Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am particularly delighted to announce you the “4th International Course on Functional and Aesthetic Surgery of the Nose” which will be held in the new location of Imola Hospital from 14th to 17th October 2012.

The Course is primarily designed for Otolaryngologists, Plastic and Maxillo-Facial Surgeons but it is also addressed to all those interested in the field of facial plastic surgery. The purpose of the Course is to present state-of-the-art technology and practice in rhinology and associated fields. As well as the previous courses, the traditional format will include live surgery in morning sessions, didactic presentations, lectures and panel discussions in afternoon sessions. Worldwide known surgeons will join us to discuss the foremost concepts of nasal and facial plastic surgery and they will demonstrate their expertise operating on classical and controversial cases with open debates between the operation theatre and the auditorium.

I trust that besides the high standard of the scientific programme you will find many opportunities to visit the beautiful city of Imola, an ancient Roman colony which had an intense and flourishing period during the Renaissance. In 1502 Leonardo da Vinci was given the task to study the defence system and to design a map of Imola: this is the only topographic work that the great artist ever produced. Imola was also the native town of Antonio Maria Valsalva, the famous anatomist born in 1666. He became Professor of Anatomy and Surgery at Bologna University and nowadays he is recognized as the founder of the basic theories for the study of the anatomy and physiology of the ear. In more recent years, Imola has become famous all over the world since the S. Marino Grand Prix took place at “Enzo and Dino Ferrari Racetrack” of Imola.

The surroundings of Imola offer many opportunities to go on excursions, either crossing the plains towards the sea or slowly following the rolling country-side, hills covered by orchards and vineyards, perhaps even stopping for a glass of good wine or to buy a jar of honey.

Finally, I also hope to meet you at the Course Gala Dinner, during which you will have the opportunity to taste some examples of the typical Italian cuisine.

I look forward to welcoming you to Imola next October.

Yours sincerely,

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