



*“Together we are the strongest,
Together We are the champion.”*

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Dear Young Colleagues,

We would like to inform you regarding the latest news of the Young EVRS Club (*the Club*).

First of all, the EVRS home page has established a link to the website of the Club, so all the ophthalmologists will have the opportunity to know us and our initiatives. In fact, one of the most difficult tasks is to spread the news of our existence. For the advancement of the Club we would like to invite a willing young delegate from each European country. If anybody is interested, please contact Mario Facino (mafacino@tin.it).

The second Club meeting will be held in Istanbul during the next EVRS congress (Monday, September 13, 2004, 4 – 6 pm). Topics of the meeting will include: lecture by expert, videos, case presentations and papers. You are warmly welcome to submit abstracts to Mario Facino. Certainly, the “basics” in vitreoretinal (VR) surgery are the recommended subjects.

Interestingly, we are ready to launch our first multicenter trial: **“Outcome of phacoemulsification after vitreous surgery for macular disorders”**. We believe most of the Club members have started their surgical activities as cataract surgeon prior to be expert in posterior segment surgery, proposing such trial

certainly will be beneficial to all of us in the long run.

To our best knowledge current cataract surgery literatures based on small series of patients indicate poor visual outcome if the patients have undergone previous pars plana vitrectomy secondary to the VR pathologies (e.g. macular disorders, PVR cases, diabetic retinopathy, vitreous haemorrhage and etc), our trial will be focused onto those patients with the macular disorders only including macular pucker and macular hole. Certainly, we will try to rule out most of the confounding factors.

If we have a group of 15, we will be a strong force! Having 10 cases with a mean follow up of one year from each one of us, we can collect 150 eyes and fulfil the largest series ever published!! Any enthusiastic young colleagues would like to participate please contact Mario Facino for further information.

Finally, a new electronic journal has been founded, the EVRS Educational Electronic journal (*EEE*). The aims of *EEE* are to establish an independent e-journal that is solely belonged to our society, to encourage participation among the members without any distance or boundary, to promote the cooperative spirit among the members of solving each other’s VR difficulty and to act as a media of correspondence among the members.

Currently quite a number of articles have been received, but hopefully the first issue of *EEE* will be launched sometimes in the summer. For those who are interested please write to jevrs@yahoo.com.

We sincerely hope that you will cooperate and contribute, together we make the Club greater and ever!!

Regards,

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