Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you at the 51st annual scientific meeting (ASM). My compliments to Professor Fabrizio Montecucco, the President of the ASM in Genoa, who has successfully managed to mobilize different scientific groups. For the first time, workshops on Neurology, Internal Medicine and Hematology will be organized. I cordially welcome these new groups in ESCI and wishing them an excellent meeting in Genoa. I would like to invite all the workshops including the emerging ones to join the next ASM in Barcelona in 2018, one of the most exciting cities in the world. The local organizers Professor Gema Frühbeck from Pamplona and Professor Lina Badimon, the newly appointed Vice-President of the European Society of Cardiology, will host us in Barcelona.

The current ASM in Genoa will be one of the biggest ESCI congresses of the last decades. We received a huge number of 460 abstracts. This event will certainly help realizing our dream to establish a bigger society.

This year we have an excellent candidate for the Albert Struyvenberg Medal, Professor Jose Viña from the Department of Physiology, University of Valencia, Spain. His scientific topic on ‘Ageing and Longevity’ fits perfectly into the main focus of the ASM, chronic disease.

The new employee at the Central Office, Debbie Barneveld Binkhuijsen will focus primarily on the financial side of ESCI.

Along with Marliese Greven they will together manage the central office, and will ensure that our members, council, trust and annual ASM will run smoothly.

Last year we had a great congress in Paris and I want to express my gratitude to Professor Jean-Philippe Haymann, who is also the secretary treasurer of ESCI.

ESCI is much indebted to the Trust Foundation for keeping the financial status of ESCI stable.

The royalties from our European Journal of Clinical Investigation is the most important income of ESCI. I would like to invite you to submit your articles to the Journal.

I hope you will enjoy the congress and your stay in Genoa.

Hendrik Nathoe,
President of ESCI
of the city lives here, where smells, tastes, and cultures have been combined. Genoa also attracted several artists, including Rubens, Caravaggio and Van Dyck and you can visit their wonderful paintings. Please keep in mind to visit Genoa downtown in the evening! Do not miss the Gala dinner in the Beautiful Villa del Principe in the historical centre, where you will be able to visit the Historical Museum.

On Wednesday 17th May 2017, the 2017 ESCI ASM will open with an Art Exhibition entitled “REVEALING SIGNS” organized by SATURA Art Gallery and the “Champions League of the Universities”.

Then, the 2017 ESCI ASM will offer 2.5 days of multidisciplinary science on “Chronic Diseases” in 19 Different Workshops on:

1. Cancer Clinics;
2. Cancer Immunoregulation and immunotherapy;
3. Lipidology and atherosclerosis;
4. Mitochondria Biology and Medicine;
5. Hypertension, Urac acid and Cardiovascular risk;
6. Flow Cytometry Advancement in Clinical Investigation;
7. Cardiology;
8. Neurology;
9. Phagocyte Biology;
10. Haematology;
11. Diabetes;
12. Rheumatology;
13. Vaccination and autoimmune disease: from theory to practice;
14. Gerontology;
15. Hepatology / Metabolism / Life Style;
16. New therapeutic approaches to epilepsy;
17. Internal Medicine with Fadoi;
18. Tissue calcification;
19. Simulation in Echocardiography with SIMAV.

I would like to thank all the Workshop Organizers, the Department of Internal Medicine (Di.M.I.) of the University of Genoa, the IRCCS AOU San Martino – IST, Genoa and ESCI for the great support during the organization phases and the ASM.

Welcome to Genoa at 51th ESCI Annual Scientific Meeting!

Fabrizio Montecucco,
Councillor of European Society for Clinical Investigation (ESCI)
President of the ESCI ASM Organizing Committee.