



European Vitreo Retinal Society

A Certain Philosophy



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Dear Friends,

Our annual meeting is fast approaching.

In a few days we shall meet in Florence for what I hope shall truly be a memorable event for us all.

As Anja, the Board and myself sit here biting our nails and trying to troubleshoot all possible problems, I thought I should give a brief preview of the Awards we have prepared for the event.

This overview should be of particular interest to those of you who have only recently joined EVRS.

The Zivojnovich (or “Z”) Award

EVRS’ most prestigious and historically first award given for outstanding contributions to the field of retina care practice.

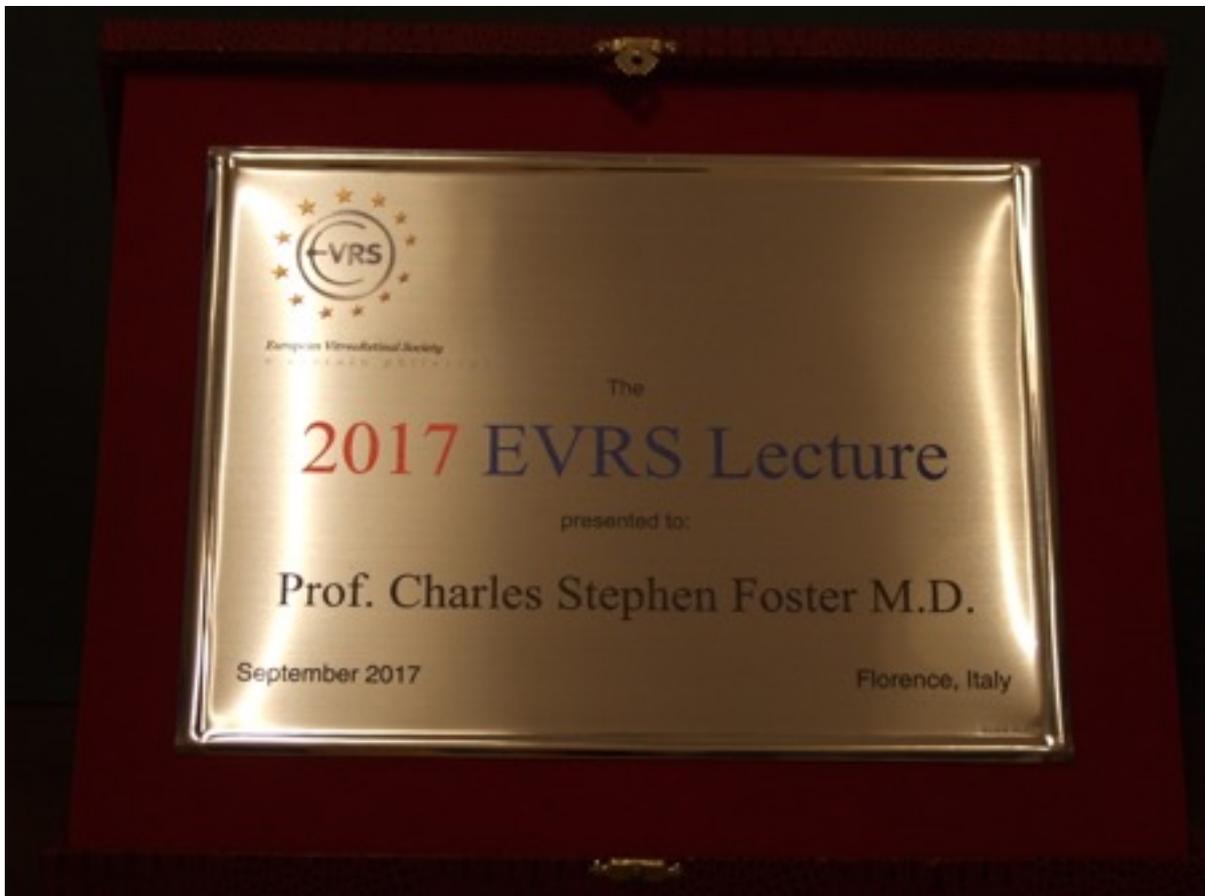
In the past the Award has been presented to Surgeons, Physicians and Researchers who have dedicated their lives to improving patient care and who have contributed to the advancement of knowledge in our Specialty.

A full list of previously presented “Z Awards” may be found on our website.



The EVRS Lecture

This Award was only recently introduced and will be presented for the first time this year. It is a way for EVRS to say “thank you” to the Expert who has been chosen to deliver a “Lectio Magistralis” in his/her specific field of interest.



The EVRS Ambassador Award

This too will be presented for the first time this year.

It is a way for EVRS to say “thank you” to those Members who have gone out of their way to promote the Society’s philosophy in their own Countries and abroad.

Maybe not all our Members are eligible for the “Z Award” but I am convinced many of you contribute to the growth of our Society in many different ways.

This important recognition is assigned in the following manner:

- a Member is proposed for the Award by a group of at least 3 other EVRS members
- the proposal must be in writing (e-mail) addressed to the EVRS Board through its Secretary.
- the letter must contain a brief statement of what the Member has done for EVRS and its philosophy to deserve the award
- the Board will vote on the proposal and communicate the result to those involved
- the Award will be presented during the Gala dinner of our annual meeting



The EVRS Ambassador Award Badge

This year's final innovation.

As EVRS' reputation has grown through the years, we have been asked by several scientific societies to present a Group of EVRS Speakers to deal with a specific topic at their meetings. In the past we have always asked those Members we knew better to participate in these meetings. However; we would like to give everyone the opportunity to do so.

If you would like to be part of the **Ambassador Group of EVRS Speakers** please join in.

As the opportunity to go to meetings representing EVRS arises, we will send out an e-mail to all members of the Group to see who is available on that specific occasion.

To be part of the Group all we ask is that you speak English relatively well and that you send us a short CV.

Once you have attended at least two meetings in representation of EVRS you will be presented with the EVRS Ambassador Award Badge during the Gala dinner of our annual meeting.



The Other Awards

You should all be familiar with these for they have been around for quite some time. This year we have tried to set new rules so as to make judgment as impartial as possible. Anja sent you all the evaluation parameters a few months ago. Let me just show you the awards and... may the best presentation win!

The Cesare Film Festival Award

This iconic Best Film Award has been around since the creation of EVRS. It has inspired many surgeons and contributed significantly to our large EVpedia database (see website). It has been renamed after Cesare Forlini's premature demise. All who have known him will agree he was the greatest enthusiast of representing surgical practice through videos. He is probably also the one who has collected the most film awards worldwide to this day.



The Mireille Bonnet Poster Competition

Another EVRS classic.

Dedicated to a great Ophthalmologist and a charismatic teacher.



Retina Photo Competition

For all those enthusiastic photographers out there.

This is the time and the place to show your skills!



Best Industry Presentation

When it comes to driving innovation in Medicine, Industry plays a role of paramount importance. It has the resources, both financial and structural, to carry out complex research. Our enhanced skills as surgeons are largely the result of an ongoing improvement process in techniques and instrumentation.

Our role as physicians is to evaluate the solutions Industry provides to the clinical issues we present it with.

Those solutions are proposed to us in the presentations given by Industry Representatives at our meeting.

Our last and final Award is therefore given in recognition to the efforts placed into giving the best industrial presentation.



So, you see, there really is something for anyone who wants to get involved!

I am looking forward to welcoming you all to Florence and I sincerely hope you will leave the meeting with the same enthusiasm we have devoted to organising it.

See you soon.

All the best

Giampaolo Gini