Dear friends,

2015 has been an eventful year, but personally the memory that remains most vivid is our **IIIC Heritage Retreat in Scotland**. The pre-meeting dinner was held at Chandos House, a historical townhouse, designed by the acclaimed architect Robert Adam during the 18th Century. The building has been completely renovated but retains an air of elegance, it belongs to the Royal Society of Medicine where the inaugural meeting of the IIIC was held, with Harold Ridley as president, in July 1966.

After dinner we discussed the past, present and future of the IIIC, and the executive very much appreciated the comments from members who participated and provided suggestions. The feedback will help us ensure that the IIIC remains relevant and vital in the future.

The next day we travelled to Edinburgh and after lunch and a tour of Edinburgh Castle we headed off for our destination, the magnificent Gleneagles Resort, our home for the next few days. The photos in our [online photo gallery](#) (Enter password: implantclub) provide a taste for those who were unable to attend the retreat. The mornings were spent with activities including golf, fly fishing and visits to historical castles, followed by the academic program in the afternoon. I cannot speak for the golfers, but our Pike and Salmon fishing excursions were exceptional and the camaraderie that developed amongst the anglers will be long-lasting.

I would like to thank all the speakers who covered in detail all aspects relevant to our chosen theme “Achieving Emmetropia – our Heritage and Our Future”. The quality of the talks was outstanding as were the frank and challenging discussions which followed each presentation. Although we all attend many meetings and symposia, the collective wisdom of an IIIC program, in my opinion, cannot be matched. We hope to capture the essence of the talks and will consider publishing the content so that those who were unable to attend can also benefit from the program.

The final event was our Gala Dinner where we celebrated Scottish Culture with traditional cuisine including a “toast to the Haggis” and ended off with traditional Highland dancing demonstrating that our members are indeed multi-talented. We were able to record the attendance of eight past presidents in a precious photograph, including Michael Roper Hall. Michael is one of the original founders and his attendance during the academic sessions as well as our gala dinner was a special treat and added additional meaning to the concept of a “Heritage Retreat”.

The following day a smaller group began our post retreat adventure on the “Royal Scotsman”, travelling through the Scottish Highlands. We experienced fine dining, visited battlefields, tasted whiskies... but the highlight was the opportunity to spend time with each other in a warm relaxing environment, renewing old and establishing new friendships.

As previous Presidents will recall, hosting an IIIC retreat is a great privilege. There is much planning, but the rewards are great and will remain one the most gratifying experiences in my career. Thank you to all who attended the retreat and shared this unique adventure.
More snapshots from the 2015 IIIC Medal Lecture and Membership Dinner as well as from previous meetings and retreats can be accessed and downloaded at our

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The annual ASCRS and ESCRS meetings are always action-packed, but fortunately many of us manage to attend our IIIC dinners that take place during these important meetings. The venue this year in Barcelona was the elegant Hotel Arts, and I am sure all will agree that the four-course dinner was one of the most perfect we have managed to share to date.

During the dinner at Barcelona our president elect, Roberto Zaldivar, presented with a spectacular multimedia display the destination for our next retreat in 2017. The city of Mendoza in Argentina has so much to offer and we look forward to hear more details from Roberto at ASCRS next year.

Our dinners are not just social events, however, but a special occasion to honor the contribution of one of our members. Warren Hill (below, at left) presented a fascinating lecture entitled “Think Different” where he took us through the development of a new paradigm in predicting refractive outcome after cataract surgery. Warren has a unique ability to explain difficult topics and has spent his career educating and informing ophthalmologists in order to improve outcomes for patients. The topic is complex, but he was able to make the subject understandable and entertaining to all who attended including non-ophthalmic partners. It was a privilege to present him the IIIC Medal this year as a token of the respect and admiration of our members, and on behalf of all I would like to congratulate him again for receiving the award and presenting a wonderful lecture.

One of the issues we discussed at our meeting at Chandos House in London, was how to ensure that IIIC remains relevant to the broader ophthalmic community. We all agreed that targeting specific meetings, where we can arrange quality symposia, would be an effective form of communication. This has been initiated by previous presidents at other meetings, but this year we had an opportunity to present our first IIIC symposium at ASCRS, entitled “The Changing Focus of Intraocular Lens Implants”. The symposium was well received and we received much positive feedback from those who attended. I am pleased that we have once again been invited to present a symposium at ASCRS and we will let you know the theme and speakers for 2016 in New Orleans.

On a sadder note, next year will be the first time that the Jan Worst medal will be awarded since the recent passing of one of our founding members, Jan Worst. He was truly a giant in our field and his wisdom and insights were critical in ensuring that implants were able to develop through difficult times to the successful prosthesis that restores sight to patients on a daily basis today.

It is a pleasure to let you know that the Jan Worst Lecture for 2016 will be given by Randall J. Olson, and I hope that as many members as possible will attend our symposium as well as the dinner at ASCRS in New Orleans in 2016.

Warmest regards,
Graham Barrett
President, International Intra-Ocular Implant Club

Protocol of the 2015 Membership Meeting

A membership meeting of IIIC was held on September 6, 2015 at 20.30 at Hotel Arts, Barcelona, Spain.

The chairman of the meeting, Dr. Barrett, welcomed all participants and presented the financial report 2014 as prepared by Walia Leete. The surplus for the financial year ending 31.03.2015 was GBP 21,886. The total reserves were GBP 90,466 on March 31, 2015. The financial report is available on our homepage in the member-only section. Dr. Barrett now presented Dr. Jonathan Rubenstein, a membership candidate who was approved by the board of directors, for the final vote of the membership. He was unanimously approved. No other business was raised, and Dr. Barrett closed the membership meeting at 20.45.

Minutes prepared by:
Michael C. Knorz, Executive Director
Barcelona, September 6, 2015
New Orleans, May 8, 2016

The 2016 Jan G. F. Worst Medal Lecture and Dinner at ASCR will be held at Galatoire’s Restaurant in the French Quarter, New Orleans, on Sunday, May 8, 2016, starting with cocktails at 19:00 and followed by dinner at 19:45. A three-course dinner will be served, and prices include house wines and soft drinks as well as cocktails during the reception. During the dinner, the Jan G.F. Worst Medal Lecture will be presented by Dr. Randall J. Olson. His lecture is entitled “Reflections on a Life as an Open-minded Sceptic”.

Please sign up and buy your ticket(s) at: www.iiiclub.org/ASCRS2016

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Sneak Preview by President-Elect Roberto Zaldivar
11th IIIC Retreat 2017: Argentina, March 2017

Pre-Retreat: The idea is to start in Buenos Aires with everyone arriving at Ezeiza, our International Airport (estimated date of arrival March 2nd, 2017) and to meet and stay in one of the best residential zones in Buenos Aires – La Recoleta at the Alvear Palace Hotel, where we would be sharing the first welcome reception and dinner. The following day, we will enjoy some social and traditional activities involving tango and a visit to a special place.

Retreat: The trip to Mendoza will be on March 3rd in the evening, arriving to Aeroparque Mendoza Airport. We will meet at our beautiful Mendoza Park Hyatt Hotel. The Scientific program will take place in Mendoza from March 4th to the 7th.

Post-Retreat: The post retreat excursion will take us to Bariloche, a place where you will be able to enjoy the beauty of nature in one of the most luxurious hotels, the LlaolLa Bariloche, famous for fly fishing and golf as well as numerous other activities to explore. We cannot think of a more relaxed way to experience the natural beauty of our country.