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Greetings & Welcome to Geneva!

Dear Members of the Society, Colleagues, and Friends,

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to Geneva for the 45th Annual Congress of the European Society for Surgical Research (ESSR). We are sure that your active participation in this Congress will make it a grand success, not only for the high standards of its scientific content, but also as a collaborative networking and social event. The receipt of over 500 works for this Congress was the first positive signal in this regard.

In our opinion, the ESSR is a school which functions for an important mission, as summarized in its bylaws: Creating collaboration between different disciplines and educating the young academic members for the future. We summarized the vision and mission of our Congress according to these basic tasks with the following two “mottos”: ESSR 2010: “Correlation of science with the art of surgical practice” and “Creating more collaboration for growing and investing in the future together”.

The Congress webpage has been active since 1st October 2009, and as on 1st May 2010, there were over 8’500 visits. We expect to have more than 400 participants from 45 countries and 25 different specialties in Geneva.

The scientific programme of the Congress will commence on 9th June 2010 with a “hands-on” workshop. We will have 35 oral presentations and 2 chaired poster sessions over the following 3 days. There will be interesting competitions for the Walter Brendel Award, the British Journal of Surgery Award, the B Braun Award, as well as the Young Investigator Award, and the Best Poster Award. The topics for the “Keynote Lectures” have been selected for the interest of all surgical disciplines. We have also organized a satellite symposium on the “Practical Aspects of Animal Research”.

Similar to its strong scientific programme, the ESSR Congress 2010 will also have an active social programme. There will be a ‘Welcome Reception’ in the very charming and central “Park des Bastions”. The ‘Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony’ will be onboard a cruise boat on the “Lake of Geneva”, amidst the breath-taking panoramic views of the “Swiss Alps”. After the closing ceremony, a Post-Congress Tour has been organised to the famous “Red Cross Museum”.

I would like to close my foreword by thanking PD Dr. med. Yves Harder, Dr. Thomas Theologou, DVM. Suzanne Osorio-da Cruz, Mrs. Laetitia Roch, Mr. Steeve
Girod and Mr. Enrico Zuffi. Without their strong support and collaboration, it would have been impossible to organize this Congress.

We look forward to meeting you all soon in Geneva, and we are sure that you will enjoy both the scientific and the social programmes of the ESSR 2010 Congress.

With my best wishes,

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