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Dear Friends, Members and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce on behalf of the EGEUS Board the **Second Edition of the European Meeting of Endosonography, EGEUS 2007.** It is the first time that this Meeting visits Turin, on September 14-15th, 2007, in the prestigious **Lingotto Congress Center.** We run into hundreds of difficulties, not least the well-known financial problems in Italy due to the political situation. Nevertheless we prepared a great scientific program both for the topics and the speakers. Our aim was not only to put together great champions and international experts in EUS, but also to choose, from different European countries, endosonographers that are working hard in the clinical situation of their country and multidisciplinary teams involving surgeons, oncologists, radiologists, clinicians and so on. The idea is to be able to exchange knowledge and experiences not only based on literature data but coming out from the everyday hard work on the EUS field. We will have participants from more than 19 different Nations (not only European countries); the scientific sessions will be based on some great clinical topics, that weight so much in everyday practice, like the **esophageal and lung cancer, the carcinoma of the pancreas.** We will deal with these subjects not only from a technical, endosonographic point of view but mainly from a clinical point of view, so that we can place EUS in shareable diagnostic and therapeutic algorithms. You will find a very interesting session dedicated to the great topic of the moment in the endoscopic field, i.e. **therapeutic endoscopy or endoscopic surgery** and we hope to be able to show you that EUS is playing an always more incisive role in assisting and guiding endoscopic therapy.

But there will be also room for the experts on the EUS subject and for youngest people or beginners, paying attention to education and training by means of **three Workshops dedicated to diagnostic EUS with the more recent technological advances and interventional EUS both diagnostic and therapeutic.** All participants will be able to see images and videos in a rich **Learning center** and to test themselves against the simulator or obtain some initial hands-on experience on live tissues like pig stomach, Erlangen type. Even more interesting, everyone will be able to bring his own experience with still images or short videos to be presented in the **Speaker's corner sessions.** Here you can hear experts' opinion on your difficult cases but also you will be able to amaze the experts with curious or particular cases. Moreover, we will have two very interesting **Free Papers sessions,** in which 12 oral communications will present us new and important scientific data coming from different countries like Spain, France, Austria, Italy, Norway and Iraq. Finally we also decided to arrange a **Poster session,** to give visibility at a lot of scientific work presented by several Groups that could not find place in the Free papers sessions. For more detailed information you can visit the official site of the event at www.egeus2007.it. You are all requested to actively or as audience participate to our meeting in Turin and the invitation is not only for present or future endosonographers but also for endoscopists and gastroenterologists, internists and radiologists, surgeons and oncologists, i.e. a

multidisciplinary team that could be the real beneficiary of the tremendous clinical potential of Endoscopic UltraSound. This clinical team should know very well potential and indications of the technique that can offer solutions for many diagnostic and therapeutic dilemmas in everyday practice.

This is not all: as in Paris 2005, going on with a well established tradition, we will also have *the Second Meeting of the EUS European Cyto-pathologist Group*: cytopathologists working in the field of EUS-FNA will compare and exchange their experiences each other and with clinicians, highlighting both the great potential and the problems of the technique. But above all the true news will be *the first European Joint Meeting between the EGEUS and the scientific nurses Associations like ESGENA and ANOTE* that will deal with nurses implications in the EUS field (the nurses side of the story). The EGEUS Group is open to share enthusiasm, ideas and experiences with all the people involved in the EUS world and on this way goes the *first Joint Meeting between the EGEUS and the NEEG (Nord European Endosonography Group)*, our partners in education.

To mainly favour young people participation we awarded a number of *“free participation” grants*, that will cover expenses for travel, stay and registration fees.

The EGEUS 2007 promises to be one of the most exciting scientific and educational event of 2007 in Endosonography for Europe. We hope that you will not only enjoy the congress, but also the outstanding venue of our meeting, the Lingotto Congress Center and Turin, Olympic host city 2006, with its renewing atmosphere, that is a mix of history, art, technology, oeno-gastronomy and modern culture.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Turin, on September, 14-15th, because EGEUS 2007 success is mainly depending on your participation and enthusiasm!

Claudio De Angelis

(EGEUS chairman)