



Società Italiana di Chirurgia Colo-Rettale

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Dear SICCR members

As new president I would like to share my inner thoughts with you. Most of you already know me, I have also had the opportunity to exchange my point of view with many of you, besides the opportunity to discuss clinical cases and to collaborate in surgery. I am honoured to have been elected president and I sincerely hope to live up to your expectations. My predecessors fulfilled their duties adequately and with success and handed over a scientifically stable and lively and economically sane society. It is my duty to continue along this path and to assure my own commitment and that of my colleagues of the Governing Council.

There are friends with whom I have always had a loyal and sincere relationship and who are scientifically valid professionals. It is both a pleasure and an honour for me to be able to collaborate with them in the next two years.

Our common objective is to consolidate the scientific prestige gained by the SICCR in the past years, in all areas where our contribution is requested. I will not be ashamed to ask your advice and encouragement and I'm confident that I will be able to count on you when I need your support.

I would sincerely like you to consider me available not only for any problem that arises but also to suggest solutions and also to reproach me for my mistakes. I'd rather not hear backstage rumours but requests of collaboration and participation: The Governing Council represents all of you and does not make any decisions without your approval. We cannot ignore the fact that we are living a time of great hardship both as citizens and as professionals. On the one hand, our society is governed by the laws of evolution and progress, but on the other there are evident signs of progressive decline.

Excessive bureaucratization, the economic and social problems that are becoming more and more serious and widespread, the interference of politics, old and new mass media, which is most of the time, negative, the continuous and sudden changes in the field of healthcare make it more and more difficult for us doctors.

All the Italian scientific community not only the one that concerns healthcare but school, university and research are the fields, which pay the price of a future, which appears instable and very uncertain.

Regardless of all these negative changes, the SICCR has grown both in terms of its scientific production and in terms of its members. We are a strong and sane society, which represents a good part of Italian surgeons of colorectal surgery. Many of our members play a significant role not only in our country but also in Europe but, unfortunately are still awaiting, after many years of discussions regarding the validity of their occupation, acknowledgement and greater results. In order to obtain greater acknowledgement it is necessary to obtain the support and contact with the University and with politics.



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My task, and the task of the Governing Council is to defend our professional competence and to gain acknowledgement for its prestige wherever it is appropriate and in addition to acknowledgement for its economic and social merits.

I would like to thank you for having placed trust in me and I would like to conclude by wishing you all, the best in your work.

Sincere regards

Mario Trompetto