1. Reasons for joining the ENS
I joined ENS since the beginning of its life. I remember I was very excited to join others whom I considered the most distinguished clinical neuroscientist of Europe. Since the beginning it was clear to me that the only common interest of those involved in ENS was science, at a time when for many other so called scientific societies the real priority was to establish connections for personal carrier.

2. On the values and missions of the ENS
The key mission of ENS has been to promote exchange of information at the highest level, to attract young neurologist and neuroscientist and to promote translational neurology. I think that what really characterized ENS was the methodology of science applied to the clinical activity, well represented by the figure of the physician scientist.

3. Important achievements during my presidency
I had an unique experience among the ENS presidents: because of an unpleasant event my turn lasted two years. I had to run the Society during a difficult period because of the initial economic crises, however both annual events attracted many young neurologists and were quite successful. It has been probably the most important achievement of my scientific life the possibility to serve as President of ENS, after and before so distinguished colleagues and friends.