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Dear colleagues,

Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis *

We are concerned about the direction taken by ISCEV whose members have always been among the most innovative in ophthalmology. However, we are afraid that the recent developments in our subject are no longer represented at ISCEV. We are more and more frequently confronted by the question “Is the electrophysiology still useful?” Many clinical ophthalmologists believe that the new techniques such as autofluorescence, OCT - especially the new one by Heidelberg Engineering - , HRT or GDx makes electrophysiology obsolete.

In ISCEV there are both clinicians and basic scientists. If we do not pay attention, ISCEV will lose the clinicians, because they will necessarily concentrate on the new techniques. We can argue that the new techniques are concerned not with function but only with morphology. That is true. But the quality of this morphology is really outstanding.

Therefore we are writing to the board of ISCEV to encourage you to extend the scope of ISCEV to embrace the new techniques. The next ISCEV meeting will discuss: “Non-standard stimuli – their contributions to modern electrophysiology”, a question of interest for basic research: but we should not concentrate on such subjects at the expense of topics of greater interest to our clinical and ophthalmological colleagues. Our interest should be directed in the combination of function and morphology. Thus, it is nearly impossible to convince any clinician that the PERG has more value than the easy-to-use HRT or GDx in the diagnosis of glaucoma. We suggest that the new morphological techniques should be included in the “hat” of ISCEV since only those who know about function are really able to interpret morphology correctly.

Please do not forget the roots of the “International Society of *Clinical* Electrophysiology”. While continuing to use the euphonious “ISCEV” we might consider a change of definition to make it the International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology and *Imaging* of the Visual system”

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* ‘**The times change and we change with them**’ - *and if we don't we will regret it!*