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Dear Members and Friends from the Collegium,

The Hungarian week prepared by **Marianna and István Sziklai** was truly unforgettable. In line with a long-standing tradition, the Board met on the Saturday before, namely **21 August**, at the conference place. The Hilton Budapest hotel is located on the right side of the Danube, i.e. in Buda, more precisely in the Castle Hill district, nearby the Matthias Church which is easily recognizable with its diamond pattern roof tiles (Picture 1). From the Board meeting Julianus room we could contemplate the remains of a Dominican monastery in the immediate vicinity of which the hotel was built. From a bit further away, we could admire the superb view of the Danube with the Parliament on the left bank of the river (Picture 2) and the Chain Bridge leading to the other part of the city, Pest. As it was my first Board meeting as General Secretary, I came a little bit earlier and was immediately impressed by the charm and efficiency of **Alice Sipos**, our contact person from Motesz Agency. This organization assembles all the Hungarian medical societies, one of them being the Hungarian Society of ORL – HNS.



Left: Picture 1 adapted from “Budapest and its environs”, Merhavia Ltd. Editor, 2004, page 9



Right: Picture 2, id. Page 50

I am grateful to the members of the Board for their interesting and valuable contributions to the discussions: Hans Scherer (*President*), Reidar Grénman (*Treasurer*), Gábor Répássy (*Vice-President-Elect*), Chong Sun Kim (*Past-President*), Wolfgang Arnold (*Councillor*), Marcos Goycoolea (*Councillor*), Mamoru Suzuki (*Councillor*), and Ashley Wackym (*Second Secretary*). Matti Anniko (*Editorial Secretary*) needed to take part in the closing ceremony of the Bárány Society Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, and joined the Collegium meeting on Sunday.

The Board meeting started with Hans Scherer passing on the *Presidency* to István Sziklai (Picture 3).



Picture 3 taken by Chong Sun Kim

Among the apologies from Corlas members, I received those from Karl-Bernd Hüttenbrink (*Vice-President* at the Berlin meeting) who was unable to attend the conference this year.

The names of our colleagues who passed away were then remembered: John Ballantyne (London, UK), Alexander Coyas (Greece), Antonio De La Cruz (Los Angeles, USA), Yash Pal Kapur (Michigan, USA), H.K. Kristensen (Copenhagen, Denmark), M. Neiger (Kehrsatz, Switzerland), M. Savary (Yverdon, Switzerland), Tokuro Suzuki (Matsumoto, Japan), Lubos Voldrich (Praha, Czech Republic), Karl-Heinz Vosteen (Hamburg, Germany), Isamu Watanabe (Tokyo, Japan), Zvonko Krajina (Zagreb, Croatia), and more recently E.E.A. Holopainen (Espoo, Finland). I genuinely thank the National Chairpersons who informed me of this sad news.

The main matter that was discussed within the Board was related with *timing of Presidency*. In accordance with our rules, István Sziklai prepared the announcement of the conference and the entire social programme while being, like his predecessors, *President-Elect* until the start of the Board meeting. The purpose of this traditional time-lag between the preparation work for the conference and the office taking up was to preserve the right of the members to validate the composition of the Board during the Business meeting, as Pekka Karma elegantly explained to me. Even though such a temporal gap presented the advantage of being fair to the members and was apparently well accepted for many years, the Board examined the various options to facilitate the work of future conference Presidents. Following a suggestion from Reidar Grénman, the proposal of the Board was to *synchronize* the start of Presidency and the beginning of preparation work, and to do so on the next IFOS congress year where no regular Corlas meeting is planned, namely in Seoul in

2013. As a result of this scheme, the President would end his term of office with the Corlas conference. A working group composed of Wolfgang Arnold as convener, along with Ashley Wackym and Reidar Grénman will prepare the changes in the rules that are needed to such a scenario. The proposal was approved two days later by the General Assembly and, since then, contacts have been established between the working group and our two former General Secretaries, Pekka Karma and Paul van den Broek. Roberto Filipo, who has been elected by the 2008 General Assembly for organizing the 2012 meeting in Rome, will be invited to take part as observer in the Board meeting of Brugge in 2011.

The other discussions in the Board concerned the *composition of the Board* in the forthcoming years: (1) As Marcos Goycoolea (Chile) is ending his third and successful term of Councillor, the proposal of the Board was to suggest his replacement by Hamlet Suarez (Uruguay); (2) Wolfgang Arnold (Germany) accepts the honour to carry out a second term of Councillor and will make next year a proposal to the Board about his future successor, who should come from Europe like him; (3) Mamoru Suzuki (Japan) accepts to perform a second term of Councillor as representative from Asia, a position for which he has demonstrated great qualities; (4) Chong Sun Kim has accomplished an exemplary term of Councillor, momentarily interrupted by the outstanding Corlas meeting he arranged in 2007; given the future organisation of Presidency, resulting in a two-year effective presence inside the Board, the Board considers that a Past-President position is not suitable. Finally, the Board agrees that Patrice Tran Ba Huy accomplishes a third term in the Credentials Committee, a proposal that is also ardently supported by the two other members of the Committee, Allen Ryan (President) and Hans Manni.

The Board also discussed the proposals of the Belgian group concerning the 2011 meeting: (1) President of the Organizing Committee: *Philippe Lefebvre* (Liège); (2) Vice-President: *Mark Jorissen* (Leuven); (3) Place: *Brugge*; (4) Dates: from **Sunday 4 September** to **Wednesday 7 September 2011**. The main argument for those unusual dates was optimizing accommodation prices.

Our Treasurer, Reidar Grénman, presented his annual report in two parts, the first one corresponding to the Bordeaux account, the second to the Finish account. The Board approved the transfer of the bank account from Bordeaux to Turku, which has been carried out since then (130,000 €). Reidar Grénman also developed the idea of offering to each country the choice between (1) collecting the dues at a national level by the chairperson who would then endorse the responsibility of it; (2) continuing to collect the dues individually. The major purpose is indeed to improve the payment of the dues, a process which was considered insufficient by the Treasurer and the other members of the Board. To end this financial part of the annual report, I would like to express my gratitude to **Odile Bazerque**, secretary to the Portmann Institute in Bordeaux, who accomplished a remarkable work during Jean-Marie Aran term and my own one. On behalf of Reidar Grénman, I also would like to express the acknowledgments of the Board to his secretary, **Kirsi Nurmi**. Understandably, her contribution to the Treasurer ship must remain outside of the hospital-based working time and, therefore, the Board approved her complementary remuneration.

Another important issue in the life of the Collegium is the long-term planning of Corlas conferences: (1) *Brugge* in 2011; (2) *Rome* in 2012; (3) Lunch meeting in *Seoul* 2013 during the IFOS congress; (4) Invitations received so far to host the 2014 conference: (a) *Jordan* (Fawsi Saheb); (b) *Israel* (Josef Elidan); (c) *Egypt* (Luxor, Nasser Kotbi); (d) *Switzerland* (Rudolf Probst); (e) *China* (Beijing, Weining

Huang); (f) *Norway* (Bergen, Jan Olofsson). The order of citation is purely chronological and does not reflect any preference from the Board. The Board has also received a proposal from Ashley Wackym to host the 2015 conference in *San Francisco*. The plans of the Board are as follows: during the Business Meeting in Brugge (5 September 2011) the General Assembly will decide the place for both conferences of 2014 and 2015.

Eventually, the Board acknowledged the strong input from Ashley Wackym. As National Chairperson of the US group and Second Secretary, he provided the Shambaugh Prize awarded every second year. He has also been actively working on elaborating a medal planned to be offered in the next conferences to all Shambaugh Prize recipients. Furthermore, his suggestions on extending several national groups have fuelled interesting discussions during the Board meeting.

On a sunny **22 August Sunday**, the attractive Family Tour organized by Marianna and István Sziklai, under the guidance of Alice Sipos, was pleasant and instructive. After crossing the Danube to Pest and the Northeast, approximately 130 participants travelled to the Royal Palace of **Gödöllő** (picture 4).



Picture 4 adapted from "Budapest and its environs", Merhavia Ltd. Editor, 2004, page 83

In Hungarian history, the name of **Gödöllő** is intimately linked to *Elisabeth* ("*Sisi*" in Hungarian), the spouse of Francis Joseph, the Austrian Emperor of the Habsburg dynasty. As depicted in a notorious painting, Francis Joseph and Elisabeth were crowned King and Queen of Hungary (1867). The Gödöllő Palace was their summer residence. We visited two series of rooms, located in the two wings of the palace, one reserved to the monarch (exemplified in picture 5) and the other where Queen Elisabeth used to live (picture 6). The comparison between the two pictures suggests that Elisabeth and her husband did not attach the same importance to their daily environment.



Left: Picture 5 adapted from "Budapest and its environs", Merhavia Ltd. Editor, 2004, page 82 Right: Picture 6, id. Page 83

From the Royal Palace we went to an **Equestrian Park** in Domony Valley. Sitting on wooden benches and protected from the sun, we could take photographs of man and horse equipages that contributed to Hungarian fame. After, we had a traditional Hungarian lunch that was excellent.

The **Presidential Reception** took place after the return from the Family Tour. Members and guests were greeted by President István Sziklai and Vice-President Gábor Répássy in the Dominical Yard of the Hotel Hilton. Fortunately, everyone could enjoy buffet and drinks outside while listening to a piano player young lady.

On Monday, 23 August the **Opening Ceremony** was conducted in the Honvéd Man Choir of the Hotel Hilton, and we all felt extremely honoured to hear the opening speech from the newly appointed **Minister of National Resources**. Dr Miklos Réthelyi expressed his satisfaction and pride to see the capital of his country hosting for the third time this prestigious conference. His speech was followed by warm words of welcome from President István Sziklai to the many members, guests and accompanying persons attending the opening ceremony. He immediately managed to create a friendly atmosphere that remained perceptible throughout the conference. Then I had the privilege to pay tribute to the Minister of National Resources, whose presence was honouring the opening ceremony, bringing support to the choice of Budapest as hosting city for the third time, an exceptional event in the history of the Collegium. Afterwards, I gave a few figures showing evidence of success attributable to István Sziklai and his organizing team: 148 members, 14 guests, 75 accompanying persons, 237 registered people altogether. I also had the pleasure to announce on behalf of the Board that **Professor Hans-Peter Zenner** (Tubingen, Germany) was awarded this year with the **Shambaugh Prize**, the renowned distinction from the US Corlas group. István Sziklai presented Hans-Peter Zenner with the document prepared by Ashley Wackym. István Sziklai then drew up a historical overview of **Georg von Békésy** pioneering research on the inner ear. As all Corlas members know, Georg von Békésy was rewarded with the Nobel Prize of Physiology or Medicine (1961) for his remarkable scientific carrier in the field of hearing. The opening ceremony ended with the announcement that the Békésy Museum was accessible to visit during the conference.

All participants and accompanying persons were then invited to stay for a brief and original series of trans-Atlantic presentations on Evolving Health Care Organization in the USA (Lloyd Minor, Baltimore) and Homogenizing the Future of ORL – HNS Practice and Education across Europe (Jan Olofsson, Bergen, and Reidar Grénman, Turku).

The scientific programme started after coffee break with the first **Otology Session**. At the end of this session, rich of 9 presentations, a Group photograph was taken in the Dominical Yard combining so well past and present (picture 7).



Picture 7: Group photograph with President István Sziklai in the middle

The early afternoon session began with an interesting **Minisymposium on Advances in Pediatric ORL**, moderated by Anne Pitkäranta and Patrick Froehlich. Then a first **Session on Head and Neck** took place.

During the **Business Meeting** that followed: (1) The names of our colleagues who passed away were commemorated; (2) The aforementioned proposals of the Board were approved by the General Assembly, including Treasurer's report and changes in timing of Presidency; (3) Additionally, the names of **New Members** recommended by the Credentials Committee and accepted by the Board this year were announced, alphabetically ordered: Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner (Austria), Daniel Bodmer (Switzerland), Marco Caversaccio (Switzerland), Olivier Deguine (France), Martin Desrosiers (Canada), Shigeharu Fujieda (Japan), Richard Harvey (Australia), Preben Homøe (Denmark), Hannie Kremer (The Netherlands), Thomas Linder (Switzerland), Tien-Chen Liu (Taiwan), Fabio Mammano (Italy), Petri Mattila (Finland), Lela Migirov (Israel), Takashi Nakagawa (Japan), Koichi Omori (Japan), Blake Papsin (Canada), Nicolás Pérez Fernández (Spain), Shakeel Saeed (Great-Britain), Francisco Santaolalla Montoya (Spain), Akihiro Shiotani (Japan), Ian Witterick (Canada), Bevan Yueh (USA), and Liang Zhou (China). All these names were approved by the General Assembly.

The **Monday evening dinner** was organized in the Intercontinental Hotel with the support of the main sponsor of the conference, Med El. Between the courses, participants were entertained with Hungarian rhythmic dances that brought about general enthusiasm.

On **Tuesday, 24 August** the early morning session on **Rhinology** demonstrated the rapidly growing research in this important part of our specialty with 8 oral presentations from all continents. It was followed by a remarkable **Minisymposium on Peripheral Auditory Processing** moderated by Edwin Rubel and involving mostly contributions from the US group. In the afternoon, a dense session on **Cochlear Implants** illustrated the sustained interest of our members in restoring hearing. After the coffee break, a **Minisymposium on Vertigo** was conducted in an original way by Michael Halmagyi. After a phase of mutual adaptation, the essentially neurological thoughts raised valuable discussion with the audience.

The **Accompanying person's dinner** was very nicely organized by Marianna Sziklai and Alice Sipos in a sparkling wine cellar. The speech on Corlas history, specially prepared by **Bert Huizing**, was extremely useful and highly appreciated by those who share our lives. The speech of Marianna was listened to with attention (picture 8). In her talk, Catherine acknowledged the support received from Anni Karma and the help provided by Pauline Kim and Seija Grénman in promoting the two kinds of Corlas scarves.



Picture 8: Accompanying person's dinner, from the left of the empty seat can be seen Meta Huizing, Ger Hordijk, Seija Grénman, Teruko Suzuki, Nels Manni, Pauline Kim, Catherine Dauman, Anni Karma, and Amaryll Scherer, successively (picture taken by Bert Huizing during the speech of Marianna Sziklai)

The **Members' dinner**, magnificently organised by István Sziklai and Alice Sipos at the Gundel Restaurant, was the occasion to welcome close to 20 new members. They were invited to present themselves by national groups to facilitate remembering. Each new member received from the hands of Reidar Grénman the History Book of Corlas written by Paul van den Broek and Bert Huizing, as well as an exemplary of our Rules. Pictures were taken from each group, but understandably not all could be shown here. I hope that those whose picture does not appear (Marcelo Hueb and Sady da Costa from Brasil, Rosamaria Santarelli from Italy, Tatsuya Yamasoba from Japan, Wolf-Dieter Baumgartner from Austria, and Saim Lokman from Malaysia) will forgive me.



Picture 9 (left): New members from The Netherlands with, from left to right, Henri Marres (Nijmegen), Anne Schilder (Utrecht), and Michiel van den Brekel (Amsterdam) Picture 10 (right): New members from Switzerland with, from left to right, Marco Caversaccio (Bern), Antje Welge-Lüssen (Basel), and Martin Kompis (Bern)



Picture 11 (left): New members from the US with, from left to right, Carol Bauer (Springfield), Rick Friedman (Los Angeles), Marci Lesperance (Ann Arbor), and Jennifer Grandis (Pittsburgh); Jose Fayad (from Lebanon) joined the US group for the photo. Picture 12 (right): New members from Spain with, from left to right, Manuel Manrique (Pamplona), and Miquel Quer (Barcelona)



Picture 13: Members' dinner with in the foreground one of the US tables, where Josef Nadol, Michael McKenna, Jeffrey Harris, and Thomas Van De Water are recognizable from left to right

During the dinner, Hans-Peter Zenner, as recipient of the Shambaugh Prize, developed in his talk the contribution of the Tübingen group in the knowledge of cochlear physiology and its impairments.

On the last day of the conference, **Wednesday 25 August**, the early morning **Session on Hearing** was an opportunity for 4 of the new members who presented themselves the evening before, to describe their scientific work. Then after, a nearly two-hour session was assigned to **Posters**. Thirty-five authors were by this way able to develop their research paradigm and results, covering all aspects of our specialty, and this session as usual with the Corlas meetings raised many interesting face-to-face discussions.

The afternoon programme began with a second **Session on Head and Neck** (6 oral presentations), and continued with a second **Session on Otology and Vestibular disorders** (9 oral presentations).

The **Gala Dinner** offered me the occasion to acknowledge: (1) *István and Marianna Sziklai* for all that they did during these four days to enable us enjoying the Hungarian lifestyle, and the standing ovation they received touched all of us; the work they accomplished with Alice Sipos was remarkable; (2) *Pekka and Anni Karma*, who offered to Catherine and myself their priceless help whenever we asked them; (3) *Reidar Grénman*, who not only serves the Collegium as Treasurer and national chairman of Finland, but also possesses a strategic experience of European matters; the patience of his wife, *Seija*, about the efforts I was asking him is also very appreciable; (4) *Bert Huizing*, who shared his unlimited knowledge of Corlas history and gave several times pieces of advice; (5) *Ashley Wackym*, whose activity in the Board on behalf of the US group is, for me, an encouragement to promote intercontinental cooperation in a respectful manner; (6) *Marcos Goycoolea*, who served the Board as Counsellor for three terms and accomplished an excellent work on behalf of South-America; (7) *Chong Kim* who has organized three years ago a splendid Corlas conference in Seoul and an unforgettable post-congress tour in Kjong-Yu; (8) *Ricardo Bento*, who as General Secretary of IFOS world congress last year in Sao Paulo was very helpful in the logistics of the Corlas symposium. Lastly, the Benjamins' Prize was attributed to Spiros Manolidis for his experimental work on cochlear implants.



Picture 14: Gala dinner (photo taken by Bert Huizing)

Catherine and I wish you a **Happy New Year** and hope to see you in Brugge.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS FOR THE MEETING IN BRUGGE

Date of the conference: **Sunday 4 September** to **Wednesday 7 September 2011**

Deadline for abstract submission: **4 April 2011**

Person to whom the abstract should be sent: **René Dauman, General Secretary of Corlas**,
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The abstract (written in English and using Times New Roman 12) should not exceed 300 words and ought to respect the following rules:

- **ONLY ONE PAPER per author** can be submitted
- **Name of authors:** Charles L...¹, William M...²
- **Institution**^{1,2}: for each author
- **Title**
- **Background**
- **Study design**
- **Results**
- **Conclusions**

Corresponding author should indicate his **preferred mode of presentation** (oral or poster)

Results of abstract analysis by General Secretary and assignment of presentation modality (poster or oral) will be announced individually by General Secretary before the deadline of early registration (in principle 15 May 2011).

Authors who are less than 45 years of age can, when submitting their abstract, apply for the **BENJAMINS' PRIZE** (amounting 1,000 € and attributed by the Collegium on behalf of the Dutch group). However, candidates can only apply for this prize if they present their work themselves. This means that if the candidate is a non-member, he must be invited as guest by a member who then loses his right to submit a paper on his own.