

8th December 1988.

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Dear Rolf,

Thank you very much for your letter of December 1st and for your comments about having a discussion about C. R. & A.. I accept what you have to say and I will let Joy Turner Luke know that I withdraw my suggestion. There is now another reason for doing this as Paula Alessi has roped me in to take part in a symposium to be held on April 12th on colour appearance and I do not want to work too hard! I want to enjoy the meeting.

Now about the other matter you mention, namely publishing the papers of the IRGCVD. I think this would be a great mistake for the reasons you mention and for one or two other reasons. In any case there may be a major question mark about the future of the Group as Dr. Verriest, the secretary of the Group, died suddenly a few weeks ago on the way to a Symposium being held in Sydney. He really ran the Group and worked very hard indeed and it is not clear to me that there is any obvious successor who would be prepared to take the job on or who would have the time and resources to do it. I may be quite wrong about this but there is certain to be a period of uncertainty on how the Group will be run in the future.

It is a very curious Group but its great virtue, thanks mainly to Verriest, is that it has a very broad membership which includes ophthalmologists as well as optometrists, physicists and physiologists. It always attracted a lot of papers at its biannual meetings but some of them were rather trivial and of dubious quality, and the refereeing was superficial. What a problem you, or your successor, would have in finding referees for 250 papers a year!

I would certainly recommend that you find some courteous reason for declining this approach from the Group. I should be very intrigued to know who actually made the approach.

Now it is time to send you Christmas greetings and my best wishes for 1989,

Yours sincerely,

