**ISSFAL BOARD NOMINATION 2012**

**Candidate Statement**

**Dr Sebastiano Banni**

I am pleased to stand for re-election for the board of directors. The research in the area of lipids is going in different exciting areas, nutrition, physiology, new methodological approaches such as lipidomics, bioactive molecules such as endocannabinoids and PUFA oxygenated metabolites, novel fatty acids. In particular, the discover that dietary fatty acids influence the endocannabinoid system implies a possible regulation, via the endocrine system, of body composition homeostasis by dietary fat. It is getting more and more difficult to keep track on all these novelties. All these new branches of research involve several disciplines from chemistry to medicine and all very strictly connected. ISSFAL is the ideal forum to discuss these topics gathering scientists of different areas from all over the world, with the mutual interest on lipids. In addition the biannual meeting and PLEFA are doing a great job in keeping us updated.

If I will be re-elected I will keep putting all my effort in favoring the new developments in the lipid research and establishing ISSFAL as a reference in this field. Young scientists should also be strongly encouraged to join ISSFAL favoring the circulation of new ideas and setting the basis for the future ISSFAL.

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