It is my pleasure to invite you to the 38th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons (PAPS) in Vancouver, Canada from May 22-26, 2005. The 2005 Conference marks the first return of PAPS to Canada since 1982.

This meeting promises the usual high quality PAPS program of clinical and scientific papers concerning all aspects of pediatric surgery. It will also offer a friendly, collegial atmosphere with a full social program for meeting participants, their families and guests.

Vancouver is consistently rated among the most beautiful cities in the world. It is a modern, multicultural metropolis at the edge of British Columbia’s Coast Mountains beside the sea. The meeting venue on Vancouver’s waterfront places us close to the heart of downtown, and only a short stroll along the edge of the harbour to Stanley Park.

The month of May in Vancouver offers comfortable temperatures and all of the colours of spring. For those of you traveling from afar, the city is also ideally suited as a starting point to explore this beautiful part of North America, whether by train to Banff, ocean cruise to Alaska or through other adventures in the Pacific Northwest.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vancouver in May.

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