Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Columbia, South Carolina and the Second World Congress on Ultrasound in Medical Education. This year's event offers you a unique opportunity to shape the future of medicine by how we use ultrasound to teach and practice medicine.

At the Second World Congress, you will hear from internationally recognized ultrasound experts who will introduce you to the latest advances in this ever-expanding field. Whether you are an experienced clinician or a novice, the hands-on training workshops will enhance your understanding of ultrasound and offer opportunities to improve your skills. You will have the opportunity to see the latest innovations in ultrasound technology and join the discussion of how best to incorporate ultrasound into education and clinical practice. The conference promises to expand your knowledge of ultrasound while creating networking opportunities with peers around the globe who share an interest in ultrasound and medical education.

In addition to the conference, I hope you take some time to enjoy the charm and southern hospitality of Columbia, South Carolina. The evening social events showcase two of the city's crown jewels of entertainment, the Columbia Museum of Art and the nationally-recognized Riverbanks Zoo.

I hope you can take advantage of the wonderful conference planned for you and find your experience to be educational and meaningful.

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