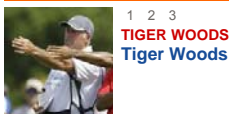


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International Academy of Cardiology Announces 16th World Congress on Heart Disease Annual Scientific Sessions July 23-26, 2011 - Vancouver BC, Canada

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One of the world's most prestigious scientific events will take place in Vancouver BC, Canada, July 23-26, 2011 as preminent cardiologists arrive for the International Academy of Cardiology, 16th World Congress on Heart Disease, Annual Scientific Sessions 2011. Five hundred and thirty-nine scientific papers have been selected for presentation from forty-eight countries. Dr. Jay L. Mehta, M.D., PhD., an internationally renowned and respected researcher in heart disease, will deliver the keynote lecture at the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Beverly Hills, CA (PRWEB) July 19, 2011

Asher Kimchi, M.D., Founder and Chairman of the International Academy of Cardiology, today announced the selection of Jay Mehta, M.D., PhD., Director, Molecular Cardiology, Professor of Internal Medicine and Physiology and Biophysics and Stebbins Chair in Cardiology, to deliver the fifth H.J.C. Swan Memorial Lecture at the Opening Ceremony of the International Academy of Cardiology, 16th World Congress on Heart Disease, Annual Scientific Sessions 2011 to be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, from Saturday, July 23 through Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

Dr. Mehta will present on the topic of "Angiogenesis in Atherosclerosis; Mechanisms and Therapeutic Targets". Angiogenesis or generation of new blood vessels has been known to be the basis of development of blood vessels in fetal life. Recently, angiogenesis has been shown to be a fundamental basis of growth and spread of certain tumors. Angiogenesis has also been identified in the media and adventitia of atherosclerotic blood vessels leading to the concept that atherosclerosis is "cancer of the blood vessels". Work in his laboratory has suggested a potent role of reactive oxygen species released in response to the activation of angiotensin II and oxidized LDL receptor LOX-1 in angiogenesis.

Dr. Mehta, after receiving an MD in India and PhD in Sweden, joined the faculty of the University of Florida College of Medicine, where he rose to be University Research Foundation Professor. He moved to Little Rock in 2000 as the Professor of Medicine and Physiology and Biophysics. He led the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at UAMS until 2007. Dr. Mehta serves on the editorial board of several journals, including Circulation, Hypertension, European Heart Journal, and the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. He has published over 1000 papers, abstracts and book chapters. He is a member of many prestigious academic societies.

Dr. Mehta's research on the biology of LOX-1 has opened a new target for cardiovascular therapy. He has taken this work from the identification of the receptor in endothelial cells, macrophages, platelets, and cardiomyocytes to its upregulation in atherosclerosis and tissue ischemia. This work has inspired a host of collaborators at several prestigious universities. He has shown that LOX-1 polymorphism is associated with a heightened risk of acute myocardial infarction in man.

Dr. Mehta has lectured in over 30 countries and has received several major awards from medical and non-medical societies in the US and abroad.

Dr. Asher Kimchi comments, "We are most fortunate to have Dr. Mehta with us at the 16th World Congress on Heart Disease. His teachings and research are unparalleled and we are looking forward to his presentation on "Angiogenesis in Atherosclerosis." On Sunday, July 24, 2011, at 9:00 A.M. the Founder and Chairman of the International Academy of Cardiology, Dr. Asher Kimchi, will greet the Congress' hundreds of attendees from fifty-eight countries throughout the world.

Dr. Asher Kimchi is the Vice Clinical Chief of Cardiology and the Medical Director of the Preventive and Consultative Heart Center of Excellence at the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute, Los Angeles. He is also a Clinical Professor of Medicine at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles.

The official Opening Ceremony and Awards Presentations will be chaired by Dr. John A. Elefteriades, New Haven, CT, USA; Professor of Surgery, Chief, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine; Chairman, Scientific Executive Committee; and Chairman, Section of Cardiovascular Surgery.

The following Members of the International Academy of Cardiology (IAC) will also take part in the Opening Ceremony:

Dr. Jeffrey S. Borer, Professor of Medicine and Chairman, Department of Medicine; Chief/Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, SUNY, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn NY; Member, Scientific Executive Committee; Chairman, Section of Valvular Heart Disease

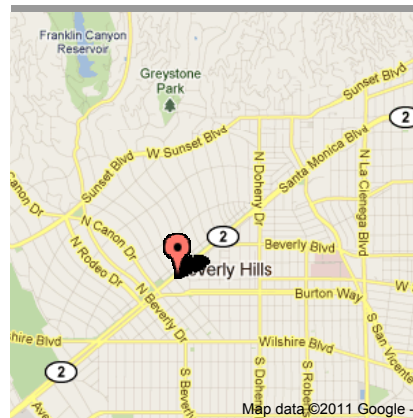
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