Dear attendees,

On behalf of my co-organizer, Dr. Hamed Farhadi and myself, I would like to welcome you to the Workshop on Recent Advances in Video Capsule Endoscopy, where, over the next hour or so, we shall have an opportunity to discuss the current state-of-the-art, as well as the future of this technology.

Video Capsule Endoscopy (VCE), as we all know, has come to be regarded as the gold standard in the diagnosis of various diseases of the GI tract, especially the small bowel. This technology causes significantly less discomfort to the patient (compared to other forms of endoscopic procedures) presents a relatively low risk to the patient.

We will have two keynote speakers in this session. The first is Prof. David Cave from the Department of Gastroenterology, University of Massachusetts Medical School, who will present us with a clinician’s view of VCE technology. We have no doubt that it will be very informative and useful to those of us in the engineering community who are looking to advance the state of the art in this area. Our second speaker is Prof. Ilangko Balasingham, of the Intervention Center, Oslo University Hospital as well as the Department of Electronics and Telecommunications, Norwegian University of Science and Technology. He will present us with a unique engineering perspective on the future of VCE technology, which I feel will also be very useful to those of us looking to understand the technical subtleties associated with it.