July 17, 2007

# Dear Participant

We are very pleased that you will participate in the forthcoming 13th World Congress on Heart Disease. Please find herewith information to facilitate your arrival and stay at the congress. We suggest you print this letter and take it with you to the Congress.

# **HEADQUARTERS HOTEL AND CONGRESS VENUE**

The Hyatt Regency Vancouver, BC, Canada is the venue for the 13th World Congress on Heart Disease, International Academy of Cardiology - Annual Scientific Sessions 2007 655 Burrard Street Vancouver, BC, V6C 2R7 Canada

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#### **LANGUAGE**

The official language of the congress is English.

#### **CLIMATE**

The weather in Vancouver in July is moderate, mostly sunny during the day, with the possibility of clouds and rain. A light jacket for the evening is suggested as temperatures may cool down. Clothing is informal for all occasions.

# **REGISTRATION**

The registration desk will operate as follows:

Saturday, July 28, 2007	16:00 - 20:00 hours
Sunday, July 29, 2007	08:00 - 18:00 hours
Monday, July 30, 2007	08:00 - 18:00 hours
Tuesday, July 31, 2007	08:00 - 14:00 hours

# **CONGRESS KIT AND NAME BADGE**

Upon registering you will receive your personal kit containing your final program and the abstracts published in the Journal of Heart Disease. Invitations to social events and your personal name badge are to be found in your personal envelope. You are requested to wear your name badge to all congress functions and throughout sessions.

### **SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS**

The Opening Ceremony will begin at 09:00 hours on Sunday, July 29, 2007 and will include the opening lecture and presentation of awards.

Prior to the congress please check the website for all changes and updates to the program. Please check the final program on site for any updates / changes to scheduling of presentations

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# PROJECTION EQUIPMENT

Please bring your **Powerpoint** (or any other computer) presentation on a CD or on a memory stick (using the USB port in the computer).

A **Speaker Ready Room** will be available everyday from 7:30 am till end of sessions. Please load your presentation onto one of the Congress computers provided in the Speaker Ready Room, at least 1 hour before the start of your assigned session.

You may supply your own laptop computer as back-up.

The computers provided by the Congress in the session halls are equipped with Windows XP and Office XP.

# Important note for Macintosh users!

If using a Macintosh laptop computer, please note that you must provide your own computer and **confirm that it has a VGA socket** for external signal. On arrival at the Congress please check your computer in the Speaker Ready Room and again in the session hall where your lecture will take place, at least 1 hour before the start of your session.

Please note that video projection, 35 mm' slide projection and overhead projection will not be available!

#### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Please see the final program for the exact date and time of your poster presentations. Presenters must put up their posters by 08:30 if presenting in the morning session, on the relevant day of your presentation and remove them by 12:30. If presenting in the afternoon session, posters should be put up by 14:00 and dismantled by 18:00 on the same day.

Boards are Velcro compatible. Tacks and technical equipment will be available for hanging posters. Please remember that the dimensions of the poster should not exceed 2.40m in width x 1.20m in length (8' x 4').

The congress organizer is not responsible for posters that have not been removed / collected by the end of designated sessions.

Please make yourself available next to your poster during coffee and lunch breaks to answer possible questions.

# **CME APPROVED BY AMA**

The scientific program of The 13th World Congress on Heart Disease has been reviewed by the American Medical Association and approved for a maximum of 27 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. One credit may be claimed for each hour of participation in approved sessions.

A \$25 fee will be charged for CME credit certificates, which will be sent to participants via mail. This fee will be waived for AMA members.

### ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

An attendance certificate will be provided upon request for participants who need proof of attendance for income tax or other purposes.

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# **EXHIBITION**

An exhibition will take place during the congress and will be open as follows:

Saturday, July 28, 2007 18:30 - 20:00 hours Sunday, July 29, 2007 10:00 - 17:00 hours Monday, July 30, 2007 10:00 - 17:00 hours Tuesday, July 31, 2007 10:00 - 13:00 hours

### **GET-TOGETHER RECEPTION**

All registered participants are invited to the Get-Together Reception that will take place in the Exhibition Area of the Hyatt Regency Vancouver on Saturday, July 28 at 18:30 hours.

# **INSURANCE**

The Congress Secretariat and Organizers cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to private property of participants, students and accompanying persons, either during or indirectly arising from the 13th World Congress on Heart Disease, Annual Scientific Sessions 2007. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

#### **WEBSITE**

Please check the congress website: www.CardiologyOnline.com regularly for updates and any changes that may occur. We look forward to welcoming you the congress in Vancouver.

Bon Voyage