



# STEPS 2014

## TEACHING SEMINAR

under the auspices of

European Pediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA)

# ANORECTAL MALFORMATIONS & HIRSCHSPRUNG'S DISEASE



## ANNOUNCEMENT



26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Helsinki, Finland



Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the 2014 STEPS (Strategies & Trends in European Pediatric Surgery) Seminar under the auspices of EUPSA (European Pediatric Surgeons Association) to be held in Helsinki, Finland from the 26th-27th September.

The 2014 teaching seminar this year will focus on “Anorectal malformations and Hirschsprung’s Disease”. Both the topics still offer challenges to the pediatric surgical community due to large variations in presentations. Experts from Europe and overseas have been invited to deliver State-of-the-Art lectures and share their experiences in the diagnosis, management and outcomes in these areas.

Helsinki is an interesting location as it is spread across a number of bays and peninsulas and over a number of islands. The inner city area occupies a southern peninsula, which is rarely referred to by its actual name Vironniemi. Much of Helsinki outside the inner city area consists of postwar suburbs separated from each other by patches of forest. A narrow, ten-kilometer-long Helsinki Central Park that stretches from the inner city to the northern border of Helsinki is an important recreational area for residents.

The University of Helsinki is located in Helsinki since 1829, but was founded in the city of Turku in 1640 as The Royal Academy of Turku, at that time part of the Swedish Empire. It is the oldest and largest university in Finland with the widest range of disciplines across 11 faculties and 11 research institutes, and promises to be an excellent location for this seminar.

Prof. Risto Rintala and the local organizing team along with the staff of the Hospital for Children and Adolescents, University of Helsinki as well as the team of STEPS, welcome you to the city of Helsinki for STEPS 2014.

Amulya K. Saxena, MD  
*STEPS Organizer*



### Seminar Topics

<i>Approach to Anorectal Malformation (ARM)</i>	<i>Diagnostics in Hirschsprung's disease (HD)</i>
<i>Surgical management of ARM</i>	<i>Surgical approaches in treatment of HD</i>
<i>Continence management in ARM patients</i>	<i>Redo procedures and approach to HD</i>
<i>Redo procedures in ARM patients</i>	<i>Role of Minimal Access Surgery in HD</i>
<i>Role of Minimal Access Surgery in ARM</i>	<i>Enterocolitis management in HD patients</i>
<i>Congenital Pouch Colon management</i>	<i>Approach to long-segment HD patients</i>
<i>Complex procedures in ARM patients</i>	<i>Complexities in management of HD</i>
<i>Outcomes in patients with ARM</i>	<i>Late outcomes after treatment of HD</i>

### Scientific Faculty

Amulya Saxena, MD	London, United Kingdom
Antti Koivusalo, MD	Helsinki, Finland
Craig Lillehei, MD	Boston, United States
Hannu Sariola, MD	Helsinki, Finland
Ian Sugarman, MD	Leeds, United Kingdom
J. Duncan Phillips	Raleigh, United States
Kristiina Kyrklund, MD	Helsinki, Finland
Kristin Bjornland, MD	Oslo, Norway
Mikko Pakarinen, MD	Helsinki, Finland
Munther Haddad, MD	London, United Kingdom
Risto Rintala, MD	Helsinki, Finland
Seppo Taskinen, MD	Helsinki, Finland
Thomas Boemer, MD	Cologne, Germany
Tomas Wester, MD	Stockholm, Sweden
Yasen Al-Alayet, MD	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

### STEPS Organizing Committee

Amulya Saxena, MD  
Volker Müller, MD  
Cornelia van Tuil, MD

### Local Organizing Committee

Risto Rintala, MD (Chairman)  
Mikko Pakarinen, MD  
Kristiina Kyrklund, MD  
Antti Koivusalo, MD  
Päivi Salminen, MD



## Abstract submission

Structured abstracts (Aim, Patients, Results, Conclusion) of 200 words with title, full author names (first name and family name) & institution (name, city, country) can be submitted by email to [steps.seminars@gmail.com](mailto:steps.seminars@gmail.com)

Abstract submission deadline 10th June 2014

Acceptance notification 25th June 2014

Registration Fee*	Before 31st Jul	From 1st Aug
EUPSA member	190 €	220 €
Non-EUPSA member	220 €	250 €
Accompanying person	40 €	40 €

**Online registration on STEPS website: [www.steps-seminars.eu](http://www.steps-seminars.eu)**  
*\* Registration fee includes seminar material, breaks & social events*

## Seminar Venue

Niilo Hallman Auditorium  
Hospital for Children and Adolescents  
Medical Faculty of the University of Helsinki  
Stenbäckinkatu 11, Helsinki

## Seminar Secretariat

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## Transport/ Hotel Accommodation

Helsinki airport is approximately 18km from the city center. The airport website provides information on transport possibilities to connect to the city center. Helsinki airport website: <http://www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport/>

Hotels rooms in Helsinki can be booked on travel sites: [hrs.com](http://hrs.com) or [hotels.com](http://hotels.com)

**Information/Registration website: <http://www.steps-seminars.eu>**