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Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to the combined meeting of the Peritoneal Repair and Adhesions (PAX) & International Mesothelioma Interest Group (IMIG). This conference will bring together researchers in basic science and clinical practice who share common interests in areas of mesothelial and serosal biology, including wound repair, adhesion formation, tumourigenesis, diagnosis and treatment.

Special attractions of the scientific programme include state-of-the-art plenary lectures, young investigator and best poster prizes with selected abstracts for oral communications. In addition, a full social programme has been organised (both for delegates and companions) to make this meeting a stimulating and enjoyable event.

The location for this meeting is Stoke Rochford Hall, a beautiful Victorian country mansion just outside Grantham in the heart of the English countryside. Stoke Rochford Hall is beautifully set in 28 acres of formal gardens and parklands, and is located in Stoke Rochford, a small village approximately 7 miles south of Grantham and 30 miles south of Nottingham. Grantham is one hour from London by train and is easily accessible by motorway. Accommodation for the conference will be on site or at one of two hotels which are in close proximity to Stoke Rochford Hall.

We look forward to welcoming you to this conference, the beautiful English countryside and the grandeur of Stoke Rochford Hall.

Steve Mutsaers & Jeremy Thompson
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**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**PAX**
- S. BENGMARK Sweden: Acute phase response and peritoneal adhesion formation
- A. DARZI UK: Laparoscopy and adhesions
- L. HOLMGREN Sweden: Proteases in peritoneal tissue repair
- J. JEEKEL Netherlands: Adhesions and tumour implantation
- A. RAFTERY UK: Peritoneal repair: the early days
- C. SUTTON UK: Gynaecological adhesiolysis and adhesions prevention
- H. TREUTNER Germany: Adhesion prevention during visceral surgery

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- S. ALBELDA USA: Gene therapy
- R. DOER UK: Bcl-2 in malignancy
- J. ELLER USA: Epithelial-mesenchymal transition
- S. IDELL USA: Fibron turnover
- B. KOSMAN USA: Fibre carcinogenesis
- J. PETO UK: Epidemiology
- V. RUSCH USA: Staging of tumours

**TOPICS COVERED**

Will include:
- Mesothelial cell biology, coagulation and fibrinolysis, tissue repair and cytokines, response to foreign material, mesenchymal/epithelial transition, growth factors and adhesion molecules, epithelial, epidemiology, pathology and pathogenesis of adhesions and mesotheliomas: carcinogenesis, oncogenes, immunology, tumour dissemination, clinical studies, dietary factors, antiadhesion products, dendritic cells and immunotherapy, chemotherapy and gene therapy, health care economics, immunology, genetics and SAGE.

**KEY DATES**

- April, 1999: Second announcement and call for abstracts
- June 28, 1999: Abstract deadline

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