

## Welcome to WSRM 2011, Helsinki, Finland

Dear Colleagues,

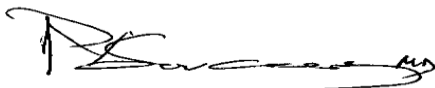
It is with great personal satisfaction, that the 6<sup>th</sup> congress of the World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery is taking place in Helsinki, Finland from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The 6<sup>th</sup> WSRM congress is designed to provide an international forum where you are able to exchange scientific information and network with leaders and friends within the family of microsurgery including hand, plastic and orthopaedic surgeons, as well as basic scientists from all over the world.

Overall, I believe that you will find that this congress will present surgeons and researchers with the latest and most noteworthy developments in reconstructive microsurgery, today. The Program Committee has created an extensive scientific program that will focus on the latest advances in microsurgery and offers a variety of educational opportunities. Current issues in clinical practice and surgery, as well as landmarks in research will be discussed in a rich program consisting of a plethora of clinical and scientific symposia. A diverse collection of topics and innovative techniques will also be presented that certainly will enhance the educational experience for all involved. An outstanding faculty will share the insights and practical skill necessary for young hand surgeons to practice in the formidable realm of reconstructive microsurgery. These leading specialists bring a broad range of practical experience, expertise and basic research and have joined together in one significant scientific forum in order to foster the scientific knowledge and practical skills of microsurgeons around the world. Overall, you will find a program that not only emphasizes evidenced based medicine, but which also allows ample time for new surgical developments and promising basic science.

Helsinki will undoubtedly provide an exceptional background for this exciting scientific forum, offering an inspiring setting for a high-powered meeting. Indeed, the continuation of the WSRM Congresses has become pivotal for microsurgery around the world with valuable training and advanced education of our young and experienced surgeons. Maintaining the tradition of academic excellence of our Congresses, is the primary goal of both the Organizing and Scientific Committees, as well as the Executive Council of WSRM. In this process, we all pledge to reconfirm our founders' commitment in making WSRM the beacon of progress for microsurgery worldwide.

Certainly, I am proud to be apart of this event and to have this wonderful opportunity to share it with so many respected colleagues from around the world. On behalf of the Executive Council of WSRM, it is with great personal pleasure that I invite you to participate in this pivotal event in microsurgery.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Helsinki at the 6<sup>th</sup> WSRM Congress!



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