

ERUS'09

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Dear Mr. Tellner,

As Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the European Robotic Urology Symposium (ERUS), I would like to express my concerns and disbelief when I heard that medical companies from Sweden would not be allowed to sponsor colleagues to go to ERUS'09 congress in Venice.

The ERUS congresses have always been extremely well attended as the subject is a very "hot" topic, dealing with a totally new concept in operative techniques, namely robotic-assisted surgery.

Each year, the local organisation is assured by an expert in the field. This year, Prof. Walter Artibani has been selected as director of the Host Faculty. He is the Head of the Urological Department of the University Hospital of Padua and Vice-President of the European Association of Urology (EAU). Twelve live operations will take place in his hospital. As there is no congress centre in Padua available to receive over 700 attendants, the nearest congress centre that meets our goals has been chosen, namely in the nearby city of Venice.

It would seem unfair not to allow Swedish companies in helping colleagues to attend this congress, which, undoubtedly in Europe, but most likely also in the rest of the world, is the most important in its field. Last year e.g. more than 450 colleagues from 37 different countries world-wide attended our ERUS'08 congress.

We kindly ask that you allow Swedish companies to help colleagues to attend our congress. If it can be of any help, we can monitor the entrance to the courses and congress sessions by scanning barcodes on badges of Swedish delegates.

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