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Dear Colleagues,

As the President and Secretary General of the International Association of Surgeons and Gastroenterologists, it is our great pleasure to extend to you our warmest welcome for your active participation in the 16th World Congress of the IASG to be held in Madrid, Spain, May 25th-27th, 2006. We are certain that this distinctive meeting will be a highlight event for our association. Furthermore, we are convinced that the Madrid congress will leave a long lasting impression as a standard for our future international scientific events. Our congress President, Prof. Enrique Moreno-Gonzalez will do his utmost to fulfill all your expectations to make this a landmark event for our association.

As we all know, the field of GI medicine is advancing rapidly. This means that our everyday practice is constantly being affected by new trends, new tools, and modern techniques for dealing with GI illnesses and malignancies. Thus, we have chosen to focus on the theme of Digestive Diseases in this year’s meeting. In Madrid, we intend to achieve a new style of medical communication for which we need your personal input and active participation. We plan to organize the main scientific sessions to begin with an introductory lecture focused on the session topic. This will be followed by the presentation of several relevant clinical cases reflecting the experience from a number of distinguished international universities and hospital centers. Interactive discussion will then proceed via a group of prominent panelists made up of surgeons, gastroenterologists and oncologists; all of whom are renowned opinion leaders in their respective fields of expertise. Challenging questions will be raised concerning diagnostic steps and therapeutic modalities relevant with treatment. We will also encourage a lively and spirited interaction between the panelists and the audience. We are convinced that by promoting interaction and stimulating dialogue between the presentators and the audience, that vital questions will be raised, thus challenging all medical professionals to weigh the pros and cons of various and perhaps even controversial diagnostic and treatment modalities being used worldwide. This in turn will help us all to better serve our patients and to provide them with the best healthcare available. This is the main goal of our Madrid Congress and is also in following with our IASG guiding philosophy of medicine without frontiers and health for all.
WELCOME MESSAGE

We are extremely excited about the prospects of organizing an international meeting in Madrid. We can assure all participants that in addition to an unrivalled scientific program, you will be impressed with the outstanding state of the art congress facilities. We would like to encourage all IASG members to participate actively in this meeting. Moreover, we kindly ask that you please promote this meeting among your colleagues, co-workers, and young doctors and nurses.

Dear friends and colleagues, as the President and the Secretary general of our association we are obligated and determined to support an international meeting which will be unparalleled. To succeed in this endeavor, we also need your active participation, suggestions and contributions. We wish to express my warmest thanks and appreciation to Prof. Enrique Moreno-Gonzalez, President of the 16th World Congress and the local organizing committee, who by offering their hard work and perseverance, will succeed to organizing an outstanding event!

Please mark your calendars for what promises to be the most exciting scientific event of 2006! I can guarantee that the distinctive ambience of Madrid and its incomparably warm hospitality will contribute towards making your stay in Spain most enjoyable.

Very sincerely,

Prof. Masatoshi Makuuchi
President - IASG

Prof. N.J. Lygidakis, MD, FACS
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