

Guest Editorial

Fourteenth European Hair Research Society Annual Meeting 2009, Graz, Austria



A warm welcome to all for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the European Hair Research Society (EHRS) to be held on July 2-4, 2009 at the Medical University Graz located in Graz—a university town with Mediterranean flair located in southeast Austria!

The scientific committee has setup an exciting program covering the latest advances in both basic and clinical hair research. The meeting opens with a stimulating talk by Rudolf Happle entitled *Circular reasoning on hair loss in circles: Alopecia areata and irrationalism*. Further this year the EHRS is delighted to honor Kurt Stenn with the prestigious *John Ebling Lecture on Bioengineering the hair follicle: paradigm and paradox*. The congress program includes advances in hair growth biology, pathology, diagnosis and therapy, including hair genetics, psychosomatics of hair and its associated disorders, as well as aspects of hair care and cosmetics. With delegates and scientific communications (oral and posters) from the five continents, this meeting promises to be both informative and inspirational. Finally, Alfredo Rebora will surprise us with his thoughts on *Lucy's pelt*.

Following, please find all abstracts of the special lectures, oral presentations, and posters presented at this year's EHRS meeting.

Many thanks to all scientists and pharmaceutical, medical device, and cosmetic companies contributing with enthusiasm to make this meeting a success, and special thanks also to Sundaram Murugusundram who has made it possible through his personal engagement to publish the abstracts of the meeting in this first issue of the promising *International Journal of Trichology*.

Yours sincerely and *Servus* in Graz!

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PS: Looking forward to meeting you in 2010 at the joint meeting of the EHRS and International Sister Societies on the occasion of the Sixth World Congress for Hair Research, June 16–19, 2010 in Cairns, Australia!