

Stockholm  
12 Sept. 2010

Dear Sir,

We would like to approach you on a rather urgent matter regarding Dr Paolo Macchiarini. As you might know he has been invited by the Karolinska Institute and Karolinska University Hospital to negotiate the possible creation of a European Center for Advanced Regenerative Airway Surgery involving Stockholm, London and Florence (Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Careggi). We have met with Dr Macchiarini on several occasions and are duly impressed by Dr Macchiarini's CV and personality.

However we have also been informed from different sources about a troublesome situation in Italy not the least in the press and where Dr Macchiarini is involved in an unfortunate way. It is obviously impossible for us to judge the significance of this and whether it should affect our decision to participate and provide Dr Macchiarini with the planned guest professorship combined with a position as senior consultant here.

We would therefore be very grateful if you could formulate a Letter of Intent from your perspective supporting this collaboration with the Karolinska Institute and Karolinska University Hospital regarding the suggested Airway Center and not the least a commitment regarding Dr Macchiarini himself.

As you understand we are truly enthusiastic about this project but also slightly concerned which is why we would like to be informed about your opinion.

Sincerely yours and with best regards,

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*Il Presidente*

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Dear Prof. Li Felländer-Tsai,

I wish to thank you for your letter of September 12<sup>th</sup> which that I have pondered carefully. I am honored to write this letter of intent.

I met Prof. Macchiarini for the first time in December 2008 after having read about his impressive achievements. At the time I was the Ministry of Health of the Region of Tuscany and I asked Prof. Macchiarini if he would be interested in starting a clinical and scientific collaboration with the Careggi University Hospital in Florence with the aim of eventually bringing him back to work in Italy. He immediately expressed his desire to create a European Center for Advanced Regenerative Airway Surgery that would involve Stockholm (Karolinska Intututet), London (University College London) and Florence (Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Careggi). At that time, the fact that he might also be employed at the Karolinska Institut was also discussed.

Everyone involved thought that creating this European Center was an excellent idea and a unique opportunity to bring together surgeons and experts in this scientific field and considered it an honour to have the chance to participate in a project of such scope.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Florence promised me and Prof. Macchiarini that he would hire him as a Full Professor within 2009, thanks to a special national law that permits the direct employment of famous scientists without passing through

the normal channels of the Italian academic hiring system. Unfortunately this promise was not maintained.

Prof. Macchiarini started our collaboration in March 2009 and definitively left his position at the University Hospital Clínico in Barcelona at the end of December 2009 to take the position of Chairman of the Department of General Thoracic and Regenerative Surgery and Intrathoracic Biotransplantation in February 2010 which he currently maintains.

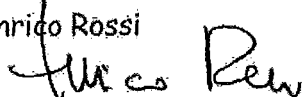
In April 2010 I was elected President of the Region of Tuscany and in this capacity I would like to affirm that our region is indeed interested in pursuing the goal of creating a European Center for Advanced Regenerative Airway Surgery based in Stockholm, London and Florence. To this end I am ready to assume every necessary political and financial effort, as well as encouraging the support of the academic community.

Unfortunately during the past weeks Prof. Macchiarini has been the subject of an vile attack by the local media in Florence which has used him in an attempt at destabilizing the political power structure within the Faculty of Medicine of Florence. Prof. Macchiarini's integrity and morality has never been questioned, nor has his professionalism and achievements. His conduct has always been exemplary and we wish to intensify his collaboration with us.

Please accept my deepest apologies for the misunderstandings, conflicts and unpleasant situations that have occurred. I would once again like to confirm that Prof. Macchiarini is one of the most talented minds this region has ever had and we will support him in achieving his goals through whatever means he chooses. This is also the desire of our citizens and patients. I certainly hope that this episode will not affect the recruitment of Prof. Macchiarini at the Karolinska Institut.

Please feel free to contact me at any time as I would be honored to speak with you.

Sincerely,

Enrico Rossi  




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Florence, January 15th 2011

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Object: A Proposal for the establishment of an European Airway Institute

Dear Mrs.Wallberg-Henriksson, Mrs. Röding, Professors Elliot and Grant,

With regard to the increasingly incidence of severe airway disorders in Europe and according to Regione Toscana Government's recommendations to develop international scientific and medical cooperation, Careggi University Hospital in Florence (Italy) is supporting a proposal by Professor Paolo Macchiarini for establishing an European Airway Institute.

Due to your active collaboration with Prof. Macchiarini in airway severe disorders, as underlined in his proposal, I attach a copy of the document containing Macchiarini's idea. Concerning the proposal I would also like to ask you whether your Board is interested in co-founding the European Airway Institute.

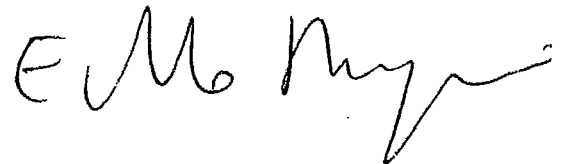
However, I would like to know your opinion about the proposal as well.

If the proposal is suitable for your Board, I will be more than happy to arrange a meeting in Florence in order to consider carefully its feasibility together with all of you.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

(Il Direttore Generale – General Manager)  
M.D. Dr. Edoardo Majno

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Majno', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.