



ERS News 2010

I am delighted to report an extremely successful 23rd ERS and 29th ISIAN meeting in Geneva, 20-24th June. The meeting was attended by ~ 1200 people and was held in the well appointed CICG (Centre International de Conference Geneve). It was well-organised as we would expect from the Swiss and Professor Silvain Lacroix is to be commended on the excellent programme with a wide range of speakers from many countries and many disciplines.

At the Opening Ceremony, Professor Lacroix commented on the friendship and success of the society and the journal '*Rhinology*' which has achieved a further rise in its Impact Factor this year to 2.182, placing it amongst the top ENT peer-reviewed publications.

At the ceremony, four Honorary Fellowships were awarded to Metin Onerci, Gerhard Rettinger, Pierre Rouvier and Georges Terrier (see below) in recognition of their tremendous contributions to the speciality. Special 'thank you' Awards were also made to Margot Wijnen, recently retired as Administrator for ERS and '*Rhinology*' and to Professor Egbert Huizing who gave an entertaining lecture on the many aspects of 'Inspiration'.

The ERS Prize for Basic Science (€ 1500) was won by Evangelos Giotakis, working in Pforzheim, Germany for his paper, '*Apoptotic and proliferative status in human inverted papilloma of the nose and paranasal sinuses*'. The ERS Prize for Clinical Research (€ 1500) went to Ina Callebaut, Leuven, Belgium for '*Conjunctival effects of a selective nasal pollen provocation*'.

The programme commenced with a provoking Keynote lecture from Professor Fokkens on 'What is new in rhinology?' and thereafter there were round tables, symposia, workshops, surgical demonstrations as well as free paper, videos and poster sessions on every conceivable rhinologic topic from allergy, inflammation and infection to facial plastic surgery and oncology as well as a particular emphasis on olfaction, imaging and new technologies.

Social events included a wonderful rendition of Mozart's Requiem K626 in Geneva Cathedral under the direction of Luc Baghdassarian, a jolly dinner cruise on Lake Geneva and a very enjoyable Gala Dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel at which the musical talents of Professor Lacroix were again on display.

We look forward to the next meeting in Toulouse, France 17-21 June 2012 under the able leadership of Professor Eli Serrano.

À bientôt!

Valerie Lund
General Secretary, ERS

Honorary Fellowships

'persons by reason of their exceptional achievements in the field of rhinology or related disciplines or by reason of their special merits for the Society.'

ERS Statutes 2004

Metin Önerci

- *Professor of Otorhinolaryngology, Hacettepe University, Faculty of Medicine, Ankara, 1997-present*
- *ISIAN President, 2004-2005*
- *ERS President 2004-2006, after ERS meeting in Ankara*
- *Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Society - Ankara, Turkey, President 2000-2006*
- *Turkish Rhinology Society, President, 2000-2006*
- *IRS, General Secretary, 2005-present*
- *International recognition as evidenced by his election to*
 - *Collegium Amitas Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum*
 - *American Triological Society*
- *Significant contribution to literature and special interests as exemplified by the following books:*
 - *Rhinologic and Sleep Apnea Surgical Techniques, Editors Kountakis S & Önerci M, 2007 Springer*
 - *Diagnosis in Otorhinolaryngology, 2009 Springer*
 - *Nasal Polyposis, Editors Önerci M-Fergusson BJ, 2010 Springer*



Gerhard Rettinger

- *Professor ENT/ Head and Neck Surgery since 1987*
- *Head of the ENT-Department at the University Ulm since 1995*
- *ISIAN: President 2002-2003*
- *ERS: President 2002-2004, after ERS meeting in Ulm*
- *ERS, General Secretary 2004-2008*
- *German ORL-Society, Head and Neck Surgery: President 2009-2010*
- *Member of the Board of the European Academy of Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery*
- *ERS Awards Athens 1986, Barcelona 2000*
- *Honorary Member of the Austrian ENT Society*
- *Major contributions to literature and special interests*
- *Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Rhinoplasty, Otoplasty, Sinus and Lateral and Frontal Skull Base Surgery*
- *Teaching - many commitments including his annual Surgical Courses on Otoplasty and Rhinoplasty in Erlangen and Ulm since 1986*



Pierre Rouvier

Professor Rouvier is a true legend in francophone rhinology

- *Trained in Marseille*
- *Head of ENT/Head and Neck Surgery Arles 1963-1996*
- *At the beginning of his career, he organised 3 important meetings between 1969 and 1975: 1969 with Pr Pradès in Barcelona following which 'surgery endonasale under microscopic control' was promoted; 1970 with Pr Guerrier in Montpellier with whom Pr Rouvier wrote major updates on the anatomy of the nose and the sinuses for the Medico-Surgical Encyclopedia ORL; and 1975 with Pr Terrier which resulted in 'endoscopy naso-sinusienne' and the start of a long friendship.*
- *Established ORLÎ 1980, an association of young ENT surgeons eager to reinvigorate French rhinology and who he called 'les mousquetaires'. They aimed to establish a common vocabu-*



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lary, definitions and standards of clinical, endoscopic and radiological data in rhinologic diseases. As a consequence he influenced several generations of French rhinologists.

- Teaching – His Annual Rhinology course ran from 1985-1993, regularly attracting 200-250 participants from around the world. With Pr Terrier he drafted 3 reports for the French Society of ORL: 1982 “état actuel de la chirurgie des sinus”, 1989: “endoscopie diagnostique et thérapeutique en orl» and 1996: “L’obstruction nasale”. He supervised 12 theses on rhinological topics, presented in Marseille, Montpellier, St Etienne and elsewhere.
- He retired in 1995 but his huge contribution to l’école rhinologie française is recognised in this Honorary Fellowship.

Georges Terrier

- Born in Geneva in 1922 and graduated from Lausanne Medical School in 1950.
- He undertook his post graduate training in Baden (Germany), Strasbourg (France) and Zurich (Switzerland).
- Head of the Department of ORL in La Chaux-de-Fonds in 1957.
- Swiss ENT society, President, 1972 and 1973.
- Associate Professor of Lausanne University Medical school, 1979- .
- Immense commitment to teaching and contributions to literature >100 papers.
- Organiser of many international rhinology courses.
- Probably the most important contribution is his book “Modern rhinosinusal endoscopy” published in 1978.
- Professor Terrier is one of the European pioneers in the development of rhinology and endonasal endoscopic surgery and this Honorary Fellowship recognises all that Professor Terrier has done for Swiss and European rhinology.

