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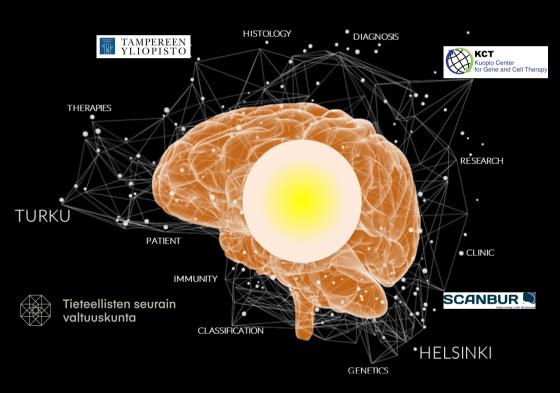
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### **FINNISH BRAIN TUMOR**

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# Symposium Booklet

#### Welcome to 5th Annual Finnish Symposium on Brain Tumors

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 5th Annual Finnish Symposium on Brain Tumors organized in Pääposti, Helsinki. Finnish Brain Tumor Research Association (FiBTRA) was founded less than five years ago in March 2015, and it has already brought brain tumor professionals together and increased their interaction in several ways, but especially via our annual symposia. As the name indicates, this time we are celebrating our 5th symposium, the previous ones being successfully organized in Tampere (Werstas), Helsinki (Uunisaari), Turku (Radisson Blu Marina Palace Hotel), and Hämeenlinna (Vanajanlinna). Pirjo Laakkonen, Vadim Le Joncour, and Pauliina Filppu did a tremendous job by organizing the symposium, this year in the bustling heart of our capital. I eagerly look forward to all the scientific talks, discussion, and the nice time we spent together both inside and outside the seminar room.

This symposium is really organized for all of you. We will thus collect feedback about the symposium in an electronic form which will also be used to vote for the best abstract talk at the meeting. We appreciate feedback from all of you. Furthermore, if you have any suggestions for good speakers, both from Finland and elsewhere, please contact us via our contact form in fibtra.org or by sending an email to fibtra.info@gmail.com with your contact information. We will take your suggestions into account when organizing next symposia. As will be announced at the symposium, we will not have the annual symposium next year. Instead, we will use our resources to organize a three-day Scandinavian symposium together with Scandinavian Society of Neuro-Oncology (SNOG) in the spring 2021. We welcome you all to this larger symposium, as well.

For all the newcomers, nice that you could make it to the symposium this year. For all those who have attended already before, it is a great pleasure to see you again. Enjoyable and beneficial symposium to all of you.

Kirsi Granberg

Chairman of FiBTRA

