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IUIS PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014

One year goes by fast.

I would like to quickly address the main activities that I, as IUIS President, have carried out during my first year as head of the Union.

Management by K.I.T. Group

We are hoping that this company will greatly improve the management of our Union. This global company has a vast conference organization experience, including logistic and administrative management (strategy, documentation, contacts, etc.). We can already feel a dynamic collaboration taking shape by working with Ben and Sumiko.

Committees

It is urgent to reinvigorate the Committees, since they are the heart of the Union.

We shall work on a call to action for the Committees, and Vice-President Alberto Mantovani shall have, at my request, a more direct interaction with the different chairs.

Two new committees are being structured: vaccines and immunotherapy. Strengthening our relations with international congresses, as well as, organizing focused meetings is also an issue that we have been addressing.

Institutional relations

There was also work in establishing new societies in the burgeoning areas around the world. For example, I visited the Persian Gulf region and had the opportunity to encourage representatives of the United Arab Emirates to organize themselves.

Approaches with the WHO were also made along this year, and will hopefully turn into fruitful co-operations as well.

Finally, it is crucial that we discuss the organization of specific, more focused events.

Frontiers in Immunology

Our journal also received attention during this past year of activities. Even though its improvement should be a permanent goal, it is important to point out the publication of a position paper on Ebola. We should keep on that same track for other fields, and always direct our attention to big issues like this.

We are also developing the use of data table worksheets that will help estimating and evaluating the impact of the papers published by Frontiers.

IUIS Congress in Melbourne, Australia, 2016

Great effort has been done in making contacts and contracts. It has been very difficult.

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