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10 years ago in the autumn of 1995 the journals of the ESCRS - *The European Journal of Implant and Refractive Surgery* joined forces with the *Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery* published by the ASCRS to publish, from January 1996, the *Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery* as a joint venture. This merger was achieved in the spirit of co-operation whereby both Societies and more importantly all the readers of both journals would benefit from the combined forces of co-operation.

At that time I persuaded the Board of the ESCRS that we should create our own tabloid publication for the joint benefits of rapid sharing of information – i.e. a different function than that of the peer reviewed journals – whilst providing a vehicle for the dissemination of the good works of the ESCRS and thereby increase awareness of the organisation and promote membership. Thus *Cataract & Refractive Surgery EuroTimes* was launched as a bimonthly free publication for ESCRS members and gradually a much wider ophthalmic community. Under the splendid guidance of Carol Fitzpatrick and medical editors Clive Peckar and Paul Rosen,

EuroTimes has matured into a hefty impressive monthly publication now known as *ESCRS EuroTimes* which independent observers have acknowledged as the leader in its field. In parallel with the successful evolution of *EuroTimes*, the ESCRS has grown in size and stature to host the successful autumn annual congress, now in its 26th year. We have been fortunate in this 10-year period to see the rapid progress of the former Soviet satellite countries in Eastern Europe. They have emerged as stronger independent economies and have developed a more substantial ophthalmic community who are now playing a significant role in an expanded European Union and the ESCRS.

As befits the expanded readership, now more than 25,000 worldwide, *EuroTimes* has expanded and varied its content to reflect wider aspects of ophthalmic practice but also to other matters of a political and legal nature.

As the *Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery* celebrates its 10 year anniversary with a special edition in January 2006, so

does ESCRS *EuroTimes* appear with its anniversary edition. In 10 years we have seen the dramatic progression of corneal refractive surgery. Wavefront technology was a field of interest for optical physicists but is now common ground for refractive surgeons. Imaging technologies have become diverse and provide previously unimaginable detail for *in vivo* examination of the human eye. In fact, in every field, from pharmacology to diagnostic and therapeutic modalities, the progress is so rapid that *EuroTimes* is always constrained for space to accommodate all the information it wishes to record and impart to its readers.

I have no doubt that the next ten years will bring even more exciting diagnostic and therapeutic opportunities for the enthusiastic ophthalmic communities and in 2016 *EuroTimes* will be there to celebrate progress and its 20th anniversary, such is its important place in our communication armamentarium.

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