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Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the XIII meeting of the International Rhinologic Society; it promises to be one of the most exciting meetings within the field of rhinology. Because we combined this meeting with ISIAN, ARS and AAOA, you will have an outstanding opportunity to get an exceptionally broad exposure to all aspects of contemporary rhinology and rhinologic research. We have assembled a program that provides significant depth, as well as a broad understanding of the more recent advances within the specialty. However, an important aspect of a meeting of this type is to allow debate, face to face discussion, and interactions with the leading international faculty both in the meeting rooms and also in less formal settings. This is a significant advantage of a meeting such as this. It provides the opportunity to talk to people, probe issues and develop relationships which may last for years. Please take this opportunity to avail yourself of the privilege of open interaction and informal discussion with the faculty during the meeting, if you do not do this you will not be truly making the most of what a meeting such as this provides; a benefit unavailable with internet conferences. The resident Rhinology Bowl competition, held in the Horizons Ballroom at the top of the hotel, will allow you an opportunity to test your own knowledge of the field with the residents, and promises to be a lot of fun. Please take some time to sit in on some of these sessions. We are also very lucky to be able to provide a limited number of places with hands on dissection with image guidance, fresh specimens and outstanding instructors.

However, I hope that you will also find time to enjoy both the social events that we provide within the meeting and the historic City of Philadelphia. The Welcome Reception and the Gala Dinner will provide the opportunity for exposure to the city and to some of the history of this nation. The Gala Dinner will be emceed by TV personality and otolaryngologist Nancy Snyderman and will feature Patti LaBelle's Philadelphia Choir and other entertainment, in the outstanding setting of the Constitution Center. In addition, I hope that you will take the time to visit Independence Hall, see the Liberty Bell, tour the Art Museum, Rodin Museum and the Barnes Collection, as well as visit some of the superb restaurants which this city has attracted.

Welcome to Philadelphia, Rhinology World and the XIII meeting of the International Rhinologic Society.


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