## International Society for Cellular Oncology

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Belfast and ISCO2005!

As you will see from the program, we have a superb line up of premier lectures, oral scientific papers and posters, scientific workshops, trade exhibits and social activities. This is sure to make your visit to ISCO2005 and Belfast a memorable one. Use ISCO2005 as an opportunity to learn, interact, network, collaborate, generate new ideas and most of all have fun.

Please visit the company exhibits in the lunch and poster area. Most advances in science are made at the interface between good scientific questions and the technology that allows us to answer them. We are fortunate to have a wide range of companies that provide this technology exhibiting at ISCO2005. This is an opportunity to learn about what techniques, equipment, arrays, probes and software are available in the ever expanding field of cellular oncology research.

I hope you will also take some time to see around Belfast and the rest of Northern Ireland. It truly is a beautiful place and I hope that following this visit you will have a very different impression of Northern Ireland and will return, as most people do!

I have many people to thank for their help in organising this conference: Professor Peter Hall, Dr Kate Williamson, Dr Jim Diamond, Professor Paul van Diest, Professor Gerrit Meijer, Dr Walter Giarretti, Dr Günter Haroske, Dr Carla Toland and Mr Sid Trewin. Thanks also to our many sponsors for supporting this conference. My thanks in particular go to Paula and her staff at XL-ents for acting as official conference coordinator and for organising me as well as the conference.

So have great time and enjoy ISCO2005!

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