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A Unique International Hernia Meeting

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Dear Surgeons Around the World,



It is with pride, pleasure and not a little apprehension that I announce that the 1st World Conference on Abdominal Wall Hernia Surgery will take place in Milan, Italy, this April. On Saturday, April 25, at 14.45, things get underway!

This unique event will see the participation of the three-year joint congress of the European Hernia Society and the Americas Hernia Society, as well as the annual congresses of the Asia-Pacific Hernia Society, the Australasian Hernia Society and the Afro Middle East Hernia Society.

This will be the first, but I'm sure not the last, such meeting, as the interest for a regular international federated congress is very high. The uniqueness of this event stems not only from the fact that many of the top experts from five continents will be gathered under the same roof, but also the fact that this will be the only congress of its kind in 2015.

We have received more than 1,200 papers from all over the world, demonstrating the great interest in this field and the desire of surgeons to participate in such an event. I must admit that it was not an easy task creating the scientific program, but I had much help

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from friends, scientists, surgeons and researchers from around the world. It was also a huge challenge to consider and consolidate the goals of all five international societies with all the logistical challenges faced by a congress of this size.

The scientific program will include the usual scientific and technical research, and it will also address the specific challenges that surgeons who are interested in this type of pathology face on a daily basis, and include the most current input from manufacturers of the materials and the equipment in this field.

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All voices will be heard, whether they come from the most modern surgical centers or from surgical centers that are less technically advanced.

Some of the principal questions that inspired the scientific program were: "Is the reality more real than science?" And "Simplify the life of surgeons, simplify the life of patients." And finally, "Every person carries his or her own burden."

Besides the scientific program, surgeons will be able to take in the hospitality and culture of Milan. Our social program, organized specifically outside the working time, will be of great interest to attendees and includes the official congress dinner.

Many voices will be heard; many debates will take place; many different opinions, cultures, mentalities, habits and ways of life will come together. But in Milan this year, we all have one common objective: the well-being of the patient.

I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

—*Dr. Campanelli, from Varese, Italy, is the chairman of the 1st World Conference on Abdominal Wall Hernia*