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It is a great honor and privilege to host the 15th world congress of Collegium Internationale Chirurgiae Digestivae (CICD) for the first time in Seoul, Korea from September 11 to 14, 1996. I would like to extend, on behalf of the organizing committee of the 15th CICD World Congress, my sincere thanks and warm welcome to all participants and I am especially grateful to plenary and symposium lectures and to free paper and poster presenters who kindly submitted abstracts and manuscripts for this proceedings.

As all of us agree, the digestive surgery is the most important and principle area of surgical discipline to deal with human life. At this 15th world congress of CICD, we have scheduled 7 plenary lectures, 16 sessions of symposia with 75 symposium lectures which certainly include major topics of digestive surgery as well as state of art 194 free papers and 135 poster presentations covering clinical and research developments in the field.

We are sure and hope that this proceedings will not only provide you with many new and useful information and knowledge of which you can immediately employ in your practice but also stimulate you to evoke a new creative surgical research and practice in this coming 21st century.

We want to thank many contributors and exhibitors for their generous support through which this congress is possible to succeed, and once again thank program participants. We are also grateful to all members and staffs of organizing committee for their tireless and devoted efforts in preparing this congress. We are particularly grateful to Monduzzi Editore for publishing this proceedings.

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