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European Association for Vision and Eye Research Foundation

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The EVER Foundation - EVER f

Everything we take for granted in our daily life, like swallowing a pill to cure a headache or picking up a phone and talking to someone a thousand miles away; was at one point, a subject of someone's research. We happily consume the rewards of research without sparing much thought for the painstaking effort that constitutes research. '*Science for Sight*', the bold slogan of the European association for Vision and Eye Research [EVER f] not only recognizes 'research' but also emphasizes the importance of supporting, nurturing and encouraging research for the betterment of mankind through the preservation and protection of our cherished sense of sight.

For over a decade EVER has pursued its mission of promoting scientific research in ophthalmology and vision sciences, disseminating scientific knowledge and imparting education through its annual congress and joint programmes with other sister organizations. The creation of the European association for Vision and Eye Research Foundation [EVER f] is endorsed by the Board of Trustees of EVER and is the culmination of the pursuit of one of EVER's principle strategic objective, to ensure a stable support mechanism for the various initiatives designed for the promotion of vision and eye research and education in Europe.

The EVER Foundation is an independent incorporated organization with its own board of trustees. Its aim is to support the EVER mission and to facilitate the attainment of EVER's objectives. '*Science for Sight*' also represents the statement of intent of the EVER Foundation.

The pace of scientific progress in Europe is rapid but unfortunately unequal. Consequently, the benefits that accrue from scientific progress are also unequally distributed. EVER f will create opportunities for scientists and ophthalmologists, young and old, by providing research and educational grants; by facilitating access to centers of excellence and by developing courses and imparting training in both clinical and basic sciences. It will endeavour to create an environment whereby talent in Europe can flourish where ever it is found without being disadvantaged by region or country.

EVER f recognizes the enormous contribution made by the pharmaceutical trade and industry towards supporting science and education. It will consolidate and build on this platform such that EVER f, EVER and the Industry can work together to alleviate blindness and vision disorders, for our mutual beneficiaries – our patients. We believe that our relationship with the industry is one of a partnership. Scientists design our dreams, the industry helps them realize these into reality and we as ophthalmologists use these to serve the sufferers. Take any one of these ingredients away and the sufferers will suffer, more.

Harminder Singh DUA
President EVER f



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Why an EVER Foundation?

What are the goals of the EVER *f*?

The EVER Foundation has been established in 2010 by the Board of Trustees of the European Association for Vision and Eye Research to assure a stable support mechanism for the various educational initiatives designed for the promotion and dissemination of vision and eye research in Europe.

EVER *f* is a separately incorporated organization with an independent board of trustees. Its aim is to support the EVER mission and to facilitate the various initiatives of EVER in order to accomplish that mission. EVER *f* wishes to foster collaboration between the various actors involved in vision and eye research and to promote interactions between clinicians and basic scientists.

EVER *f* intends to provide research grants to young scientists, to organize twinning of research institutions as well as exchange programs, mainly between Eastern and Western Europe. It will also organize training programs and courses for young vision scientists.

It will promote translational research and disseminate scientific research findings.

The EVER *f* will cooperate with other international organisms such as the International Council of Ophthalmology to promote research in developing countries.

Jean-Jacques DE LAEY
EVER *f* Trustee

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Current and future programmes

Yearly EVER is awarding:

- Travel Grants to the best papers of the 11 sections, *500 EUR each*
- The 15 best papers of listed countries* receive *400 EUR each*
- The 3 best Special Interest Symposia receive *1.000 EUR each*
- Poster prize of *200 EUR* to the best poster of each section

EVER *f* will set up programmes to:

- Promote global scientific interactions between researchers and clinicians
- Encourage ophthalmic education and training
- Develop ophthalmology fellowship training
- Support research in ophthalmology and vision
- Complement the mission of EVER

* listed countries: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Congo, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, India, Latvia, Libia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Morocco, North Korea, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine.





The Word of the EVER \neq Treasurer

Money, personal money, does not lend itself easily as a subject for conversation. How much do we make? How much do we have? Enough or need more? We would rather talk about anything else than seek or provide answers to the above questions. Money can be the source of great joy but also can bring frustration and misery. Some people think that the world would be a better place if there was no money!

Many centuries ago, there was no money. People bartered, exchanging goods or products for other goods or for a service. Very rapidly people found that they could not always agree on what something was worth or did not want what the other person had to offer in exchange. Imagine if today we wanted to pay for a slit lamp or a Laser with bags of rice or salt? Logically, bartering was replaced by metal coins, then later by paper money. For a long time money was linked to gold reserves until relatively recently “Fiat money”, money that is declared legal tender by a government but has no intrinsic value, was created.

That is true, money has no value in itself; it is and has always been ‘energy’. It is neither good nor bad, it just depends what we use this energy for.

EVER has an obligation and a responsibility to invest in scientists, engaged in eye research, from all European countries and make sure that people who have the desire and motivation will not lack the energy they need to get the best possible education, training and opportunity for utilisation of their skills and expertise. However, EVER is still a young organization and like teenagers, it needs energy to keep on growing and achieve its goals. In the near future, EVER \neq will durably serve this purpose, to harness and direct through EVER, this energy where it can be productively utilised.

In essence, the mission of the treasurer is to ensure, with the other members of the EVER \neq board, that the energy collected will be used with the highest efficiency. Thus energy will soon flow all across Europe, for the greater good of young and established ophthalmologists and researchers. However this project cannot be achieved without the durable support of the pharmaceutical trade and industry as well as from individual contributors. No contribution is too small or too large. A few coins dropped in a collection tin, a few euros raised in raffles, a donation in cash or kind or generous cheques written by corporations or philanthropists to EVER \neq ; all have a role to play in the collective energy generated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean-Jacques Gicquel'.


Jean-Jacques GICQUEL
EVER \neq Treasurer



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EVER statutes

Chapter I Purpose, denomination, location and duration


Article 1 - An International Association with scientific aim is constituted under the name “EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR VISION AND EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION”, or in brief “EVER ”. Both the name and the abbreviation may be used separately. It is an international non-profit organization which is ruled according to the following dispositions.





Article 2 - The Foundation is a non-profit-making organization and aims at promoting European Eye and Vision Research and supporting the various initiatives of the International non-profit organization “European Association for Vision and Eye Research” (EVER), f.i. by support to the organization of the EVER congresses, conducting educational services in vision and eye research and promoting European research in ophthalmology.

Article 3 - The registered office of the Foundation is established in Belgium at the Department of Ophthalmology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, UZ St Raphaël, Kapucijnenvoer, 33, B-3000 Leuven. It may be transferred to any other address in Belgium by decision of the General Assembly. The modification of the address will be notified in the annexes of the Belgian Official Journal.

Article 4 - The Foundation is established for an undetermined period. It is ruled by title III of the Belgian Law of June 27, 1921 on the non-profit organizations, the international non-profit organizations and the foundations, but also by the laws and decrees on international non-profit organizations.

Chapter II Members

Article 5 - The Foundation consists of ordinary members and ex-officio members. The total number should be no more than 25. They constitute the EVER  general assembly. The president, secretary-general and the

treasurer of EVER are ex-officio members of the Foundation. Furthermore, the EVER Board of Directors shall nominate at least 25 % but no more than 50 % of the remaining members. Members nominated by the EVER Board of Directors need not necessarily be members of the EVER Board, nor of EVER. The other members of EVER  shall be proposed by the Board of Directors of EVER  and approved by EVER  General Assembly, hereafter referred to as the General Assembly. Each ordinary member shall serve for a term of four (4) years, which can be renewed once. The ex officio members shall serve for a term equal to their term in the Board of EVER. The level of the annual membership fee shall be determined each year by the EVER  Board of Directors.

Article 6 - Each member can resign at any time provided that this is not detrimental to the Association. Any such resignation has to be tendered by means of a letter addressed to the Board of Directors. The exclusion of a member is, in principle, the prerogative of the General Assembly, with a 4/5 majority, not taking into account the vote of the member to be excluded. The Board of Directors with a 2/3 majority, is also able to exclude a member when it ascertains that the member is guilty of an act contrary to the objectives or interests of the Association. The member shall be informed in writing before his/her exclusion and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting of the General Assembly or the Board of Directors or in writing.

Chapter III General Assembly

Article 7 - The General Assembly has the ultimate power to realize the aims and the organisation of the Association.

The following powers are reserved to the jurisdiction of the General Assembly:

- the modification of the articles of association
- the appointment, resignation and dismissal of the Directors, of the auditor(s) and determining of the amount of their remuneration if a remuneration is considered
- the approval of the budget, balance-sheet and accounts

- the discharge to be given to the directors and auditor(s)
- the dissolution of the Association
- the exclusion of members, notwithstanding the power given in certain circumstances to the Board of Directors by article 6 of the present statutes.

The residual power for all other matters lies with the Board of Directors. The General Assembly shall convene annually before November 30th either at the seat of the Association or at an address to be determined. This will be communicated by simple letter, fax or email sent at least 15 days before the date of the meeting, by the Board of Directors, which will also contain the agenda.

Article 8 - Each member has one vote at the General Assembly. Voting by proxy is not possible.

Article 9 - Deliberations of the General Assembly are valid only if at least half of the members are present. In the event that the General Assembly does not attract the required quorum, a mail ballot will be organized within the following three months on the points raised during the Assembly. The General Assembly will be chaired by the President of the Board of Directors, or by default by the eldest member first by function, then by age of the Board of Directors. Except in exceptional cases, as indicated by the law or by the articles of association, resolutions shall be passed with a majority vote of the members present or having voted by correspondence. The resolutions of the General Assembly shall be communicated to all members by the Board of Directors. The resolutions of the General Assembly will be entered in a register and signed by the President and the Secretary General of the Board of Directors, will be kept by the Board of Directors and will be available to all members.

Article 10 - An Extraordinary or Special General Assembly must be called at the initiative of the Board of Directors at any time the interests of the Association require it, or by request of one-fourth of the members. The form and timing of the invitation are similar to those for a General Assembly, except for the provisions under chapter VI.

Chapter IV Management

Article 11 - The Association is managed and validly represented by its Board of Directors, which consists of a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members. The members of the Board of directors are elected from the members of EVER \neq . All powers for the management of the Association lies with the Board of Directors. It is competent also to achieve and receive all acts of disposal, donations and transfers.

Article 12 - The Board of Directors elects from within its membership a President, a Secretary-general and a Treasurer. The members of the Board are appointed for 4 years. Their function can be renewed only once. Except in case of dismissal by the General Assembly, a Director can tender his/her resignation at any time, providing that he/she shall give 3 months written notice to the Board of Directors.

Article 13 - The Board of Directors is in charge of the daily management of the Association.

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President and/or the Secretary-General who will establish the agenda of any such meeting. Invitations will be sent by mail, fax or email at least ten days before the meeting. The Board also appoints the administrative personnel. All documents and minutes will be kept by the Board of Directors at the seat of the Association.

Article 14 - The Board's resolutions shall be decided by a majority of members present. In case of an equal vote, the President shall have the casting vote. The Board of Directors cannot validly deliberate on proposals of modifications to the articles of association without at least two-thirds of its members being present. The minutes of the Board's decisions shall be signed by the President and by the Secretary-General. The minutes will be kept in a special register. Copies or extracts demanded by any interested third party shall be signed in the same way.



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Article 15 - Unless in the case of special delegation, all acts involving the Association, other than daily administration, are signed by two of the following three persons: the President, Secretary-General or Treasurer. The Association shall be validly represented in court by the President of the Board. They shall not be required to justify their powers to any third party. The business of daily management, such as correspondence, issuing of receipts, endorsement and receipt of monies, discharges toward the public administration, will carry the signature of one of the following: the President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer, or a person charged with the daily management, being a director or not.

Article 16 - All obligatory or legal documents are kept in Dutch. The working language of the Association shall be English.

Chapter V Budget and accounts

Article 17 - The financial year starts on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December of each year. The accounts of the Association have to be submitted by the Board of Directors for approval by the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall be able to decide on a Board of Directors' proposal to constitute a reserve fund and to fix its amount.

Chapter VI Modification of the articles of association. Dissolution

Article 18 - Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 50§3, 55 and 56 of the law of June 27, 1921, any proposal which aims to modify the articles of association or to dissolve the Association has to emanate from the Board of Directors or from a special majority of at least two-third of the members. The Board of Directors has to inform the members of the Association by mail, fax or email at least one month before the General Assembly meets to decide on any such proposal.

The General Assembly cannot validly deliberate on such proposals unless at least 3/4 of its members are

present. The decision has to be taken with a majority of 2/3. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 50§3 of the law of June 27, 1921, the modifications to the articles of association will be effective for third parties only after they have been published according to article 51 of the law of June 27, 1921. The General Assembly will decide on the method of dissolution and liquidation of the Association as well as on the disposal of the Association's assets according to articles 55 and 56 of the law of June 27, 1921. Profits that remain after payment of the outstanding debts at the time of dissolution will be transferred to EVER or to a scientific research association if EVER no longer exists.

Article 19 - Any circumstances not covered by these articles of association will be decided according to the law.

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EVER is a non-profit organisation. The aims of the association are to encourage research and the dissemination of knowledge concerning the eye and vision by means of meetings, publications and exchange of information. EVER is the largest European scientific organization which covers all subspecialties of ophthalmology and visual sciences.

EVER collaborates with the European Board of Ophthalmology (EBO), European University Professors of Ophthalmology (EUPO) and Societas Ophthalmologica Europaea (SOE) to unify European ophthalmology by promoting quality education in ophthalmology and its scientific foundations: CONCORDIA PRO VISU.

Membership

Membership is open to individuals of any nationality, engaging in or with an interest in ophthalmic and vision research. Applications for membership -available on ww.ever.be- may be submitted at any time, membership is on calendar basis and starts on January 1. Every member must select one of the 11 Scientific Sections that best represents the primary area of interest.

The benefits of EVER membership are:

- submission of abstracts at EVER annual meeting
- reduced registration fee for the EVER annual meeting
- organizing Special Interest Symposia (SIS) and courses during the EVER annual meeting
- participate in the EBO, exam courses
- EACCME grants European CME credits (ECMEC) to the EVER annual meetings
- voting rights for the election of the Board Members (except members-in-training and emeritus members)
- 26 travel grants for best papers to attend EVER annual meeting
- free electronic subscription to the EVER journal, Acta Ophthalmologica
- quarterly E-Newsletter
- e-alerts
- member of CONCORDIA

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Members according to scientific sections

Main sections in 2010

- Retina/Vitreous.....21%
- Cornea/Ocular Surface16%
- Glaucoma14%

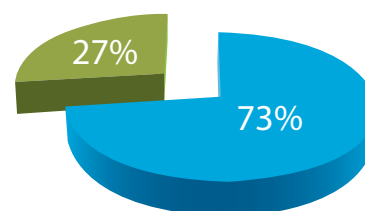
Other sections

- Pathology/Oncology10%
- Lens and Cataract.....9%
- Vision Sciences/Electrophysiology/Physiology Optic.....8%
- Immunology/Microbiology7%
- Neuro-ophthalmology/Strabismology/Paediatric/History6%
- Physiology/Biochemistry/Pharmacology4%
- Anatomy/Cell Biology3%
- Molecular Biology/Genetics/Epidemiology3%

Participants:

Clinical with or without research: 73 %

Research only: 27 %



Country of origin of EVER-members

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| • Algeria | • Estonia | • Luxembourg | • Serbia |
| • Argentina | • Finland | • Macedonia | • Singapore |
| • Armenia | • France | • Mexico | • Slovakia |
| • Australia | • Germany | • Montenegro | • Slovenia |
| • Austria | • Greece | • Netherlands | • South Africa |
| • Azerbaijan | • Hungary | • New Zealand | • South Korea |
| • Belgium | • Iceland | • North Korea | • Spain |
| • Bulgaria | • India | • Norway | • Sweden |
| • Brazil | • Iran | • Oman | • Switzerland |
| • Bulgaria | • Ireland | • Pakistan | • Tunisia |
| • Canada | • Israel | • Poland | • Turkey |
| • China | • Italy | • Portugal | • Ukraine |
| • Congo | • Japan | • Puerto Rico | • United Arab Emirates |
| • Croatia | • Jordan | • Romania | • United Kingdom |
| • Czech Republic | • Kuwait | • Russian Federation | • United States |
| • Denmark | • Latvia | • Rwanda | • Uruguay |
| • Egypt | • Lithuania | • Saudi Arabia | |



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Cornea / Ocular Surface	Philippe KESTELYN
Glaucoma	Thierry ZEYEN
Immunology / Microbiology	Carl HERBORT
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Vision Sciences / Electrophysiology / Physiology Optic	Werner SPILEERS

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Representative East Europe	Rimvydas ASOKLIS

Local Representative

Representative Greece, Crete	Ioannis PALLIKARIS
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Co-opted

Co-opted: Advocacy	Martine JAGER
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EVER past presidents

Prof. Charles RIVA	2009
Prof. Harminder DUA	2008
Prof. Uwe PLEYER.....	2007
Prof. Tero KIVELÄ.....	2006
Prof. Nicholas GALLOWAY	2005
Prof. Per SÖDERBERG.....	2004
Prof. Anthony BRON.....	2003
Prof. John FORRESTER.....	2002
Prof. Bertil DAMATO	2001
Prof. Gisèle SOUBRANE.....	1999/2000



The EVER (European Association for Vision and Eye Research) was formed in 1997 as a result of collaborative efforts by several European Ophthalmic research associations.

The Association for Eye Research (AER), the European Community Ophthalmic Research Association (ECORA) and the Joint European Meetings in Ophthalmology and Vision (JERMOV) have given up their own identities and collectively joined EVER in 1997.

EVER is currently the leading ophthalmological research association in Europe which covers all areas of ophthalmology and the visual sciences.

The EVER 2010 congress will be held in, Crete, Greece on Oct 6-9, 2010 at Creta Maris Convention Center. Besides the free papers and posters, there will be keynote lectures, plenary lectures, special interest symposia, courses and workshops, with many distinguished invited speakers.

EVER encourages other European societies to meet together with it so as to foster exchange of ideas and knowledge.

EVER 2011 Oct 5-8, Crete, Greece
EVER 2012 Oct 3-6, Crete, Greece

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The EVER *f* works to obtain support for EVER programmes.

To learn more about giving opportunities, contact the EVER *f*

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