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Foreword

The fourth triennial congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus (ISDE) was successfully held in Chicago, Illinois, under the presidency of David B. Skinner, M.D. It included unforgettable events that particularly featured a well-organized and high-quality scientific program from which contributions were solicited for a publication representing the state-of-the-art of our understanding of esophageal physiology and pathology. I hope that the publication will make these efforts available to wider scientific readership in this field. I am also pleased that the ISDE is now firmly established and I am sure that we can look forward to even more development with the fifth congress.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Professor Skinner and his staff for their great contribution toward the huge success of the congress.

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