

International Rhinologic Society Meeting, October 2005, Sydney, Australia

The congress of the International Rhinologic Society (IRS) was held jointly with the meeting of the Australian Society of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery in Sydney from October 25-29, 2005. Over 600 delegates from 45 different countries attended the conference. The invited faculty came from 40 different countries. In all, delegates were offered over 95 invited papers, 26 instructional sessions, 6 plenary and 7 panel discussions.

During the Congress Dinner, set at the beautiful Sydney Harbour, the IRS and Congress President Mr Kevin Kane passed the Presidency of IRS over to Prof. Desiderio Passali from Siena, Italy. He, in turn, announced the next IRS Congress to be held in Venice in 2007. Prof. Peter Clement from Brussels, Belgium, retired as General Secretary and Treasurer after having served in this position with great energy for many years. In his place, Prof. Metin Önerci from Ankara, Turkey, was appointed. Congratulations to Mr Kane and the organising committee for a fabulous conference. It will be hard to surpass the smooth running, educational value and vitality of this congress.

Professors Ryo Takahashi from Tokyo, Egbert Huizing from Utrecht and Peter Clement from Brussels were elected to the positions of Honorary Fellows of the Society. This is in accordance with Article III of the IRS constitution whereby persons of outstanding attainment and contribution to both the affairs of the Society and Rhinology in general are elected to this position in recognition of their achievement and contribution. On behalf of the Society we thank all three of them for their great contributions to Rhinology and congratulate these new honorary members of the Society for this honour and we look forward to their further involvement and interest in the Society.

Prof. Dr. Ryo Takahashi



Ryo Takahashi was born February 28, 1911. He graduated from The Jikei University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan (with honour). He worked as assistant from 1934-1938 at The Jikei University School of Medicine where he received his PhD with a clinical study of tuberculosis otitis media. In 1938 he became Assistant Professor, in 1945 Associate Professor and in 1959 he was appointed Professor and Chairman of the department of ORL at Jikei University until he retired in 1976. He was president of the 7th Japan Plastic Surgery Meeting in 1959, the 9th Japan Rhinologic Society (1970), the 74th meeting of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society (1973) and the combined meeting of the 1st International Symposium Infection and Allergy of Nose (ISIAN) and the 7th Congress of the International Rhinologic Society (1959).

Prof. Takahashi is honorary member of the Japanese Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society (1980), the Korean Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Society (1968), the Japanese Society of Plastic Surgery Society (1975), and the Japanese Rhinologic Society (1976).

Prof. Dr. Egbert Huizing



Egbert Hendrik Huizing was born October 22, 1932 at Groningen, the Netherlands. He received his MD from Groningen University in 1957 and trained in ORL at Leiden University where he served as Associate Professor from 1965-1976. He served as Professor and Chairman of ORL at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam from 1976-1980, and at Utrecht University from 1980-1998. He is the author of 220 publications on clinical audiology, inner ear pathophysiology and functional reconstructive nasal surgery and supervised 29

PhD theses. He was a founding member of both the ERS (1964) and the IRS (1965). He was the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Rhinology* from 1972 to 2004 and a member of the Editorial Board of seven international journals. Among his most well known recent books are 'The Collegium ORLAS-75 years' (with P. Van Den Broek), 2002; 'Functional Reconstructive Nasal Surgery' (with J.A.M. de Groot), Thieme, 2003; and the Dutch Textbook of ORL (with G.B. Snow), 1994-2005). He served as a member of the Dutch National Health Council from 1985-2005. In 1997 he received a knighthood as Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau of the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

He is an honorary member of the Netherlands, Italian, Bulgarian, Slovakian, and Philippine Society of ORL&HNS and of the European, American, Turkish, Russian, and Brazilian Rhinologic Society and received honorary medals from several universities and the 'Life-time Achievement Award' of the IRS.

Prof. Dr. Peter Clement



Peter Adelin Richard Clement was born November 11, 1941 at Izezem, Belgium. He got his MD from the Free University of Brussels (V.U.B.) in 1967 and completed his ENT training at the Municipal University of Amsterdam between 1967-1974 (Prof. Jongkees). He acts as Chair of the dept. of ENT, Head and Neck Surgery of the Free University Hospital Brussels (A.Z.-V.U.B.) since 1979. He is the author of more than 220 publications mainly in the field of Rhinology. In 1999 he received (together with other authors) the George Davey Howells Prize in Otolaryngology for the book "Diseases of the Head & Neck, Nose and Throat". He is the member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Acta Otorhinolaryngol Belgica*, *Rhinology*, *Ear, Nose and Throat (Curr Med Lit)*, *Am J Rhinology*, *Acta Otorhinolaryngol Italica*, *Int J Pediatr ORL*, and *Allergy*.

Among his many administrative functions may be mentioned: Delegate of Benelux in EUFOS, Chairman of Collaboration Committee between EUFOS and Central and Eastern Europe, Boardmember of the ENT committee of the EAACI, General Secretary and Treasurer of the I.R.S., Chairman of the International Standardization Committee on the Objective Assessment of the Nasal Airway, and President of EUFOS (European Federation of Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Societies).

The new Executive Board of the IRS:

Desiderio Passali	President
Metin Önerci	General Secretary
Hiroshi Moriyama	Vice-President
David Kennedy	President elect
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