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Dear Members and Friends of the Collegium,

The 20<sup>th</sup> IFOS World congress arranged early June 2013 at Seoul by our dear friend, **President Chong Kim**, has met a considerable success with close to 4,500 participants. All those who had the opportunity to attend the Corlas meeting at Seoul in 2007 still remembered the remarkable social events that adorned the scientific meeting. Though high their expectation was the wonder at the 2013 opening ceremony was overwhelming. The artistic talents of the Little Angels' company are illustrated in two pictures. The harmony in their songs and the elegance of their fans moving like a ballet were the best response to the threats that had attempted to disrupt the preparation of the event in the previous months.



I am very grateful to **P. Ashley Wackym**, Chairman of the Corlas US group, for drawing up an attractive and scientifically successful **Corlas Symposium on Regeneration, Restoration and Rehabilitation in Otorhinolaryngology**. The balance between two fields of our specialty, Otology and Head and Neck, was exemplary.

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Excellent talks were carried out on Clinical Application of Gene Therapy to Restore Inner Ear Function (Hinrich Staecker, guest, Kansas City, USA), Regeneration in the Inner Ear (Hans Peter Zenner, Tübingen, Germany), Totally Implantable Hearing Device (Maurizio Barbara, Rome, Italy), Cochlear Implantation in Children: Exploring the Edge of the Envelope (Blake Papsin, Toronto, Canada), Conflict and Cooperation of Auditory and Visual Information Processing in Profoundly Deafened Subjects (Yasuhiko Naito, Kobe, Japan) in the first session.

The second part of the Corlas Symposium, devoted to Head and Neck and chaired by **Reidar Grénman** (Turku, Finland), raised also high interest among the audience: Quality of Life in Head and Neck Cancer: How Should it be Used? (C. René Leemans, Amsterdam, the Netherlands), Personalizing Care for Head and Neck Cancer (Carol Bradford, Ann Arbor, USA), The Creation of Vascularized Tracheal Transplants (Sjoerd Vander Poorten, guest, Leuven, Belgium), Bioactive Glass for Reconstruction in Otolaryngology (Reidar Grénman, Turku, Finland), A Patient Centred Approach to Vocal Rehabilitation: Prioritising the Merits of Physical Voice Therapy, Psychological Therapy and Surgery (Janet Wilson, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom).

According to tradition the **Corlas Lunch** was held after this Corlas Symposium. The fifty-six participants were greatly indebted to **IFOS President Chong Kim** for the fine meal and tasty wines he arranged with Pauline in an appropriate room.



The names of the participants to this Lunch are displayed alphabetically: Matti ANNIKO (Sweden), Maurizio BARBARA (Italy), Carol BRADFORD (USA), Dale BROWN (Canada), Charlotte CHIONG (Philippines), Edgar and Juan CHIOSSONE (Venezuela), Yun-Hoon

CHOUNG (Korea), Jong Wo CHUNG (Korea), René DAUMAN (France), Roberto FILIPO (Italy), Johan FRIJNS (the Netherlands), Bruce GANTZ (USA), Karen GORDEN (Canada), Reidar GRÉNMAN (Finland), Jan GROTE (the Netherlands), Yasuo HISA (Japan), HOCHMAIR-DESOYER Ingeborg (Austria), Kazuo ISHIKAWA (Japan), Herman JENKINS (USA), Steven JUHN (Korea), Chong Sun and Pauline KIM (Korea), Duck O. KIM (Korea), René LEEMANS (the Netherlands), David LIM (USA), Valerie LUND (Great-Britain), Henri MARRES (the Netherlands), Emmanuel MYLANUS (the Netherlands), Lars ÖDKVIST (Sweden), Seung Ha OH (Korea), Stephen O'LEARY (Australia), Jan OLOFSSON (Norway), Metin ÖNERCI (Turkey), Blake PAPSIN (Canada), Michael and Treva PAPARELLA (USA), Keehyun PARK (Korea), Milan PROFANT (Slovak Republic), Marc REMACLE (Belgium), Jay RUBINSTEIN (USA), Anne SCHILDER (the Netherlands), Henryk SKARŻYŃSKI (Poland), Sverre STEINSVÅG (Norway), Olivier STERKERS (France), Hamlet SUAREZ (Uruguay), George TAVARTKILADZE (Russia), Patrice TRAN BA HUY (France), Alain UZIEL (France), Paul VAN DE HEYNING (Belgium), Vincent VAN DER POORTEN (guest, Belgium), Ashley WACKYM (USA), Bradley WELLING (USA), Janet WILSON (Great-Britain), Hao WU (China), Hans-Peter ZENNER (Germany).

The Lunch meeting started with the commemoration of those members who passed away: Eduardo ARSLAN (Padua, Italy, Vice-President of the 2012 Corlas meeting in Rome), Pablo GIL-LOYZAGA (Madrid, Spain), Bill HOUSE (Oregon, USA), and W.D. KEIDEL (Bayreuth, Germany).

Then a special event took place, for the first time, in accordance to our new Rules: the President of the former Corlas Congress, **Roberto FILIPO**, passed on the Presidency to the organizer of the forthcoming Congress, **Metin ÖNERCI**.



The humour of our two successive Presidents, sharing their experience, had an immediate effect on the attendees (Jay Rubinstein and Steven Juhn in the front of the picture).



This enjoyable atmosphere had already begun before all tables were occupied (Valerie Lund and Janet Wilson, our two charming ladies from the UK).



Similarly, an irresistible Dutch story having apparently something to do with a cellular phone gave rise to early cheerfulness among our friends from the Netherlands (Henri Marres, René Leemans, and Jan Grote).



Between scientific sessions where the most recent advances in the ORL-HNS specialty are depicted, members enjoy to share agreeable instants prompted by sense of humour and mutual friendship. This alternation of seriousness and relaxation can be regarded as a further feature of Corlas spirit.

Pictures of this brief annual report were amiably provided by Chong Kim.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the wonderful meeting that **Metin Önerci** has prepared for us in **Istanbul, August 24-28, 2014**. The deadline for abstract submission (oral presentations and posters) is **Friday, 18 April 2014**. More information on the Istanbul meeting can be found on our renewed website ([www.corlas.org](http://www.corlas.org)) in the construction of which I owe a lot to our webmaster, Pierre Planté. There you will also find a member area for which a password is needed. Those of you whom I wasn't able yet to contact can ask me this code directly ([general.secretary@corlas.org](mailto:general.secretary@corlas.org)). Access to this area will enable you to update your individual information and, thus, have at your disposal a more accurate members' list. There you can also establish a contact with **Prof. Reidar Grénman**, our **Treasurer**, in order to determine your personal situation and sort out your subscription dues.

Catherine and I wish you, and all your family, a peaceful Christmas time and a happy New Year.

René Dauman