

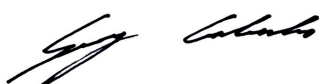
## Dear Delegates,

It is with great pleasure that we would like to welcome you to Rehab Week Zurich. For the first time ever three leading international rehabilitation conferences are uniting to create what is probably the largest ever interdisciplinary gathering of experts in clinical and technological aspects of rehabilitation.

The combination of several factors made this unique concept of Rehab Week Zurich possible. The organizing committee enjoys significant support from many research groups within the University of Zurich and the ETH Zurich, from funding bodies such as the Swiss National Science Foundation and the Swiss National Center for Competence in Research in Neural Plasticity and Repair, as well as from an extensive clinical network with leading hospitals in Zurich and the region. In addition, Zurich has an active rehabilitation industry with companies such as Hocoma that are committed to apply the results of our research to clinical practice with high-quality products. The activities in research, education, patient care and industry are coordinated via the Neuroscience Center Zurich (ZNZ) and the Rehabilitation Initiative and Technology Platform Zurich (RITZ) in order to exploit synergies, optimize knowledge transfer and stimulate interaction. These elements have all made it possible for us to collectively take on the extremely challenging but also rewarding task of creating Rehab Week Zurich.

During your time in Zurich, we hope that apart from the congress you will experience and enjoy the lifestyle that regularly places Zurich at the top of rankings of the world's most liveable cities. In particular, the Gala Dinner taking place directly at the beautiful lake of Zurich promises to be an unforgettable event. If you are coming from abroad, we highly recommend that you take the opportunity to visit some of Switzerland's famous mountains and lakes.

We would like to thank you for participating in Rehab Week Zurich and for contributing to the atmosphere of collegial, lively and rewarding interactions that we feel certain will unfold during the event. We are looking forward to sharing an exciting, intellectually stimulating and enjoyable week with you.

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