



Just at the moment we get ready to write this Young EVRS Club Column, we are all busy to arrange the forthcoming EVRS meeting in Orebro. With regard to our Club, a session of the YEVRs is planned for Sunday, June 19th, from 16:30 to 18:00. Our meeting is designed and organized by young vitreoretinal surgeons and is considered an important event during the main EVRS congress. This year's schedule will include a lecture by a world first-class vitreoretinal surgeon, his presentations cover some practical aspects of our surgery, specially designed for the beginners and, noteworthy, reports related to initiatives in favour of young vitreoretinal surgeons belonging to the EVRS.

We would like to stress this last topic; thanks to Manal Bohuamed's fantastic job, we are now able to launch the "Young EVRS Club Fellowships", specially suited for beginners in the field of VR surgery. In fact, some European leaders in vitreoretinal surgery have given their availability to admit at their ophthalmic departments the Young. Very often, young VR surgeons do not have another person (i.e. an expert surgeon) to share with their dilemmas, ideas and problems. This is the opportunity to share their difficulties and their methods with an expert to overcome the difficulties, this is the main goal of the fellowship. We think that the Club has to have an important role in our training and support and help us to get some short scholarships or other forms of learning new techniques (lectures, videos, wet labs, presentations).

The young club assembles young surgeons from different countries: this means that, according to the country they come from, they may have different ways of education and training. I am convinced that in any European country education and training run in different ways: may be that in Germany or in Spain or in France residents perform anterior and/or posterior segment surgery early, while in Italy or in Sweden or in Poland they begin later. Therefore, we have to put together people that come from different countries, that speak different languages, that have received different training, that have different experience in the field of vitreo-retinal surgery. In spite of these differences we all have a common factor that must keep us together, we all love VR surgery.

In the next year we'll have a very exciting event: the joint meeting between the EVRS and our sister society, the ASRS. It will be a wonderful chance to establish links, activities and initiatives with the young American colleagues and to start the basis of a future cooperation between the two Clubs.

Let's work together to make the Young EVRS Club great!

Regards,

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