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Francesco is also international member of the ASOPRS and member of the ESOPRS; he organized the 2011 Cernobbio meeting on behalf of the European Society of Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Society. Dr Bernardini has recently been appointed as a member of the prestigious Orbital Society. I have performed surgery in India, in Bangalore, during my first experience as Faculty of Orbis in 2000.