoting evidence based clinical and surgical care, cutting edge research, and healthcare team members as well as patient education through the gathering of international thought leaders with expertise on the subject matter (please see attached schema of our leadership team and governing council). This society was created as an impetus that these rare genitourinary tumors are often poorly studied nor understood and that a dedicated society focused on them would be quite impactful in improving patient outcomes and quality of life in addition to fostering opportunities for research collaborations.

We welcome all members of the CAU and of the international scientific community to join our society using its newly designed webpage <https://www.gsrqt.com> which will be continually updated to provide you with the most up-to-date information. In addition, new members of our society (with no ensuing cost for joining) will be able to attend our planned 1st Global Summit of the society which will be held virtually on Friday December 4th and Saturday December 5th, 2020. Feel free to visit and/or follow the Twitter page for the **Global Society of Rare GU Tumors** (@GTumors).

Warm regards and looking forward to hearing from you all,

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