

Welcome Address of the Honorary Congress President

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Dear symposium participants and dear friends,

When my esteemed colleagues, Václav Báča and David Kachlík, started, some months ago, to prepare the 2nd Clinical Anatomical Meeting in Prague, none of us could have expected the extent and enthusiasm of the interest we have received. It has greatly surpassed our expectations, and this is why we can state with pleasure that we expect more than 100 participants, representing 30 countries to take part in this year's meeting. We are pleased by your interest, and we would like to offer you both an interesting and meaningful scientific program and a pleasant and appealing social program, during which you will have a chance to enjoy the beauties of our capital city.

We would like to start our important scientific congress in the Aula Magna of Karolinum, in the historically oldest part of our University. It reminds us that the Medical School has been present here since the University's foundation in 1348, giving it 660 years of history and tradition. It is also a good opportunity to observe how the study of anatomy has been implemented over the centuries and how the teaching of anatomy has evolved into its present role in the modern-day medical curriculum.



Even today, anatomy holds an honored position among the basic medical disciplines and its tangible, rigorous scientific orientation regarding clinical problems substantially contributes to greater integration of many medical disciplines. Czech clinical anatomists are very active in this field and cooperate with their colleagues from many countries in both research and teaching, and above all with those from the EACA and other societies of clinical anatomy worldwide.

Therefore, it is our wish that the presentation of scientific results at this symposium serve as a catalyst by offering new perspectives and stimulating thought and creativity which will carry forth as future research. Additionally we hope our symposium will promote new professional relationships and foster new and existing personal friendships.

Vivat, crescat, floreat anatomia clinica internationalis!

Professor Josef Stingl, MD, PhD

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