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To: Georgia Tsatsou via e-mail

Dear Georgia and the Erasmus Team:

I wish to thank you for running the 5th International Symposium on Imaging and Focal Therapy for Prostate and Kidney Cancer held in Durham, North Carolina June 6-8, 2012. The meeting was well-attended by physicians, allied health professionals and corporate sponsors. I received many e-mails and letters of thanks for such a great meeting. I heard some comments such as "this was the best meeting I ever attended" and "this meeting was better than the AUA". During the three days of the meeting, I believe that investigators, industry and academics were able to build collaborative ties in a multidisciplinary fashion generating ideas on how to improve imaging and focal therapy of both prostate and kidney cancer.

Obviously, the meeting was a success due to its organization. I could tell that many months of careful planning went into such an event. Both the corporate sponsors, the 50 international faculty, and the audience were pleased with the result. The meeting was so well run that I did not hear of any glitches. In fact, once the meeting began, it ran as smoothly as one could have hoped it would.

On behalf of the organizing committee, I have to thank you with much gratitude for such a superbly organized meeting. This meeting is truly one of a kind symposium and I am thankful that Erasmus was a central part of it.

Most sincerely yours,

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