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Dear Colleague ,

### **25th Anniversary Meeting of the ESVS in Athens 22-25 September 2011**

I am writing to you now the dust is beginning to settle on our 25th anniversary meeting in Athens. I hope you will agree that it was an excellent meeting.

The feedback I have received so far suggests that the scientific program was highly regarded and that the expanded EVST program was a success. The social events including the Opening Ceremony, Fun Run and Gala Dinner were excellent from my point of view, and I hope you enjoyed them too.

We obviously had our difficulties with transport to, from and within Athens, but it was my impression that this did not spoil the meeting in any way. I was particularly impressed with the way some of you stepped in to give presentations and run workshops at a moment's notice when it became clear that speakers or convenors were not able to get to Athens. It demonstrates how good our society is and how willing our members are to help out.

I would particularly like to thank a number of people for contributions over and above what might be expected.

1. Linda, Randi, Fernanda, David and their helpers from the office in Copenhagen are a fantastic team who had to cope with all kinds of problems in the background to make the event run smoothly. It is hard to describe the complexity of running a big meeting like ours, but they manage it perfectly!
2. Sofia and her team from Congrex, the principal conference organiser, did a great job.
3. Georgia and her team from the local conference organiser Erasmus, provided the local knowledge which was valuable in many ways, not least in arranging coaches to bring delegates in from the airport on Thursday.
4. Finally Christos and Vicky Lapis to whom we give special thanks. Without their considerable efforts we would not have enjoyed the spectacular Opening Ceremony in the Herodias Atticus Theatre nor the opportunity to run in the Panathenaikon Olympic Stadium.

For myself, it was certainly an eventful meeting. It is gratifying to see how people from all over the world from very diverse backgrounds can come together and enjoy learning, exchanging ideas and having fun in each other's company.

If you have any feedback about the meeting or the ESVS in general, good or bad, please write to me at [esvs.secretary@btconnect.com](mailto:esvs.secretary@btconnect.com). We aim to try and continually improve the meeting and your suggestions will be welcome.

We now look forward to 2012 and our meeting on Bologna. I hope to see you there!

With best wishes,

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