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## Welcome Letter

Greetings,

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, I would like to invite you to join us at the XXIVth International Symposium on Cerebral Blood Flow, Metabolism and Function and the IXth International Conference on Quantification of Brain Function with PET to be held in Chicago, Illinois—USA during June 29<sup>th</sup> -July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to host this biennial meeting and to provide the venue for carrying on the traditions that began some 40 years ago. For me being the Conference Chair is a special honor since my mentor and good friend, Professor Bo K. Siesjö, is one of the “Founding Fathers” of the International Society for Cerebral Blood Flow & Metabolism, for well as the Society’s journal. I am excited about carrying on the legacy that Dr. Siesjö and his contemporaries established. This has become an essential and important meeting for up-to-date scientific exchange in multiple areas of research, including cerebrovascular regulation, brain imaging, ischemia/stroke, neurotrauma, and brain protection.

Chicago is one of the most attractive cities in the USA. From its location on Lake Michigan to its many parks, museums, restaurants, sports facilities, and other “social” venues, Chicago provides the perfect setting for our conference. Even this year’s meeting. Logo derives from Chicago’s nickname, “The Windy City”. While the wind does sometimes blow strong in Chicago, that nickname actually describes our politicians.

We look forward to welcoming you to Chicago for Brain’09 & BrainPET’09.

**Dale Pelligrino**  
Conference Chairman