## Prof. Sergio Gianesini (Italy)

Nomination from the Italian Society of Phlebolymphology

Sergio Gianesini is a surgeon of the University of Ferrara (ITALY) where he holds an associate professorship Italian habilitation in cardiovascular surgery and where he is dedicated to Vein & Lymphatic basic science, clinical research and practice. He is part of the permanent teaching body of the School of Medicine, as well as of the Vascular Surgery Residency program, of the courses of Physiotherapy and of the School of Dentistry. He is an adjunct associate professor in Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, USA. He has a PhD in Vascular System Molecular Patho-physiology and he is part of the teaching body of the Advanced Therapies & Experimental Pharmacology PhD course at the University of Ferrara. Inside the University of Ferrara PhD programs he is involved in the internationalization process, facilitating interaction among different countries universities. He is invited professor of the Angiology II level Master of the University of Padova (ITALY). He is invited professor of the Albania University as well. He serves as editor in chief of Vascular Insights journal and as associate Editor of Phlebology Journal and of International Angiology Journal. He is in the editorial boards of Journal of Vascular Surgery venous & lymphatic disorders, of the Chinese Medical Journal, of the Surgical Sciences Journal and of the Turkish Journal of Vascular Surgery. He has published more than 80 scientific papers on veinlymphatics topics, 3 textbooks and he has delivered more than 380 lectures around the world. He is a founding member of the venous-lymphatic World International Network (v-WIN) foundation, with which he developed projects leading to an official recognition of the United Nations Communications Coordination Committee and to an institutional representation during the 2021-2022 Universal Expo World Fair. From 2018 to 2022 he has served as UIP vice-president.

Dear General Council, I wish to convey to you the reasons that led me to accept the kind proposal of different Societies to run for the presidential office, apart the obvious honor of such prestigious charge. The difficulties all the world has been facing clearly reminded us the need of constant adaptation and innovation. These difficulties have also represented the opportunity to showcase the huge value of prompt reaction, of joint global projects and of proper synergy. The International Union of Phlebology (UIP) was created long ago, yet funded on these same actual concepts. Along time, UIP has demonstrated great potentials as well as significant flaws. A proper, moral, transparent, democratic, engaging, global governance is greatly needed, particularly in the current days. In this context, I hope the actions developed by myself and by the colleagues who have been coworking with me from all around the world along the years can speak far more than abstract electoral promises. I stand for a UIP as "Society of Societies", whose main task must be supporting its members local activities, while bringing them to the global scale, in a productive synergy among parts. I support a UIP promoting transparent use of all the available means, aimed to elevate Vein & Lymphatic positioning around the world. With these values, I'd like to run for a UIP in which the General Council can find a constantly available communication channel dedicated to assessing the different Regions needs and to finding proper solutions. Exactly in this sense, I remain at your full disposal, hoping you will like the idea of reaching out to me (gnssrg@unife.it sergiogianesini@gmail.com; t. +393498012304) to provide YOUR feedback on what the UIP should be and do for your Society, for your Region and for our Discipline advancement. I truly hope this exchange between you ("U") and "I" will represent an opportunity of "P"rogress for the UIP and of a candidacy in line with the real needs of its members.