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The Federation of European Cytological Societies will hold its 44th Congress in Budapest from 1-4 October 2023. According to our plan, the Congress will be of a wide-ranging consultation and discussion and an active scientific meeting. In addition to cytologists from European countries, the countries of the USA, Australia, the Middle East, India and the Far East have also been invited, many showing a keen interest in the event. After a long, forced break, we are - finally - organizing a predominantly in-person meeting.

We are planning open discussions in a new style, during which comparative analyses of theories and practices are also planned. Affected methodology, from liquid base to classical inclusive, immune, molecular, classical forms of processing, AI will also play prominent roles, together with the fitting all of these into screening and mass testing programs under different economic, organizational, worldview, and geographical conditions. The classic or liquid-based method of material extraction, its light microscopic, digitized or automated use, discussion of the existing practice of cervical cancer screening moving across a wide spectrum will also be among the topics.

Leading journals also represent their position on the subject of the dissemination and understandable communication of science. Without the strong representation and presence of the Industry and relevant trading companies all of this can lead to a reduced value, distorted result.

I cordially invite you to take part in the commercial exhibition or present you products and research results in company symposia during the Congress. The attached Manual will provide you with the relevant information. Myself and my colleagues in the Local Organizing Committee will be at your disposal with scientific issues. Our congress bureau will help you in all organizational matters.

I hope and look forward to meeting you in Budapest in October.

With personal regards

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