

Foreword

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great privilege for us to welcome you on behalf of the British Hip Society and the Società Italiana dell'Anca to this unique meeting in Milan. This is the very first time that two such distinguished national hip societies have combined, and as expected the output is going to be an outstanding cultural, scientific and social programme that we hope you will all enjoy.

Recent developments have confirmed that this is going to be a great opportunity for a scientific interchange between Italian and UK colleagues, but we have also been delighted and flattered by the international interest that we have seen and by the broad and varied faculty and delegate profile for this meeting. We hope that these busy two days in Milan will be an opportunity for academic interaction, for the exchange of ideas and for the development of future research and for making strong and lasting friendships.

This cultural exchange has attracted a great interest from many countries both in Europe and beyond and will prove to be an outstanding educational event including oral presentations, posters, instructional sessions, crossfires, symposia and surgical videos. We have also taken into account the needs of our trainees, registrars and residents and have set up a residents' paper sessions and an appropriate prize that will be awarded for the best trainee presentation.

We are very pleased to report that over 450 abstracts were submitted. Those chosen for poster and paper presentation are summarised in this volume. They cover the entire depth and breadth of hip surgery including hip preservation, non-operative interventions, perioperative management, primary hip arthroplasty, revision hip arthroplasty, interventions for trauma around the hip, and the evaluation of outcomes. There is no doubt that the latest scientific, clinical, translational and experimental areas in hip surgery will all be covered over two days. These are succinctly summarised in this volume which will inevitably prove a lasting memory of this meeting and provides a starting point for future ideas and future research. We would also like to highlight that the best scored abstracts have been allocated into the award sessions, one for trainees and one for senior presentation. There will be prizes awarded by Hip International, and the Bone and Joint Journal on that basis.

We would like to thank both the Italian and British Hip Societies for their support and help in coordinating this congress. We would like to thank OIC for making it possible. We would like to thank our reviewers for their help in putting the programme together and our faculty for the outstanding content, and above all we would like to thank you for joining us at this meeting and for your commitment to hip surgery.

We hope you enjoy both the meeting and the supplement.

Yours sincerely,

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