

## Conference Report

For the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation (ESCHM 2011) and the 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the German Society for Clinical Microcirculation and Hemorheology (DGKMH 2011)

The 16th Conference of the European Society for Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation (E.S.C.H.M.) and the 30<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the German Society for Clinical Microcirculation and Hemorheology (DGKMH) were held in Munich, 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Almost 130 delegates from 21 countries from different continents attended the meeting, organized by the European Society of Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation with a local organizer - the German Society for Clinical Microcirculation and Hemorheology (DGKMH) and president of the conference PD Dr. med. Dirk Clevert from Munich, Germany.

143 scientific abstracts were accepted for oral presentation and were presented in 15 scientific sessions. 36 scientific posters were accepted and were presented in 3 poster sessions. The scientific program presented an overview of the actual developments in clinical hemorheology and microcirculation including a total of 15 scientific sessions, 4 plenary lectures, 3 industrial symposiums, and 3 poster sessions. Up to three sessions were being held simultaneously. The plenary lectures were given by well-known experts in their respective field, Prof. M Intaglietta (“Non-linear cardiovascular regulation consequent to changes in blood viscosity”), Prof. D Liepsch (“Rheological Flow Studies in the Cardiovascular System: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Applications”), Prof. T Gori (“Viscosity, platelet activation, and hematocrit: progress in understanding their relationship with clinical and subclinical vascular disease”), and Prof. K Toth (“Hemorheological parameters in different forms of coronary disease”).

One of the highlights again was the Fahraeus Award lecture. Prof. F. Jung (Germany) held the Laudatio for the 2011 Fahraeus Award winner Prof. Walter Reinhart (Switzerland), who subsequently gave a comprehensive overview over his scientific work in the Fahraeus Award Lecture.

The participants of the conference not only seemed to enjoy the interesting scientific program with lively discussions but also relished the evening programs. The sociable

Conference Dinner took place in the idyllic “Buschscharner Seewirt”, located at the eastern shore of the lake of Starnberg.

The conference was a full success and everybody seemed to enjoy the 3 days of scientific debate, communication and friendship. Furthermore it was decided that the next meeting in 2013 will be held in Hungary under the supervision of Prof. L Bogar and Prof. K. Toth (Pecs/Hungary).

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President of the conference PD Dr. med. Dirk Clevert