



Dear Colleagues:

A few months ago I had the honour to start my period as President of the Politzer Society. This is a special honour, given the important role that this society has played historically in Otology worldwide, and in Otolaryngology in particular.

First of all, I would like to thank a number of people without whom I would not be writing this letter: professor Nuri Ozgirgin, my predecessor, for his constant support and especially for updating and revitalizing this society the way he did; Professor Jacques Magnan, mentor of so many and friend of all of us, of whom I learned the need for work well done and the importance of the Politzer Society in the world; and last but not least, my fellow colleagues from the Board, especially Alec Firzgerald O'Connor and P. Ashley Wackym, because without their support my appointment would not have been possible.

Our society is facing an era of change and new challenges, many of them difficult because of this global crisis. Thus, we need to keep pushing boundaries further. Otology, Otoneurology and Skull Base Surgery have grown and are now involved in fields that used to be outside their scopes due to new imaging techniques, invasive and non invasive diagnosis and therapeutic tools. Furthermore new developments related to basic sciences in Otology, make the speed of these developments be the subject of social care and other areas of medicine.

The Politzer Society must not lose its leadership in these areas, and I can assure you that the Board of Directors and I will do our best to keep our high standards. It is difficult to assume a leading role in the latest technologies, leaders in research and promotion of it, without also assuming the scholarship and engaging new generations. A difficult but necessary task to maximize the development of Otology.

To this end, we have set a series of challenges as objectives for the next years:

Improvement and optimization of our congresses:

The congresses of Niigata in 2015, and the Canary Islands in 2017, seek to expand the horizons of our society. On the one hand, Nigata 2015 is held in conjunction with the Ist World congress in Otology, which under the auspices and direction of IFOS aims to be the first meeting between our society and all national societies represented in IFOS. On the other hand, in 2017 the 2nd Otology research forum, following the success of the first edition, will try to bring the latest research and developments of both basic and applied sciences specifically to our field.

Increase and improve our relationships with national societies:

Through their representatives in the field of Otology, Otoneurology and Skull Base Surgery, it's time to rejuvenate our society with all those new values which represent knowledge refreshment.

Collaborate with like-minded organizations such as IFOS:

Thanks to the efforts of Prof. Milan Profant, General Secretary of IFOS, new structures to facilitate influence exchange will allow colaboration of committees created ad hoc as, enhancing the representation of our society in both social and medical international actions.

Enhance academism:

The scientific level of our society has always been the highest in the area. It is our job, without disparagement of the quality level that characterize us, to reach all new specialists.

Special actions in developing countries:

Thanks to new communication tecnogies,the aim is to promote the advanced centers can reach any part of the world to share their innovations, techniques and diagnoses in order to collaborate in other training initiatives that already exist in other institutions.

It is an ambitious program, but necessary for a XXI Century Politzer Society. I will put all my effort and that of the board members to follow the footsteps of those who have dedicated their lives and time to improve the quality of life of our pacienes, advance science and expand their knowledge.

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