

*The European Rhinologic Society has an Advisory Board comprised of Delegates, Associate Delegates and Regional Representatives of the members of the Society. Each Delegate has been asked to provide a short summary of their national rhinologic activities and in this issue we present the Spanish Society.*

*Valerie J. Lund  
General Secretary ERS*

## The Spanish Rhinological Commission

The Spanish Commission of Rhinology was founded in 1995 on the behalf of the Spanish Society of ORL-HNS. The main objective was to increase, diffuse and promote knowledge around the vast field of Rhinology. The Commission holds two annual meetings. One of them, over one day, during the Congress of the Spanish Society of ORL-HNS tries to offer an overview of the most new and burning topics. The second one is an annual spring meeting, over two days, with a specific topic. The most recent topics presented were “nose and paranasal sinuses tumours”, “nasal polyposis”, “rhinoplasty” and “olfaction”. The “state of the art” is focused and discussed with international guest speakers such as Prof P. Castelnuovo, Prof P. Palma or Prof E. Serrano, among others.

The Commission is involved in the organization of several courses on FEES with cadaver dissection all around the country.

A close co-operation is established with the Paediatrics Commission, the Head and Neck Commission and the Plastic Surgery Commission of the Spanish Society of ORL-HNS. The Rhinological Commission has also a close relationship with the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Spanish Society, which has led to the recent publication of a national consensus report “POLINA” about nasal polyposis.

Two national reports were recently published by members of the Rhinological Commission; “Functional and Aesthetical Rhinoplasty” directed by Prof. A. Sarandeses and Prof J.M. Fabra, and “Rhinitis, Rhinosinusitis and Nasal Polyposis” directed by Prof J. Mullol and Prof J.R. Montserrat.

We should point out that in 1972 and 2000, Barcelona held the European Rhinological Congress, with presidents of the society at that time: Prof J.M. Montserrat and Prof J.M. Fabra, respectively.



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Figure 1. ERS congress in 1972.

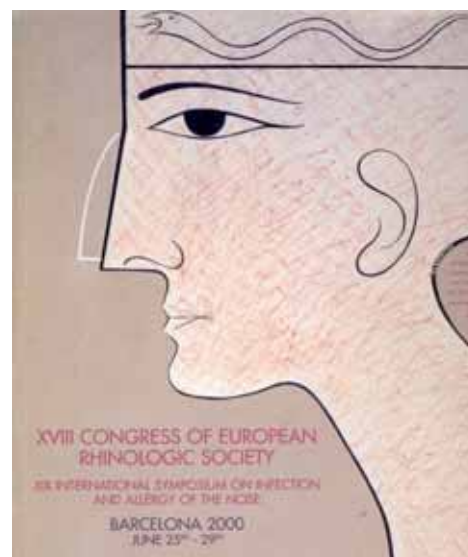


Figure 2. ERS congress in 2000.

# Minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly of ERS June 23, 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland



**Present:** 30 society-members are present. According to the statutes, the General Assembly has a quorum even if less than 5 per cent of the members are present and if these members accept the decisions under these circumstances (statutes 12.2). There were no objections to this procedure.

The invitation to this General Assembly together with the agenda was published in the Journal Rhinology in the year 2009. The agenda is accepted.

## 1 **Opening remarks by A. Papavassiliou**

The ERS-President thanks the Congress-President for the organization of this excellent congress and for inviting ERS to Geneva.

## 2 **Minutes of the General Assembly 2008 (G. Rettinger)**

The minutes of the ERS-General-Assembly in Crete, June. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

## 3 **Report of the Congress President and next ERS-President (S.Lacroix)**

The Congress-President thanks all participants of this congress for coming to Geneva and in particular those ERS-members who are present at this General Assembly. He reports on more than 1200 participants from 67 countries. The programme was followed as presented and only 2 speakers had to cancel for some good reason.

At the opening ceremony, two prizes for basic and clinical research were awarded:

Prize for basic research and clinical research Ina Callebaut from Belgium and Evangelos I. Giotakis from Germany

Prof. Huizing was given a plaque for his long lasting support of Journal Rhinology.

## 4 **Report of the General Secretary and Treasurer**

In view of the healthy financial situation of ERS, the support for research and education of young colleagues will be further stimulated with future projects.

The bank reconciliation is € 51.816,-

As discussed in EC and Advisory Board and Editorial Board the membership fee for ERS is far too low compared to other Societies and the fact that in years there has not been an increase, it has been decided to increase the membership fee to € 50,- this coming year and the following year by the same amount up to

€100,-. In addition there will be an effort to lower the costs of the Journal as well.

After the reports of the President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer, the General Assembly accepts these reports.

## 5 **Appointments**

There will be replacements after 8 years: Wytse Fokkens will be replaced by Christos Georgalas (the Netherlands), Valerie Lund by Andrew Swift (UK), Anthony Krzeski by Pavel Strek (Poland), Mats Hollstrom by Per Stjerne (Sweden) and there will be a change for Italy: Ignazio Tasca will be delegate instead of Luisa Bellussi.

A Junior ERS Member Committee has been formed who present themselves in Toulouse. Chairman Susanne Reinartz (the Netherlands) and Secretary Marta Kisiel, Sweden.

## 6 **Report of the Editor in Chief of Rhinology (V. Lund)**

The impact factor in 2009 was 1.82 and in 2010 this is 2.182. but as EPOS will no longer be included in the calculation, the impact factor will likely go down next year.

The problem is that there are so many articles sent to the Journal that even when we only now accept 27% (in the past 40%), the workload of the reviewers is too high and waiting time to publish an article too long (3/4 year).

Although every issue now has more pages (from 48 to 140) we are considering making 6 issues a year. Only access on line has also been considered, but this seems too early and will be discussed in later meetings.

If this is agreed in the future, we might also offer hard copies but there would be an additional charge. The Assembly supported this proposal.

## 7 **Courses under ERS-auspices, prizes and fellowships (W. Fokkens)**

Numerous congresses and courses were held under ERS-auspices in 2008 and 2009. There were 5 fellowships for the ERS-courses in 2009.

Applications for fellowships, prizes and also the website are organized by the committee of member services (CoMeSe).

Thus far Graz has been decided and the others remain to be done for 2010 but it has been decided in future that applications for Fellowships all have to be done

before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to avoid duplication of effort.

RhiPla foundation has given two prizes: Prof. Ingo Baumann from Heidelberg and Prof. Peter Hellings from Leuven. The level was very high this year.

#### 8 Future meetings

The following dates for the ERS-congresses are already decided:

June 17-21, 2012 in Toulouse (F) by E. Serrano

June 22-26, 2014 in Amsterdam (NL) by W. Fokkens:

This congress will be held 50 years after the foundation of ERS and will at the same time be the 25<sup>th</sup>

ERS-congress. The theme will be 'The Nose as an Interface' There is already a Scientific Committee working on it and as there has been a Junior ERS Member Meeting during this Congress, they will organise from Toulouse onwards their own Symposium.

#### 9 Closing remarks

London (UK), July 2010

*V.J. Lund*

*General Secretary*

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Zürich, Switzerland, June 6 - 8, 2011

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## 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND COURSE IN ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY

Kajetany/Warsaw, Poland, June 9 - 11, 2011

President: prof. Henryk Skarzynski

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## \* 14TH CIRAS ENDONASAL ENDOSCOPIC APPROACH TO THE NOSE AND PARANASAL SINUSES

Zagreb, Croatia, June 14 - 16, 2011

Course Directors: Ranko Mladina, MD, PhD

*Information:* Mr. Marcel Marjanovic Kavanagh, MD, Kišpaticeva 12, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia. Tel: +385-1-2367610; Fax: +385-1-2367 559; E-mail: info@ciras.eu; Website: ciras.eu. This congress is under ERS-Auspices

## ADVANCED ENDOSCOPIC SKULL BASE SURGERY

Barcelona, Spain, June 30 - July 2, 2011

Course directors: Isam Alobid, Joaquim Enseñat, Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen

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## 1ST CONGRESS OF THE CONFEDERATION OF THE EUROPEAN OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY, HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

Barcelona, Spain, July 2 - 6, 2011

President: Prof. Dr. med. Manuel Bernal-Sprekelsen

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## RHINOFEST 2011 - THE MAYO CLINIC INTERNATIONAL RHINOLOGIC DISSECTION COURSE IN ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY AND RHINOPLASTY

Rochester, MN, USA, August 18 - 21, 2011

Directors: Course Directors: John F. Pallanch, Eric J. Moore, William E. Bolger

*Information:* Tel: 800-323-2688; E-mail: cme@mayo.edu; Website: www.mayo.edu/cme/rhinofest-2011R080

## 23RD INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY OF THE PARANASAL SINUSES &amp; SKULL BASE

Ghent, Belgium, August 24 - 27, 2011

*Information:* Prof. C. Bachert, c/o Mrs. P. Van de Walle, University Hospital Ghent, Dept. Of ENT, H&N Surgery, De Pintelaan 185, B- 9000 Ghent, Belgium; Tel: +32-9-233 8660; Fax +32-9-332 4993; E-mail: petra.vandewalle@ugent.be; Website: www.fess-course.be

## 34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY (EAFPS)

Bruges, Belgium, September 1-4, 2011

Conference Presidents: Prof. Peter Hellings and Prof. Philippe Rombaux

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## 44TH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON FUNCTIONAL AND ENDOSCOPIC SINUS TECHNIQUES

Graz, Austria, September 1-3, 2011

Course director: prof. Dr. H. Stammberger

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## 1ST EAST ANGLIAN COURSE ON MANAGEMENT OF SINONASAL DISEASE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Cambridge, Norwich and Great Yarmouth, United Kingdom, September 06 - 08, 2011

Course organisers: Mr Carl Philpott, Mr David McKiernan

*Information:* Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, United Kingdom. Tel: +44-(0)1603-591105; Fax: +44-(0)1603-593752; E-mail: secretary@ors.net.uk

## ENDOSCOPIC COURSE FOR PARANASAL SINUS AND SKULL BASE SURGERY

Bern, Switzerland, September 08 - 10, 2011

Director: Prof. Dr. M. Caversaccio

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## ENDOSCOPIC APPROACH TO RHINOSINUSITIS IN SINONASAL DISEASE

London, United Kingdom, October 5-8, 2011

Course Director: Prof. V.J. Lund

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## 18TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN MODERN RHINOPLASTY TECHNIQUES &amp; SYMPOSIUM

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, October 26 - 28, 2011

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## 3RD MEDITERRANEAN RHINOPLASTY COURSE

Malta, March 22 - 24, 2012

Course Coordinator: Adrian Agius

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## 7TH CONGRESS, THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY SOCIETIES : "TECHNIQUES, TASTES AND TRENDS IN FACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY, A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE"

Rome, Italy, May 9 - 12, 2012

Congress President: Pietro Palma, Co-Chairman: Paolo Castelnuovo

*Information:* CQ Travel, Via Pagliano, 37 - 20149 Milano, Italy. Tel: +39-2-4804951; Fax: +39-2-4391-1650; E-mail: rome2012@cq-travel.com; Website: www.nosefaceworld-rome2012.net

## \* 24TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY, 31st I.S.I.A.N

Toulouse, France, June 17 - 21, 2012

Director: E. Serrano

*Information:* European Organisation; ENT Head & Neck Surgery Department, 5, Rue Saint Pantaleon- BP 61508, 31015 Toulouse cedex 6, France. Tel: +33-5-34-452645; Fax: +33-5-34-452646; Email: regist-ers@europe-organisation.com. This congress is under ERS-Auspices

## 20TH IFOS WORLD CONGRESS

Seoul, Korea, June 01-05, 2013

President: Chong Sun Kim.M.D.

*Information:* IFOS2013 Congress Secretariat; Tel: 82-2-3476-7700; Fax: 82-2-3476-8800; E-Mail: info@ifosseoul2013.com

## \* 25TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN RHINOLOGIC SOCIETY, 33rd I.S.I.A.N

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 22 - 26, 2014

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