

Welcome

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the 6th Congress of the World Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (WSRM 2011), which will be held in Helsinki, Finland from June 29 to July 02 in 2011.

The organising committee has planned a stimulating scientific programme to cover new aspects of microsurgery including the latest developments in research and biomedical technology. The featured topics will be; reconstruction of the breast, head and neck, functional upper limb surgery, lower limb, urogenital area, facial paralysis, brachial plexus and peripheral nerve surgery and replantation. Special emphasis will be focused on the multidisciplinary approach to microsurgery and training.

The coastal capital city of Helsinki, Daughter of the Baltic has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Eastern and western influences from the past 450 years can be seen everywhere. Helsinki is famous for its architecture, and has been selected to be the World Design Capital 2012. Helsinki has also a reputation as a world-class congress city. The flight connections to Europe are excellent, and there are direct flights also to many major cities in Asia and Northern America. Helsinki has also established a strong position as an important cruise destination in the Baltic Sea with good cruise ship connections to other interesting Baltic cities - St.Petersburg (Russian Federation), Stockholm (Sweden) and Tallinn (Estonia).

The congress venue, hotels and social events are all within a convenient walking distance in the maritime city centre. The social programme includes a welcome reception in Helsinki City Hall, a city bus tour, a gala dinner in the Old Harbour and a traditional Finnish evening by the sea.

The timing of the congress coincides with the beginning of the beautiful Finnish summer. At this time the weather is usually pleasant with long white summer nights. The midnight sun, fresh green colours of the Finnish nature and blue waterways are all unforgettable experiences. The venue will be the Marina Congress Center, ideally located by the sea and near to the historical city centre. Close by is the city downtown, harbour and market square. In addition, we have planned social events for the evenings, which will give you a taste of Finnish cuisine and the opportunity to enjoy the attractions of Helsinki.

We look forward to seeing you in Helsinki under the midnight sun!

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