INTRODUCTION

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Dear Clinical Anatomists,

Based on the success of the 2003 clinical anatomy meeting in Graz the European Association of Clinical Anatomy (EACA) planned and succeeded to continue and intensify our international relations in Sicily's wonderful and most historically capital Palermo. Palermo which was settled as a port in the eighth century BC and influenced by Asians, Africans and Europeans will again become a port for clinical anatomists from Europe and from all over the world. 15 European and 10 Australasian and American countries will present their clinical anatomy research and teaching projects in more than 50 platform and 120 poster presentations.

Prof. Giovanni Peri and his team have set up an exciting scientific and attractive social program including a series of plenary lectures from internationally renowned scientists and special seminars on teaching clinical anatomy, plastination and bone repair.

The European Association of Clinical Anatomy (EACA) is an international association promoting anatomical research applied to medical practice, surgery and medical imaging and new teaching tools. To reach this goal the EACA hosts biennial meetings and runs its own scientific journal – Surgical Radiologic Anatomy (SRA). Everybody involved in this wide scientific field is cordially invited to become a member of the EACA and send her/his papers for publication in SRA.

We strongly believe that the exchange of ideas, know-how and problems with international colleagues working in the same field or facing the same problems enriches our scientific strength and enlightens our scientific spirit.

Thus, I wish you interesting presentations, fruitful discussions and a wonderful time during this 8th European Congress of Clinical Anatomy in Palermo!

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