

Preface

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is a great pleasure for us to welcome you to the 17th Conference of the European Society for Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation (ESCHM), held in Pécs, Hungary on 6–9 July 2013.

Fourteen years ago we had the honor of hosting the joint meeting of the International Society of Biorheology (ISB) and the International Society of Clinical Haemorheology (ISCH), so now it is an exceptional privilege to welcome so many excellent scientists of the field of hemorheology, among whom there are members of ESCHM, ISB and ISCH and the Coronary Microcirculation Working Group of the European Society of Cardiology, representing five continents of our world.

We hope that our beautiful city will prove to be an ideal setting for an intensive exchange of views and opinions, which has been preceded by the enormous work of all those who have generously contributed to the success of the conference. This issue of *Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation* is the product of these efforts by hemorheology experts worldwide, containing about 130 abstracts, which will be presented in the form of plenary lectures, presentations bulking up to 14 symposia, free communications or posters. We are proud to include in the Conference Program the Fåhræus Medal Award Ceremony which has been arranged according to the rules stated in the constitution of ESCHM in recognition of scientific excellence in the field.

Please make yourselves at home in Pécs. The city's sub-Mediterranean climate, its historic city center and natural beauties make it a welcoming place to all visitors. Enjoy the pleasant atmosphere and the spectacular sights and monuments of the city which was the European Capital of Culture in 2010 and has been recommended by *The New York Times* among the 46 cities on Earth to be visited in 2013.

We wish you a scientifically enriching participation in the ESCHM 2013 Conference and a very pleasant stay in Hungary.



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