

Editorial

Dear reader,
dear CIANS members.

Allow me to address you as the new elected President of our Collegium Internationale Activitatis Nervosae Superioris (CIANS). I consider this as the very big honour for me and I would like to express my many thanks for giving me the vote for this prestigious position. I will try with all my strength to do the best and to help with further development of our activities aimed at the acquisition of new knowledge in all the fields of our interests as they are described in our Statutes. Many of us meet regularly at our international events and I know that I can rely on your help. Together with the whole Executive Committee we are looking forward to the next International CIANS Conference 2016 in Slovakia.

I would like to express my gratitude to our past president Professor Spiridione Masaraki for his valuable contribution to our activities in last two years. Spiro together with our Secretary General Dr. Federico Colombo and with our members and friends Drs. Andrea Crocetti and Beatrice Corsale prepared our last Conference in very nice and stimulating environment – Isola di San Servolo in Venetian Lagoon. This meeting was important for the further activities of our Collegium. After a period of several years we nominated several of our members for election to the CIANS Council (according to our By Law proposed by two members jointly with the consent of the nominee and their curriculum vitae sent to the Secretary General). New CIANS Council has now 16 members, three members from Italy, Russia and Slovakia, two from the Czech Republic and one member each from Germany, France, Bulgaria, Japan, and Sweden. All the members promised to promote the activities of the Collegium within their country and among their colleagues world-wide as well as to attract them to publish in our journal *Activitas Nervosa Superior Rediviva*.

Our next conference (Slovakia 2016) could be important from two reasons.

First, we will try to get more colleagues to attend from Europe. We also contacted the Pavlovian Society in the USA which was affiliated from the very beginning of the CIANS and we hope that after two decades our contacts may again become very productive and useful. Moreover, we now have our councillor also in Japan (dr. Urakami) and we also resumed scientific contacts with other affiliated countries from the past. Secondly, in 2018 the 8th World Congress of Pathophysiology will be held in Bratislava (Slovakia) and several our Slovakian members (including Dr. Pechanova – chairperson of the Congress Organizing Committee and also one of the new members of the CIANS Council) will be engaged in organizing this event. So, we will have the opportunity to add to the programme some symposia organized by CIANS and in such a way propagate our activities within the international community. During the International CIANS Conference 2016 we will discuss all the proposals.

Last point I would like to mention concerns our official journal *Activitas Nervosa Superior Rediviva*. As you can see on www.rediviva.sav.sk it is an open access journal that is indexed in several distinguished databases. I checked the citations to published papers and found them reasonably cited. The evaluation team of Scopus database reported the same result for four years ago. I have to express a deep gratitude to Professor Peter Fedor-Freybergh for his enthusiastic efforts in publishing our journal. We are looking forward to the inclusion of the journal into PubMed. What is needed? We should encourage the authors from several European and overseas countries to submit more high quality research papers.

I am sure that a more active cooperation will raise the attractiveness of CIANS and will promote the inclusion of our journal into additional databases.

Once again accept my gratitude for helping the CIANS to be active society with growing membership and allow me to express my wish to meet you next year in Slovakia at our succeeding International CIANS Conference.

CIANS President

Fedor Jagla