

Dear Prof. Seok Joo Han,

In light of your renowned research and your contributions in the field of endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery, it is our great honor to formally invite you to serve as our **invited speaker (20 minutes speech)** at the upcoming 11th Asia Pacific Congress of Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgery (ELSA 2013), scheduled on November 21-24, 2013, in Taipei International Convention Center, located in the heart of Taipei City. You are respectfully invited to present **two** lectures at the sessions: **Pediatric Surgery Session** and **Robotic Surgery Session**.

ELSA 2013 is an annual premier and high-standard event, providing an international platform for doctors, physicians and clinical investigators from hospitals, industry, and academia to interact and exchange ideas in a very rapidly growing area of research, as well as to present new technology and innovative solutions for today's health problems at the frontiers of endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery. "New Technology, New Direction" has been determined as the main theme for ELSA 2013.

The four-day program of ELSA 2013 will cover 18 multidisciplinary topics such as the following:

1. Upper GI Surgery and Anti-reflux Surgery
2. Hepatobiliary-Pancreatic Surgery
3. Colon and Rectum Surgery
4. Endocrine Surgery
5. Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery
6. Hernia
7. Single Port, Minilaparoscopy & Natural Orifice Surgery
8. Robotic Surgery
9. Therapeutic Endoscopy
10. New Technologies and Research (Surgical Innovation)
11. Pediatric Surgery
12. Multidisciplinary Approach for Colorectal Cancer
13. Laparoscopic Approach for Acute Abdomen
14. Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery
15. Genito-Urinary Surgery
16. Gynecology
17. Cardiovascular Surgery
18. Esophageal Surgery

Your speech will surely add value to the congress, and we sincerely hope that you can share your findings with all the participants. Your contribution to ELSA 2013 would definitely benefit all participants. To show our gratitude for your valued support, it is our great honor to offer you:

- USD 1200 including honorarium, airfare reimbursement and tax
- Registration fee waiver
- Free transportation provided from airport to hotel and vice versa
- Up to 4 nights' accommodations (Check in on Nov. 21; Check out on Nov. 25)
- All social events

We deeply appreciate if you will be able to join us and contribute to the continued success of this important annual congress that advances our field. We look forward to seeing your acceptance in reply to our invitation with your favorable consideration.

Please find attached our tentative program (attachment 1) for your reference. If the current scheduled time for your lecture coincides with your other pre-engaged commitments, please feel free to let us know of your preferred time, and we will make arrangements accordingly. It would also be greatly appreciated if you could complete the acceptance form (attachment 2) and get back to us by **July 31, 2013**, as we would like to confirm the congress program sooner than later. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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