



## **REPORT:**

***25<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Microcirculation  
Integrating Vascular Biology & Medicine  
Basic and Clinical Sciences  
26-29 August, 2008  
Budapest, Hungary***

### **Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

It is my great pleasure to report to you the success of the 25th Conference of the European Society for Microcirculation, organized in Budapest, Hungary, 26-29 August, 2008.

I felt much honored to be given the opportunity to organize this historical Congress. It was historical for two reasons. This Congress marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the European Society for Microcirculation and this was the first occasion to hold this Congress in Eastern Europe.

Perhaps these two reasons were sufficient motivation, thus more than 400 hundreds registered scientists came to Budapest!! It was a celebration of the research on the field of microcirculation, rheology and vascular biology, both on the levels of basic and clinical research.

The scientific program was excellent primarily due to the first class scientists that came from all over the world, from 17 countries, such as the members of European Union, Australia, Brazil, Israel, Japan, Canada, China, Norway, Russia, Switzerland Serbia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and USA.

The abstracts have been published in the Journal of Vascular Research, which can be reached free on-line (<http://www.karger.com/jvr>) and short papers were published in a book by Monduzzi.

The participants and accompanying persons all enjoyed Budapest. Many of them fell in love with the city at first sight and promised to come back.

This success could not happen without the enthusiastic work of the local organizing committee and the international advisory board and the support of **University of Pécs**. In addition, the organizing agency, "**MOTESZ Congress and Travel Agency**" made a great job. All participants praised the smooth and dynamic organization, the catering and the social programs.

In addition, we were lucky that several companies sponsored this meeting. Here is their list:

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Last, but not least, the **National Office for Research and Technology** were generous supporters of this meeting. Without them it could not have happened!



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Thank you for all of them.

I believe that this Congress was an important step in the development of “healthy microcirculation” in the European countries from East to West from North to South.

**Thank you for coming!!**

On behalf of the organizers,

**Akos Koller**

**President**

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