

Chers collègues et amis, voici une copie du message que j'adresse au Président de l'ISR, suite

à la façon inadmissible dont est établie la liste "officielle" des Beclere Medallists, honneur que j'ai créé

quand j'étais Trésorier de l'ISR par respect envers le testament d'Antoinette Béclère. Il faudrait que cesse ce boycott exercé par la discipline à l'encontre de mon œuvre, qu'elle soit nationale ou internationale. Je ne me suis jamais plaint jusqu'à présent, car je ne suis pas rancunier et je connais mes défauts, mais il y a des limites que je ne peux plus voir dépasser. Je ne suis pas Dieu, mais j'assume le fait que je suis un César dont l'action pour la discipline a été particulièrement fructueuse pendant un demi-siècle. François Eschwège et Jean-Victor Raust doivent en témoigner, car ils en ont été les plus éminents bénéficiaires. Les honneurs ne se demandent pas, selon mes principes, et tous ceux que j'ai reçus m'ont été donnés sans que je les requière. J'aurais aimé présider le Centre Antoine Béclère pendant un court laps de temps. Vous ne m'en avez pas jugé digne, soit. Mais au moins soyez respectueux de l'histoire comme j'ai respecté et honoré ma discipline et mes maîtres, comme mes ancêtres.

L'ignorer est une bêtise, le cacher ou le trafiquer est une escroquerie qui ne grandissent pas ceux qui pratiquent ce mauvais aspect de la nature humaine. Je ne vous prends pas pour des médiocres car sachez que Jean Hamburger m'a dit en son temps: "*Monsieur Moreau, vous êtes comme moi, les médiocres vous emmerderont toute votre vie*". Si grands que vous soyez tous, vous n'avez pas la peinture d'Hamburger. Alors faites en sorte que votre comportement à mon égard ne soit pas taxé de médiocrité car, un jour, des historiens rendront hommage à ma carrière et mon œuvre. Ils auront mes archives comme thesaurus. Prenez acte de ce qui arrive à la mémoire de Contremoulins auquel je ne peux être qu'attaché puisqu'il a fondé le service de radiologie de Necker, cent ans avant moi: elle fait l'objet de nombreuses publications, notamment dans Nature et dans un livre traduit en américain par un neuro-chirurgien d'Atlanta qui publie dans le Journal of Neurosurgery. Voici le texte du message adressé au Président Bach et aux membres français de l'ExCom de l'ISR

Mr President Lluís Donoso Bach, dear colleagues,

Of course, I wish you all the best for the future of the ISR and the good health of your characters. Looking at the official website of the society, I understand that all of you are doing a very good job all over the World. I congratulate you. I'm too old to attend the ICRs that give the radiologists the opportunity to discover cities and countries all over the world. I'd like to visit Oman. That will be in an other life.

Now, Mr President, dear colleagues, I've to complain because of the abnormalities I detect on the content of some pages recalling the history of the ISR. Like all people who want to achieve their professional life by affording high-level responsibilities, I have a personal, likely overestimated, ego however combined with a big amount of humility. My character is terrible but I'm an honest man who dislikes fakes. As an expert and objective historian of the history of radiology, I state that a fact is a fact that must be reported without manipulations, and everybody can report their interpretations according to their knowledge and their sensibility. To hide compelling arguments covering verifiable actualities is another kind of unacceptable behavior. I'm specially proud of the job I've done when I was an active Member of The ExCom of the ISR from 1985 to 2000. I acted as the president of the Radiodiagnostic Section of both The ISR and The ICR'89 of Paris from 1985 to 1989, under the chairmanship of Maurice Tubiana and the Secretary-General Walter Fuchs. Otha W. Linton I met in 1986 with Joseph Marasco and Otha Linton in Pittsburgh knows what I've done for the treatment of the severe diplomatic crisis that followed the ICR'85 in Hawaii. I acted on the six continent to accurate the international success of ICR'89 that drained in Paris almost 20,000 participants, 7000 out of these were French radiologists and the technical exhibition was huge. On the list of the presidents of the ISR, two names are lacking, those of Professor Norman Bleehen who was the president of the Radiation Therapy Section of ISR, and my mine. My reward is the success of my politics aiming to save the reputation of the ISR I performed during the crucial years 1985-1987 ending with the official participation of a USA delegate to the EXCOM meeting in Lisbon: the latter was Dr Eric Milne of UC Irvine nominated by Dr Thomas Meaney. I told it in a letter I mailed to Past-President Gourtsoyannis, acknowledged by his successor professor Labuscagne who wrote a kind message to me. That story is visible on my personal website (<http://www.jfma.fr/histoire-radiologie-imagerie-medicale.html>). In spite of the fact that telling that story on the ISR website would improve the content the page dedicated to the history of the international radiology at the

XXth Century, I may understand your eventual desire to hide too many details enlarging the pound of the website. Let me just add that I was honored by The American College of Radiology as an Honorary Fellow in 1990 because of my role played in the building of a bridge between France and America through the. ISR, the Association of University Radiologists and the Society of Uroradiology, like Geoffrey Benness, FACR in 1985 of Sydney, Australia then stated <https://www.acr.org/Member-Resources/Fellowship-Honors/honorary>. Under my request, Dr Thomas Meaney, Chairman of the Board of Chancellors of the ACR was awarded Médaille du Centre Antoine Béclère in 1989 because of the supportive role he played in the promotion of ICR'89 in the USA after the ISR EXCOM in Lisbon (https://www.centre-antoine-beclere.fr/centre-antoine-beclere-paris_fr.html).

My complain is raising a much higher level of noise because of the content of the page dedicated to the Antoine Beclere Medallists. I joined the ISR ExCom again at Singapore in 1994 then I acted as Honorary Treasurer from 1995 to 2000. During my mandate I had to be the go-between the ISR and the Centre Antoine Béclère of Paris because of another crisis between Joseph Marasco who transferred the monetary Béclère Fund of the ISR from Zurich to an american bank account owned by the ACR and Maurice Tubiana's administration of the Centre who wanted to keep the money back to France. I must clarify that hidden episode of the ISR saga since I personally created both the Antoine Béclère Medal and the Lecture and the Fuchs Lecture. I was awardee Beclere Medallist in Buenos Aires in 2000. My name isn't listed in the official ISR website component . That's unacceptable and I'm very angry against the French officers of the current ISR ExCom who are certainly aware of that story for that failure. Let me recall you how does my personal relationship with Miss Antoinette Béclère during the years 1970 influenced the course of international life leading me to be at the birth of the French bid to ICR'89. I worked closely to her and she taught me a lot on the follow-up of the international affairs starting with her prestigious father's acting both in France and abroad. She complained on the current lack of positive involvement of the French radiology during the post-WW2 period of time. She metaphysically fell in love with Walter Fuchs when they met in 1973 in Madrid during the successful International Congress. She decided to grant the ISR of a big amount of French Franks. Then she told me exactly that statement « I gave that money to the ISR without any previous consultation of the French radiology because I want Fuchs to use it at his own convenience only ». By the way, I knew a lot on the history of the ISR and the ICRs. At the first Centre's office there was a banner on the wall with the names of the president and of the secretary-general of all International Congresses of Radiology since the first one in the UK. She gave me the thick book of the main lectures given during the ICR'31 of Paris. When I introduced Professor Nahum my bidding project for ICR'89 in 1983 at Christmas time, I already knew the fundamentals for a successful campaign amongst the world national societies. That's why the French delegation to Hawaii won the ICR's challenge at the first turn against New Delhi and Birmingham. I don't have to comment the kidnapping of the ISR office by Joseph Marasco. The EXCOM validated his procedure but the French were very angry and there was a trend leading to an eventual lawsuit against the ACR's new administration. I remembered Miss Béclère's will. I decided to held a combined meeting of the ISR delegates was the only representative and the Board of the Centre (Dr Jean-Victor Raust who is still Secretary General) that was held in Paris in 1996 after the ISR ExCom meeting at the AOSR Congress of Kuala Lumpur where I was nominated as the Treasurer. One of the decisions taken during that meeting was the creation of the Antoine Béclère Medal and Lecture granted by the Beclere Fund. Moreover, since I wanted to keep alive the memory of Walter Fuchs, whose reputation was unfairly wrong in the USA in spite of his excellent morality and honesty. The first Beclere Medal was given to Dr Gerald Hanson of the WHO and the Fuchs Lecture to Pr Maurice Tubiana in 1996 at ICR in Beijing. Otha Linton who sounds still alive fortunately (https://prabook.com/web/otha_w.linton/74223) knows that story; if he keeps himself honest he cannot betray my portrait because without my role at the ISR he couldn't have that stupendous international life through the ISR connection. I'm not telling this because I want to be a pain in the neck of the current Board of the ISR. Let you forget the details but, please, rehabilitate my person in the list of the Beclere Medal recipients. I've the diploma and the picture of the group of four VIPs who were awarded in Buenos Aires. I deserve that official recognition.

My ego suffers but those of my relatives as well because they had to support me meanwhile I flew all over the world, most of the time sponsored with my own money. They admire the international activities I afforded generously and my posterity shall take care of my archives and my Mémoires. I never imported the problems I could have with my national radiological community in the international boards with whom I worked for forty years. What I expect from Professor Guy Fria, who is one of my brightest pupils and knows most of the series of my professional saga in France, in Europe and in the World, is to respect my dignity and the exactitude of my curriculum vitae. He's more indebted to me than conversely and this would be a shame on him if he validates the failures I detected on the ISR website. I know professor Prof. Hubert Ducou-le-Pointe more by the name than his person since he belongs to a younger generation of academic radiologists I haven't often met when I was an active chairman. There is no valuable reason he contradict the content of that message. According to the Hippocrates Oath, the doctors must honor their mentors. The radiologists practicing during the XXIst century are highly indebted to their ancestors who build the discipline during the XXth one. I was an active promotor of the transformation of radiology into medical imaging. I did it nationally, internationally in Europe and in the World. During the current senescence period of my life, my character has moved roughly and roughly and I've withdrawn from the living time outside of my home. I mostly work on the history of radiology through the Internet and on my archives. I participated actively in the foundation of ISHRAD in 2011 in Vienna where Otha Linton was attending.

My name doesn't appear in the panel of founding members whilst some of the members were present under my invitation. This a betrayal of the actual history but this is my fault. I shouldn't have a clash with the Founding President, professor Ian Thomas that was followed by my withdrawal out of the society after two years while I fell very well inside the merging group. The reason is the refusal of the president to put on the discussion my bid for a meeting of the society in Paris since the year proposed was that of my jubilee. I did that trip to Vienna specially for that reason in spite of a severe fatigue related with a recent flue. Ian Thomas never gave me a plausible reason for that unfair decision meanwhile I had positive involvement in the scientific program of the young society both in London and on the website. The latter hosted for a short while the three volumes I published on the history of the European Uroradiology (<http://www.jfma.fr/europe.html>). Why does I tell that story since ISHRAD and the ISR do not exhibit an official relationship according to their own websites? Because, in Vienna, Professor Jim Borgstede participated in the ISHRAD assembly when the clash developed. I never met him before but I know he's an outstanding highly respected American scientist. I would have been happy to work with him. This is the only regret I have.

To conclude that unavoidably long speech, I'd just like to express one request as a wish. I hope you are interested in my history of love with the ISR. I'm ready to cooperate with you on the frame of the ISR website to bring my historical memories to the enlightenment of the generations of radiologists all over the World practicing during the XXIst Century. I invite you to have a look at my personal website where there is a dedicated page to the history of radiology and medical imaging aside those dedicated to the history of medicine and hospital museology. <http://www.jfma.fr/histoire-radiologie-imagerie-medicale.html>. and <http://www.jfma.fr/MUSEOLOGIE-HOSPITALIERE.html>. Amongst many reports mainly in French there are opus written in what I terme morenglish because I didn't took benefit of an academic teaching in English language. An American friend of mine told me once « You're English amazes us but, we understand you ». I've excellent close relationship with the curator of the Belgium Museum of Radiology in Brussels, Dr René vanTiggelen. Both the ISR and the museum should cooperate actively. I'd be happy to behave like a go-between between both of them if needed.

There's a trivial chance we ever have the opportunity to meet each other physically during the oncoming future that is expected to be invalidity-labelled for my expected brief survival on that Earth Planet. Fortunately, Internet exists and I still can use it daily according to my skills. Let's correspond by e-mail whenever you feel interested in my correspondance. I reply extemporaneously except when I've to be hospitalized. That sad event happens about three times a year but the exit usually is rapid after a few days of intensive therapy each. I thank you in advance for the expected attention to my message. Until now, I never had any conflictual relationship with someone through written electronic correspondance. For instance, my old friendship with Dr. Bruce McClennan, who was a bright uroradiologist at Yale University, is strengthened by the exchange of e-mailing several times a year. Until recently I had personal news from my distinguished friend, Prof. Dr. Bruce J. Hillman. Both of them participated in the ACR meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1990, where I got the ACR Fellowship.

With my warmest regards and my very best seasonal greetings,

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