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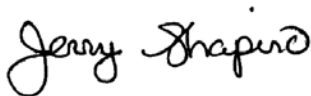
## Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to the Fifth International Congress of Hair Research.

The purpose of this conference is to bridge the basic scientist and clinician in their pursuit to help patients with hair diseases. This exchange of ideas usually has a major impact on the field of trichologic medicine and helps determine directions of research. It stimulates interactions and development in the field. Basic science and clinical topics will be showcased in the form of workshops, plenary lectures, satellite sessions and poster presentations.

We have brought together a dynamic group of Invited Speakers for the pre-conference workshops and to provide invited lectures throughout the program. We would like to thank the Scientific Advisory Committee for their work in reviewing and selecting the abstract presentations for this program. And we are especially grateful to our corporate sponsors, without whom this congress would not have been possible.

Vancouver is such a spectacular city and we hope that you will take full advantage of the beautiful sites, wonderful cuisine and diverse culture. The downtown core is surrounded by a natural harbour and majestic mountains and offers site-seeing, beaches, shipping, restaurants and Stanley Park – all within walking distance. We encourage you to set out on foot and enjoy the scenery.



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