



European Vitreo Retinal Society

A Certain Philosophy



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Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well and that you have started the New Year on a positive note.

As promised in my first letter to you in November, I am back to keep you up to date on all that has been going on with our Society.

We have been very active so there are many things to say.

Therefore, I suggest you take five minutes off from whatever you are doing, relax and read on.

First, the Congress.

The scientific program is going to be especially good.

The title says it all: “**retina unlimited**”.

We are going to have a very stimulating mix of medical as well as surgical retina.

This year we are going to have lectures from two outstanding ophthalmologists.

The **Zivojnovich Award** will be handed to Prof Harry Flynn.

Prof. Flynn does not need much of an introduction. His work speaks for itself.

He is a great lecturer and the Distinguished J. Donald M. Gass Chair in Ophthalmology at the University of Miami as well as Professor in Ophthalmology at Bascolm Palmer Eye Institute.

But we have another very special surprise for you.

We have introduced **The EVRS Annual Lecture** as of this year.

This will be a comprehensive lecture on a specific subject with lots of “take home” information for everyone.

We were very fortunate to have Prof. Stephen Foster accept our invitation.

Again, his extraordinary work needs no introduction.

Among other things, he is the Founder and President of the Ocular Immunology and Uveitis Foundation.

I am sure he will have a few things to tell us to keep us very interested.

But let us not forget that the real protagonists of the Congress are the Members themselves!

Your abstracts are already coming in.

We are very happy with this because there will be so much work for us on the Board to do that we would like **NOT** to have all you contributions at the last minute.

So, please make sure you make a mental note of **abstract submission deadline!**

And take advantage of **early bird registration.**

You know you definitely want to come to THIS meeting, so why pay extra by putting off your registration?

Now, I could talk to you about the social program.

But I would be spoiling your surprise...

So, I will not tell you anything more than you already know.

However, I can assure you that you will not want to miss any of the events we have prepared.

Second, our Annual Study.

How do we react when we get the dreaded endophthalmitis case in our practice ?

(No, calling your lawyer is not the right answer)

Are we taking the most effective steps for our patient? What do others do?

What is the right thing to do?

We will try to answer these questions in this year's **Post-Interventional Endophthalmitis Study**.

Great care has been taken in formulating the questionnaire.

We have discussed it with a team of Professional Statisticians before submitting it to you so that the results will be unbiased, reliable and statistically correct.

You will find the questionnaire on our website.

Its compilation is extremely easy, is done on-line and really only takes a few minutes.

It will probably be the largest and most geographically diverse study of its kind.

Many other Scientific Societies have already expressed an interest in it.

You should feel privileged to be the among the first to use it.

Send your cases in and see your name among the Authors when these results get published!

I will end my letter here but I will be back with more information as we get things done.

Please remember to get your abstracts, posters and videos to us as soon as possible.

Please go to our website and register taking advantage of early bird registration.

On the website you will also find plenty of useful information including accomodations.

Please remember that Florence is an important tourist destination and that hotels are generally booked well in advance.

All the best to you all

Giampaolo Gini