



Editorial

The International C.I.A.N.S. Conference was held last week of March 2014 at the Congress Centre of the Venice International University on island San Servolo in the Venetian Lagoon. Originally, the island was the home of an old Benedictine monastery and since 1715 was altered to accommodate various kinds of hospices. In 1978 the legislation brought about its closure. At the present time it is being renovated and restored on behalf of the Province of Venice and now hosts an institute for social research, a trade's training school, an international school of neuroscience, and the Venice International University (TurismoVenezia promotional poster).

Our Italian colleagues, prof. S.Masaraki with drs. F.Colombo, A.Crocetti and B.Corsale prepared an interesting event divided into 6 symposia – Higher Brain Functions, Neurosciences, Psychology and Mental Health, Neuropsychophysiology, Neuropsychology, Integrative Physiology - and 1 general poster session.

To meet and to survive few days together on a small island means to fulfill one of the original ideas of our Collegium: to spread knowledge and to enhance the education of professionals engaged in the field of application the relevant knowledge and emphasizing the integrative approaches. The live discussions reflected the interest of attendants to gain new ideas for their own research as well as to penetrate deeper into the issues presented. Stimulating and very friendly environment contributed to the excellent atmosphere of the Conference.

The meeting of the C.I.A.N.S. Executive Committee was devoted to the two important issues. First issue concerned the need to establish the new C.I.A.N.S. Council. According to the Article 5 of the C.I.A.N.S. Statute the CIANS Council shall consist of elected officers and Council members representing individual or collective members (affiliated societies). Our By Law provides that the nomination of members for election to the Council shall be made by two members. The new proposed members for C.I.A.N.S. Council were selected and the Council should represent the individual members and representatives from Italy, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Germany, Russia, Bulgaria, France, Japan and Sweden. All the new proposed members are active participants of our meetings for the last 10 years and the Executive Committee hopes the new Council will help our Collegium to intensify and improve its activities. The second one relates to preparation of the new Executive Committee elections. The secretary general will contact all our members during the october/november this year.

Because the Slovakian members of the Executive Committee and Council were appointed to organize the next International Congress of Pathophysiology in 2018 at Bratislava, the participants were asked to prepare the proposals for possible symposia which can C.I.A.N.S. offer for this important event comprising the issues of the psychophysiology and higher brain functions as well.

There exists a wish of our members for our journal - *Activitas Nervosa Superior Rediviva* - to be included into the PubMed database and to obtain the impact factor as well. Many our friends are not aware of the fact that one very important think is also the evidence how many times are the articles published in our journal cited in two following years after their publishing. The C.I.A.N.S. Executive Committee recommend our members to do it in case the paper is of interest for their manuscript.

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