Foreword

The 6th International Congress on Ambulatory Surgery in Seville, Spain, on April 24–27, 2005, was organized by the Spanish Association of Major Ambulatory Surgery (ASECMA) under the auspices of the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS). The Congress takes place in conjunction with the 7th Spanish National Congress.

The scientific programme consists of three plenary sessions, eleven parallel sessions, the Nicoll Memorial Lecture and the opening and closing lectures. The programme also features a number of workshops, satellite symposia and meet-the-expert sessions. However, of prime importance is the contribution of delegates to the free papers and poster sessions. The various papers presented are focused on different topics such as anaesthesia, management, nursing, quality and surgery. The Congress provides the opportunity to share the latest achievements and will be the stimulus for very interesting and creative discussions.

More than 300 papers (oral and poster) have been accepted for presentation (in English and Spanish) at the Congress. Many of these contributions present new insights and/or extend and improve the current knowledge. All submitted manuscripts have been reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee, and evaluated according to a standard scientific grading (a new concept contributing to the advancement of ambulatory surgery, originality of research, validity, reliability and applicability). This Supplement of Ambulatory Surgery contains only papers presented in English. Papers in English and Spanish language will be published in a special Supplement of the Spanish national journal Revista CMA. While we have made every effort to achieve uniformity in style, the presented results and the final form of the manuscript remain the sole responsibility of the presenting authors. Authors of selected contributed oral and poster presentations have been given the opportunity to submit a manuscript for publication in the journal Ambulatory Surgery. I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Scientific Committee who have offered their time, effort and expertise for the improvement of the quality of the papers. I also extend my thanks to Elsevier for their help on manuscript formatting.

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