INVITATION LETTER

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

I am pleased to welcome you to the ESGAR Annual Meeting 2024 that will take place from May 28 – 31 in the beautiful city of Gothenburg, Sweden.

As the President of the ESGAR 2024 meeting, it is my great pleasure to invite you all to join us for what promises to be a memorable event. With an exceptional programme featuring renowned speakers, interactive sessions, and cutting-edge research, the ESGAR 2024 Annual Meeting will provide an outstanding platform for networking, learning, and sharing ideas.

As you know, ESGAR is dedicated to promoting the science and practice of gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology in Europe and beyond, and our Annual Congress is the highlight of our calendar. The 2024 congress will be no exception, with a focus on the latest advances in our field, as well as a range of courses, tutorials and lecture sessions designed to enhance your knowledge and skills.

Whether you are a seasoned expert or just starting your career in gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology, ESGAR 2024 is the perfect opportunity to connect with colleagues, learn from the best, and contribute to the ongoing development of our discipline.

The ESGAR 2024 Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course will cover a broad selection of topics, from current in-depth cutting-edge knowledge in the field to updated overviews of topics important for all radiologists getting in touch with gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology. There will certainly also be some particular highlights where current general societal challenges related to gastrointestinal and abdominal radiology will be covered.

The Postgraduate Course entitled "The pattern matters" will be one of the true highlights of the meeting where experts in the field will cover gastrointestinal and abdominal lesion characterisation in e.g. the cirrhotic and non-cirrhotic liver, the pancreas, the bowel as well as multicystic lesions in the lesser pelvis.

The venue, The Swedish Exhibition & Congress Centre and Gothia Towers Hotel, is a marvellous centrally located meeting place, with the city centre, hotels and restaurants all within walking distance. This tradition of hosting exhibitions and congresses dates back to 1918 when the first exhibition was inaugurated as the first of its kind in Sweden by his Majesty King Gustav V and Queen Victoria.

I welcome you all to Gothenburg, Sweden's second largest city with about 600.000 inhabitants - a charming city on the west coast of Sweden, which is at its best in May. The weather is mild or warm, and the trees and flowers are in full bloom, creating a vibrant atmosphere all around the city. The many parks and gardens, including the stunning Botanical Garden, are perfect for taking a relaxing stroll, enjoying a picnic, or just soaking up the peaceful surroundings. The beautiful, rocky archipelago is at easy reach by tram from the city centre, and ferries can take you to beautiful islands off the coast. In May, the city's cultural scene is also in full swing, with plenty of music, theatre, and art events taking place throughout the month. And of course, no visit to Gothenburg would be complete without trying some of the famous seafood for which the city is so renowned.

We look forward to welcoming you to Gothenburg for an unforgettable meeting in May 2024!

Sincerely,

Lennart Blomqvist