



Società Italiana di Chirurgia Colo-Rettale

San Vito al Tagliamento, 26th October 2009

Dear members

It is by now a SICCR custom that the newly elected president should give a presentation and greet all fellow members and people who work and collaborate with SICCR.

Let me start by warmly thanking all people who voted for me and by doing so, demonstrated their esteem and trust in me.

I would like to repay them by offering my total commitment, a commitment that is as old as my thirty years of activity as a doctor. My friends and I have been totally committed with the result of improving and extending the field of colon proctology to the level it has reached today.

Something barely imagined 10-15 years ago. Caprilli, Franchini and Lise's dream has been shared and has become a reality, through many hardships, it has adapted to the rapid changes imposed by the evolution of time.

This Directive Council has great responsibilities: it inherits an association that counts more than 700 members among regular and honorary members, it has a consolidated territorial structure, it has powerful means of scientific communication and rapid information. Techniques in Colon proctology has had a strong impact, it has a portal also in English www.siccr.org. Thanks to our engagement, we are classified among other well-known European activities and we hope to establish further relationships with other associations throughout the world.

The association's present financial position is not very promising owing to the general economic recession that has hit industry on the whole.

However we hope to continue our collaboration with industry but at the same time we hope to maintain our scientific and ethical independence.

The Directive Council is made up of capable and ethically correct people of whom the president is the major representative. In collaboration with them I would like to make the following key proposals:

- Internal and external implementation of the association's communication system. The Directive Council, committees ect should be allowed to meet at more frequent intervals and to make use of the technology at disposal.
- Preparation of a general strategic plan regarding the training of young doctors by placing in an organic plan, the activities that the association already organizes: training courses, educational meetings, including the recent approval for a school of proctology.
- To give support to research both in well-equipped centres and centres that unfortunately for logistic reasons lack means and funds.
- To carry out actions that prove the reliability of the crediting of the levels of the units of colon proctology, such as the resumption of verifications.

The Directive Council will meet on the 31st October to draw up its new staff, new activities. And to lay the foundations of progress in all its activities.

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I sincerely rely on the proposals, comments or collaboration on behalf of SICCR members who can write to me directly in order to obtain maximum results with the involvement of all SICCR members. Moreover, Thanks to the precious contribution of Marina Fiorino, who is responsible with me for the SICCR science centre, I hope to be able to offer enthusiasm and organization to information, training and research.

Kind regards

Aldo Infantino

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