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Message from the President

Dear Members of the ISEM, dear friends,

We are living a very difficult moment. COVID-19 pandemic has brought many changes in our lives, in our activities, in our work, in our relations. We are all trying to overcome this situation and to think about future solutions for our engagements. As concerns our Society, I seize the opportunity to inform you all that I have recently decided that the President-Elect Mihai Oltean takes the role of President of the ISEM as it was established last time in Debrecen. As regards the elections of members of the new Council we have to wait till next congress in presence, unless we decide to hold elections online, as other scientific societies already do. I just wanted to thank all members of the Executive Committee who have supported me over these last years during my presidency. Mihai together with the other Councilors will inform you all about the future activities and new ways of holding meetings.



Dr. Francesco Boccardo

Best wishes to you all,

Immediate Past-President Francesco Boccardo

**Novel Eye for Microsurgeons:
Development of Ultra-High-Vision Surgical Scopes**

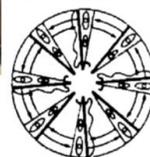


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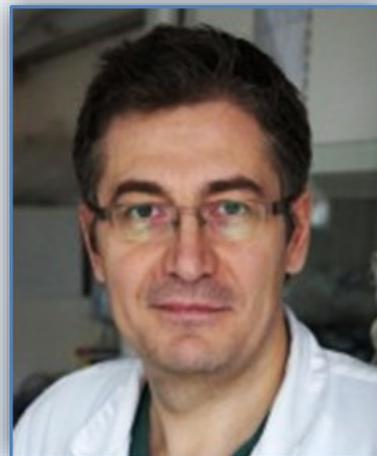
Editor's corner

Dear ISEM members and friends,

I hope my message finds you all in good health and spirit! This year has tested us all in ways we never thought it will be possible in our lifetime. The coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions incurred by it impacted on absolutely every aspect of our lives. This included the massive cancelling or the on-line transition of virtually every scheduled scientific meeting and event, including our own 15th ISEM Congress scheduled for the late August. At the same time, this unprecedented situation revealed alternative means of communication which fortunately kept us close while staying long apart. By now, all of us have attended at least a few webinars, dozens of work meetings and perhaps a couple of “virtual congresses”. The Executive Council had a virtual meeting in July and the ISEM Council held a well-attended video meeting in late September.

Following these discussions and considering that the pandemic and the travel restrictions are likely to extend well into 2021 the Council has decided to hold the next congress online as a one-day event. The initial plan is to hold one morning and one afternoon session and facilitate the live participation of both the Eastern and Western hemisphere. Further details will be developed by an International organizing committee and a call for abstracts will be issued in the early 2021. The council also discussed the need for improved visibility in the cyberspace and the creation and maintenance of accounts on various social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook. This will require a sustained effort and the involvement of all ISEM members through updates and the daily management of the accounts. The council members call upon every member to step forward, become a member of the Membership and Communications Committee and contribute to the promotion of ISEM. The elections scheduled for this spring ahead of the Congress have been postponed until the spring of 2021. However, Dr. Francesco Boccardo has decided to over pass over the baton according to the earlier schedule. For me, taking over the leadership of ISEM is an honouring task and a great responsibility. While reassuring all of You of my commitment to the well-being and further development of ISEM, I would like to ask You all for involvement and assistance in taking out Society across these stormy and strange times.

Mihai Oltean, Editor, incoming ISEM president



Dr Mihai Oltean
Editor & incoming ISEM
president

Call for application for ISEM Membership

The Membership Committee calls for expanding membership of our society to attract all professionals around world who are interesting in the clinical and basic research and teaching in the areas of microsurgery, organ transplantation, plastic surgery, and other reconstructive surgeries. To exiting members, please recommend our society to your colleagues and friends.

[Member Benefits can be found at www.myisem.org.](http://www.myisem.org)

Update from ISEM Councilors web-meeting

Conclusions and summary of the meeting ISEM web-meeting of Councilors and Past-presidents on 25th September, 2020

Participants: Francesco Boccardo (Italy), Mihai Oltean (Sweden), Shintaro Yagi (Japan), Hao Wang (China), MD, PhD, Zheng Jenny Zhang (USA), Yelena Akelina (USA), Michael Axelsson (Sweden), Corrado C. Campisi (Italy), Alexandru Nistor (Romania), Antonio Pesce (Italy), Mats Hellström (Sweden), Iren Miko (Hungary), Wei Li (China), Yinghua Tian (Switzerland), Corradino Campisi (Italy), Eiji Kobayashi (Japan), Edna F.S. Montero (Brazil)

- ◆ To organize a series of Webinars with the dual purpose of testing the logistics of an online meeting as a preparation of the ISEM Congress 2021 and deliver an educational activity on topics related to microsurgery. The first presenters will be Professor Kobayashi and Campisi, who will have lectures of about 20 minutes each.
- ◆ The 15th ISEM Congress will be organized as a virtual, on-line congress just before the summer 2021. The congress will as a mix between pre-recorded sessions and live participation. Gothenburg will aim to organize a congress in 2023.
- ◆ It was also discussed that ISEM members, their research groups and their Universities to organize Webinars on a rotating basis between congresses. A schedule for this will be discussed after the first seminars
- ◆ To start a more coordinated use of social media platforms such as Facebook or Twitter of ISEM, on which we can upload the webinars and information to showcase the activity within the Society and attract new members. Dr. Alex Nistor and Dr. Antonio Pesce will be coordinating the early steps of this initiative.

Dr. Shintaro Yagi,
ISEM Secretary general

Preview

The 2nd webinar speaker in 2021:
Dr Corradino Campisi



«The Present,
to Discover the Future
Always Starting
from the Past.»

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