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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 4th European Congress on Emergency Medicine meeting! The Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies (FERNE) is pleased to be a supporter of the educational content at this meeting. We would like to thank EuSEM for providing us the opportunity to participate in this important event, especially Congress President Dr. Helen Askitopoulou.

FERNE is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the care of patients with acute neurologic emergencies. FERNE has an interest in promoting research in the area of neurologic emergencies, providing quality case-based educational programs, and utilizing technology to improve physicians learning. FERNE's presentations at this congress include:

- **Today's presentation: "ED TIA Patients: Risk Stratification & Outpatient Disposition" is being held in the ZEUS East Room of the Creta Maris convention Center from 8:30 to 9:15 am.**
- **FERNE's satellite symposium: "ED Ischemic Stroke Patient Management: Optimal Diagnostic and Treatment Strategies" tomorrow (Friday, Oct 6th) in the convention center ZEUS West Room from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.**
- **The third FERNE interactive session is titled "Current Updates on Ischemic Stroke, ICH, and SAH" is being presented on Saturday, Oct 7th in the MINOS South Room between 11:30 and 1:00 pm.**

These three educational programs will expand the knowledge of Emergency Medicine practitioners regarding the optimal management of patient who present with transient ischemic attacks, ischemic stroke, and hemorrhagic stroke. It is our goal to create a learning environment in which participants are able to answer clinically relevant questions through directed didactic presentations and robust discussions of the issues and information that guide our medical decision making in the Emergency Department.

We believe you will find these programs educational and relevant to your clinical practice. FERNE's intention is for you to take the materials from these meetings back to your own institutions or EM residency programs and present the information to those who could not attend today. Included in your meeting materials is a CD-ROM that contains links to all of the PowerPoint presentations, written materials, and audio and video files. If you are interested in materials from other meetings, please explore our website, www.ferne.org, where over 378 lectures by over 180 physicians are available for viewing and downloading.

In order for FERNE to be able to provide physicians with the educational experiences they desire, we ask that you provide feedback to our programs by having you complete the FERNE evaluation forms and the FERNE survey, both of which are included in your meeting folders.

Lastly, we would like to thank AstraZeneca International for their generous support of our work at this meeting, funded via an unrestricted educational grant. Without support such as that granted by AstraZeneca, it would not have been possible for FERNE to consistently provide programs such as these educational sessions to you over the past 10 years.

Thank you again for taking the time to learn about FERNE and participate in our meetings at this 4th European Congress on Emergency Medicine.

Sincerely,

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