

Enrico Greppi Award

The Italian Society for the Study of Headaches (SISC) sponsors the International Award in the Memory of Enrico Greppi (1899-1969). Greppi was a pioneer in the field of headache, and in 1954 in Florence he founded the first Headache Center in Europe.

Prof. Greppi gave impetus to research in the mechanisms of head pain. His figure can be compared to that of another investigator in the field of headache, Harold G. Wolff. Greppi was the first to assert that headache is an "autonomous illness". He proposed this revolutionary idea at the XLIX Congress of the Italian Society of Internal Medicine held in Bologna in 1948. Despite Greppi's reputation in the field of internal medicine, this idea was thwarted and was the object of criticism from the medical world both in Italy and overseas. Greppi's intuition was, however, embraced by his most devoted pupils who dedicated their scientific life to the study of headaches and who contributed fundamental advances in the knowledge of these syndromes.

The institution of the Greppi Award in 1983 was made possible by funds generously donated by Fidia S.p.A. and the Italian Society for the Study of Headaches. The award jury is composed of 6 members chosen among renowned Italian and foreign scientists, and include the President of SISC and the President of European Headache Federation (EHF). This year the members included Profs. Virgilio Gallai, Timothy Steiner, Marcello Fanciullacci, Peter Goadsby, Giuseppe Nappi and Alan Rapoport. The winner was Dr. Vijaya Nagesh from Kansas City, USA. Dr. Nagesh presented her work in occasion of the EHF meeting, which closed Headache World 2000 in London, from September 3rd to 7th.

It is with great pleasure and with the knowledge of contributing to headache research that the Journal present our readers the winning paper. This is further evidence that the Journal offers another opportunity to promising young doctors to publish their research, but at the same time maintains firm ties with our tradition in headache research.

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