Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the programme of the 16th Hypospadias Study-day. Our distinguished lecturer this year is Dr Ahmed Taher Hadidi, professor of paediatric surgery at the Cairo University, who currently continues his practice in Germany at the Emma Clinic and Offenbach Hospitals. The meeting will commence at 10:00 on Friday, the 30th of November. The venue is The Marmara Hotel Opera Hall in Taksim, Istanbul.

Prof Dr Ahmed T Hadidi is an eminent hypospadiologist who is renown for his plastic surgical skills and his research in the developmental embryology of the genito-urinary tract. You will find some of Prof. Hadidi’s publications on our web-page. We would also advise attendees of the Hypospadias Study-day to review Dr. Hadidi’s web-site before the meeting at: http://www.hypospadias-surgery.com

The Program outline of the 16th Hypospadias Study-day:
10:00-10:30 A. Hadidi: Development & embryology of the penis and urethra
10:30-11:00 A. Hadidi: Normal anatomy of the penis and urethra
11:00-11:30 A. Hadidi: Morphology, pathogenesis & classification of hypospadias
11:30-12:30 A. Hadidi: Principles & techniques of hypospadias surgery
   – The Hadidi technique for primary hypospadias repair
12:30-13:30 Lunch break
13:30-14:30 A. Hadidi: Management of hypospadias complications
14:30-14:45 Coffee break
14:45-16:00 Panel: Controversies in hypospadias.

I would like to point out that a proportion Prof. Hadidi’s patients present to himself with complications of previous surgery, notably with what has come to be known as the TIPU, a technique where some functional problems may remain undetected. Dr. Hadidi has developed the LABO: Lateral-based Onlay Flap urethroplasty, which is, if I may say, constitutes an anti-thesis to the Duplay-Orkiszewski (TIPU) technique popularised by Dr. W.T. Snodgrass. The LABO has been a procedure applicable to both distal and proximal types of hypospadias, and secondary cases of all sorts of complicated/crippled hypospadias.

We believe that the format of the Hypospadias Study-day, now in its sixteenth year, allows us the unique opportunity to meet Prof Dr Ahmed T Hadidi personally, to learn from first-hand experience and to discuss particular cases and questions.

With regards,
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