

## 20. Belfast 2005

The host city for the 20<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Surfactant Replacement and again the Europa Hotel will be used for the scientific sessions. The splendid Waterfront Concert Hall will be the venue for Jeff Whitsett's 8<sup>th</sup> Nils W Svenningsen Memorial Lecture on "Development and disorders of alveolar homeostasis". Other invited speakers include Richard Martin from Cleveland, Luc Zimmerman from Maastricht, Michael Obladen from Berlin, Vinod Bhutani from Philadelphia, Tore Curstedt from Stockholm, Roger Soll from Burlington and Marcello Orzalesi from Rome. The topics of the invited lectures include control of breathing and apnoea, surfactant metabolism in the neonate, history of surfactant, respiratory mechanics and energetics after surfactant therapy, new synthetic surfactants and ethical issues in neonatal respiratory care. Over 30 abstracts have been submitted and will be communicated as oral or poster presentations over 2 days. The invited lectures, including the Nils Svenningsen Memorial Lecture and many of the abstracts will be published in *Biology of the Neonate*.

The social events will include a Reception and Gala Dinner at Belfast City Hall and an Irish Night at the Folk and Transport Museum at Cultra, a short distance outside Belfast.

