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Dear Members and Friends,
Chers Membres et Amis,
Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde

Because of the IFOS World Congress the Collegium did not have a regular meeting this year. However, during the World Congress we had scientific program as well as a lunch meeting in Rome. The CORLAS minisymposium on "New Diagnostic Methods in Head and Neck Cancer" was held on 27 June at the Congress site, Auditorium Parco della Musica, moderated by Prof Reidar Grénman. After his introduction Dr Christoph Arens from Giessen spoke about ultrasonography of laryngeal processes, Prof Guus van Dongen from Amsterdam about immunodiagnosics, Dr Sandro Stöckli from Zurich about PET CT-imaging and Jochen A Werner from Marburg about sentinel lymph node biopsy in HNSCC. All the presentations were very well research-evidenced, and certainly gave us views on the recent and future developments in the diagnostics of head and neck cancer. We can congratulate and thank our Past-President Reidar and all the speakers for the fine and high-quality session attended by about 60 members on one of the hottest mornings of the whole summer in Rome.

The same day our member and friend, Roberto Filipo, together with the other Italian colleagues, has organized a Lunch Meeting at the Grand Hotel Ritz in Parioli for us, only a 10 minutes walk from the congress site. Its elegant restaurant Cavalieri, suitable for the size of our group, was just the correct choice for members to meet. On behalf of our Society, thank you Roberto for these arrangements. During the superb lunch our Vice-President, Ricardo Bento conveyed greetings from our President Pedro Mangabeira Albernaz from Sao Paulo, who could not be present. And our President-elect George Tavartkiladze welcomed us to Moscow next August. Judging from his description of the arrangements and plans, certainly a very interesting and exciting event, that we all will attend.

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Since our last meeting in Salvador, I have been informed about the departure of Jens Hall (Norway), August Hagler (Austria), E.R. Kastenbauer (Germany), Catherine Smith (USA) and W.F. Struben (the Netherlands). They all were good Amici to the Collegium and to us. We express our deep condolences to their families and commemorate them in our next meeting in Moscow.

Dear colleagues, you have certainly already marked the dates 27-30 August 2006 on your calendar. Then we will meet in Moscow, one of the most interesting cities of the world. George Tavartkiladze, President of the meeting, has already sent you preliminary information, and the registration booklet is coming soon. -You should remember that what makes us a Collegium is our meetings, our active participation in the meetings and our contributions to these meetings, in the spirit of the Amicitiae Sacrum. So, please, come to Moscow and fulfil your duty as member to the success of the Collegium and yourself.

In Moscow the Benjamins Prize, donated by the Dutch Collegium group, will be awarded for the first time. You may remember that the prize (€ 1000) is designated for a young member or guest (not older than 45) presenting a high-quality paper in the same meeting. So, the members are asked to send in an abstract from a younger colleague, collaborator or from themselves to be evaluated in due course (deadline for abstracts to Moscow will be 31 March). The winner will be selected by the Scientific Advisory Board (President-elect, Vice-President-elect and General Secretary). Further advise on the Prize will be given in the information and registration booklet which will be mailed to the members after one month.

Dear members, it is my duty to remind you to pay your annual subscription fee, € 50 (Honorary members are exempt from the fee). You can use the enclosed payment form. Our Treasurer has found out that some of the members have forgotten their fees, even for years. He will systematically check the situation. So, please, take care of your dues.

Also a practical information leaflet is enclosed, as well as the personal data sheet for you to check. Especially E-mail addresses should be checked/given. And please remember to visit our website www.corlas.org on the Internet, to find updated information about our activities.

So, while looking forward to seeing you all in Moscow, I and my wife Anni would like to wish you and those closest to you all the best for the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a horizontal line that ends in a small arrowhead pointing to the right.

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