TEACHING SEMINAR
under the auspices of
European Pediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA)

ANORECTAL MALFORMATIONS & HIRSCHSPRUNGS’S DISEASE

ANNOUNCEMENT

26th - 27th September, 2014
Helsinki, Finland
Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the 2014 STEPS (Strategies & Trends in European Pediatric Surgery) Seminar under the auspices of EUPSA (European Pediatric Surgeons Association) to be held in Helsinki, Finland from the 26th-27th September.

The 2014 teaching seminar this year will focus on “Anorectal malformations and Hirschsprung’s Disease”. Both the topics still offer challenges to the pediatric surgical community due to large variations in presentations. Experts from Europe and overseas have been invited to deliver State-of-the-Art lectures and share their experiences in the diagnosis, management and outcomes in these areas.

Helsinki is an interesting location as it is spread across a number of bays and peninsulas and over a number of islands. The inner city area occupies a southern peninsula, which is rarely referred to by its actual name Vironniemi. Much of Helsinki outside the inner city area consists of postwar suburbs separated from each other by patches of forest. A narrow, ten-kilometer-long Helsinki Central Park that stretches from the inner city to the northern border of Helsinki is an important recreational area for residents.

The University of Helsinki is located in Helsinki since 1829, but was founded in the city of Turku in 1640 as The Royal Academy of Turku, at that time part of the Swedish Empire. It is the oldest and largest university in Finland with the widest range of disciplines across 11 faculties and 11 research institutes, and promises to be an excellent location for this seminar.

Prof. Risto Rintala and the local organizing team along with the staff of the Hospital for Children and Adolescents, University of Helsinki as well as the team of STEPS, welcome you to the city of Helsinki for STEPS 2014.

Amulya K. Saxena, MD
STEPS Organizer
Seminar Topics

Approach to Anorectal Malformation (ARM)  
Diagnostics in Hirschsprung’s disease (HD)
Surgical management of ARM  
Surgical approaches in treatment of HD
Continence management in ARM patients  
Redo procedures and approach to HD
Redo procedures in ARM patients  
Role of Minimal Access Surgery in HD
Role of Minimal Access Surgery in ARM  
Enterocolitis management in HD patients
Congenital Pouch Colon management  
Approach to long-segment HD patients
Complex procedures in ARM patients  
Complexities in management of HD
Outcomes in patients with ARM  
Late outcomes after treatment of HD

Scientific Faculty

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London, United Kingdom
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Helsinki, Finland
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Local Organizing Committee

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Abstract submission
Structured abstracts (Aim, Patients, Results, Conclusion) of 200 words with title, full author names (first name and family name) & institution (name, city, country) can be submitted by email to steps.seminars@gmail.com

Abstract submission deadline 10th June 2014
Acceptance notification 25th June 2014

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Online registration on STEPS website: www.steps-seminars.eu
*Registration fee includes seminar material, breaks & social events

Seminar Venue
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Transport/ Hotel Accommodation
Helsinki airport is approximately 18km from the city center. The airport website provides information on transport possibilities to connect to the city center. Helsinki airport website: http://www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport/

Hotels rooms in Helsinki can be booked on travel sites: hrs.com or hotels.com

Information/Registration website: http://www.steps-seminars.eu