



European Vitreo Retinal Society

A Certain Philosophy



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Dear Friends,

A very warm greeting to you all.

This is my first official letter to you as President of EVRS.

More will follow on a regular basis to keep you updated on the developments within our Society.

I feel very privileged to have been elected by you and I will do all that is in my power to assure that you all feel truly represented by EVRS.

Since our meeting in Montecarlo many things have happened.

As you all know Dr Ducournau announced his retirement in our last Congress.

We are grateful for what he has done for the Society in all these years.

He and Dr Lucke shared a dream: to create a scientific Society of peers in which knowledge would be spread in a new and unique way.

Their dream became reality embodied in a fresh and different philosophy which led to the creation of EVRS and the EVRS Training School.

Today we are left with an important legacy which is to take the Society to a new level of growth and to a new stage of maturity.

Not an easy task but we will devote all the energy which is necessary to achieve this goal.

One of the first steps the newly appointed Board took was to find a new CEO for EVRSC.

Contrary to all expectations, we decided to choose a non-medical figure for this position.

The reasoning behind this was a simple one.

EVRSC's institutional role is purely a technical one.

It has many duties to perform such as organising our annual Congress, maintaining the website and offering secretarial services.

The Board and its President, on the other hand, have a completely different role.

Their job is to interpret the needs and aspirations of Society members and to make policies accordingly.

The result of not having a physician as CEO is quite obvious.

The Society will now be more effectively represented by its President and, therefore, by its Members than in the past.

New Presidents will bring new ideas and strategies which will, hopefully, reflect our Members' expectations as they change and evolve over time.

This, in turn, should prompt Members to play a more active role in the Society's life.

By unanimous vote from the Board, Anja Leppich was asked to become our new CEO.

Anja has the experience and know-how to carry out this very technical assignment.

She has been loyal to EVRS for many years.

We honestly could not think of a better choice and I hope you will agree.

We know that this will require a lot more work by the Board which will be involved in preparing our meetings as it has never been involved before.

We will be happy to do this because we too have a dream: to see EVRS thrive and prosper now and in the future.

Speaking of our next Congress which will be held in Florence, I am pleased to inform you that Anja and myself have already proceeded to site inspections and we are actively working on the makings of a great meeting.

More on that in my next letter....

Until then, all the best to you all.

Giampaolo Gini