



Milan meeting of up to 200 specialists to discuss Optiscan's endomicroscope

4 April 2008, Melbourne Australia: On Saturday in Milan, Italy, up to 200 of the world's leading gastroenterologists will convene for a series of state of the art lectures and demonstrations of endomicroscopy.

Doctors from the US, UK, Germany, Italy, France, Japan, Israel and China will share experiences using the Optiscan endomicroscope. During the conference, nine live cases, each dealing with a different disease condition, will be beamed to the audience. Attendees will observe the high-powered capability of the imaging technology and medical techniques in a range of disease conditions including gastric cancer, celiac disease, colon cancer, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease and Barrett's esophagus.

The 2008 International Endomicroscopy Meeting is being organised by eminent German gastroenterologist, Dr Ralf Kiesslich.

Optiscan is the global leader in miniaturised microscopic imaging technologies for medical markets. The technology enables unprecedented microscopic imaging of up to 1000 times magnification inside the body. Doctors can use the technology to instantly see cellular level details of tissue without needing to surgically remove tissue.

Also presenting at the conference is Peter Delaney, a founder and director of Optiscan and the pioneer of endomicroscopy. "This is an esteemed audience and to have their attendance for a whole day is a profound validation of Optiscan's technology. It is an honour to be invited to provide an address on the future of endomicroscopy."

"This conference is wholly and exclusively about endomicroscopy", said Optiscan CEO, Vicki Tutungi. "The fact that it has attracted so many pre-eminent figures is a testament to the increasingly widespread adoption of the technology by the global gastroenterology community. We are now seeing gastroenterologists using the Optiscan endomicroscope in everyday practice".

"The Optiscan technology enables virtual biopsies. We can start to replace the need for surgeons to cut sample tissue from the patient and send it off to pathology departments to receive results days later. Optiscan can provide instant cellular imaging with our miniaturised confocal microscopy."

"The company expects to one day reach a tipping point where the Optiscan technology becomes indispensable for gastroenterologists and other specialists".

Background

Optiscan is a global leader in microscopic imaging technologies for medical markets. Optiscan's unique and patented technologies enable high-powered microscopes to be miniaturised and used inside the body. The technology enables microscopic imaging of up to 1000 times magnification to be achieved. Doctors can use the technology to instantly



see cellular level details of tissue without the requirement to surgically remove tissue (biopsy).

Optiscan's patented miniaturised microscope technology is being used in the field of flexible endo-microscopes.

Optiscan has also entered into a collaboration with the Carl Zeiss Group in Germany for the use of its patented miniaturised microscope technology in rigid endoscopes in key Zeiss markets.

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