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Good morning, I (Dr. Javier Juste) want to acknowledge EUROBATS Secretariat for making possible the presence of the Spanish bat Society to this meeting one more year.

During 2016, our society has coordinated the celebration of the Bat-Nights that were organized in many localities by local groups across the Spanish geography with the attendance of hundreds of people, showing they keep being a very successful tool to spread the importance of bat conservation for our lives.

Still, the most important event during last year was the celebration of the sixth bat Conference by our Society which was organized together with Portuguese colleagues and held in Portugal for the first time. The conference was also attended by the Gib-Bat group from Gibraltar and for the first time we had the opportunity to exchange experiences and discussions among bat groups at the level of the whole Iberian Peninsula.

On the other hand, the webpage of our bat society was completely renewed (www.secemu.org) during 2016 from where our publication Barbastella can be freely download and which will be shortly available also in English and is becoming quite an active page together with our social networks, Facebook and Twitter.

Finally, SECEMU is actively collaborating in all the efforts that are taking place to achieve the full membership and the signing of the agreement by the Spanish Government any time soon.

