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To the kind attention of the Editors of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Vascular Research

Dear Editor,

in agree with Bruno Amato (who will succeed me on January 1st, 2025), I am sending you this brief report as President of the Italian Society of Phlebology (S.I.F.).

At the National Congress held in October 2024 in Verona, the Italian Society of Phlebology (S.I.F.) renewed its Executive Board. The results included the election of several "historic" figures of S.I.F. as well as the entry of some younger colleagues, paving the way for a generational change that has been widely requested and desired.

As President for years 2025-2026, was elected my friend Bruno Amato, Professor of Vascular Surgery at the University Federico II of Naples.

As Past President, together with Bruno and the new S.I.F. Executive Board, we will ensure continuity for numerous projects:

- Revision of the 2016 SIF-SICVE Guidelines, as requested by the Italian National Institute of Health.

This work has already been underway for several months and will involve all Italian phlebological societies (CIF, AFI, SIFLI, SIFCS, SIAPAV, SICVE) to produce a unified document.

- Drafting of Good Clinical and Care Practices, an initiative of SICVE, also requested by the Italian National Institute of Health, to supplement the Guidelines, which sometimes do not fully align with the diverse organizational realities in which phlebology is practiced in Italy.

- Definition of projects by the Italian Federation of Phlebo-Lymphology (FIFL), founded in 2024. This federation involves Italy's oldest phlebological societies (SIF, SIFLI, SIFCS) and aims to create unity in Italian approaches at the international level and to participate collectively in international projects and registries (International Guidelines, Global Phlebology Registry, Consensus Conferences).

- Launch of the Joint Project of the Italian Vascular Scientific Societies Council, in collaboration with SICVE. Together with patient associations, this council aims to serve as a point of contact with Italian national and regional institutions. In 2025, the Council will launch a program for a Vascular Disease Prevention Month and organize participation in the 2025 edition of the Health Welfare Conference, to be held in Rome in November.

- Organization of the 39th National SIF Congress - 1st Congress of Young SIF Members and Healthcare Professionals (to be held in Pisa, May 29-31, 2025). For the first time, young members will be the promoters, organizers, and protagonists of a National SIF Congress, with the guidance and support of the more senior members of our Society.

These projects may seem ambitious and demanding, but we remain hopeful, with the collaboration of many SIF members and friends willing to share this journey, that we will achieve them successfully.

Sincerely,

Dr Roberto Di Mitri

December 21th, 2024