EDITIORIAL

Dear Readers and Subscribers,
Dear Members of the UIP

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Since I took office as President of the Union Internationale de Phlebologie (UIP), one of my main goals was to continue the productive partnership between International Angiology (IA) and our society.

The UIP is a federative scientific society formed by different national societies, whose number increases with each passing year. International Angiology, our official journal, is one of most important journals in the field of Angiology which involves the study of all vessels: arteries, veins and lymphatic.

Phlebology has been one of the medical areas with rapid recent advances thanks to the arrival of new technologies allowing us to improve dramatically not only diagnosis and treatment as well as the understanding of venous hemodynamics and pathophysiology.

Phlebology is an area of medicine where several established specialties such as vascular surgery, dermatology, cardiology, hematology, general practice and general surgery, converge. However, although phlebology is widely practiced throughout the world, many countries still do not consider it as an independent specialty.

UIP is characterized as a scientific society without any intolerance or distinction in relation to any specialty or origin of its affiliated societies. All specialists coexist harmoniously so that they can provide the best treatment for our patients be they surgical or not. Our final aim is our patients.

Within this profile that already exists within the UIP, I want to reiterate that I see no option other than to aim for the highest scientific quality. However, although we have advanced dramatically, many areas remain empirical requiring a scientific evidence which should be achieved with the publication of further work, monographs, double-blind randomized studies, etc. The partnership between the UIP and the IA which has now been reconfirmed will go a long way to achieve the above and establish a highly scientific phlebological practice. I urge all practicing phlebologists and especially younger doctors to join this effort.

At least until the year 2015, when my term ends, IA will be our official magazine which should receive the vast majority of published phlebological studies, as well as the scientific documents of the UIP (consensus guidelines and others).

The scientific editors of IA led by his chief editor A. Nicolaides will continue with its commitment to integrity and high scientific level that is the hallmark of this publication.