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TIMETABLE

Saturday, July 12, 2003
Morning: Arrival and Registration
Evening: Get-Together Reception

Sunday, July 13, 2003
Morning: Opening Ceremony
         Scientific Sessions
Afternoon: Scientific Sessions

Monday, July 14, 2003
Morning: Scientific Sessions
Afternoon: Scientific Sessions
Evening: Farewell Dinner
         (optional)

Tuesday, July 15, 2003
Morning: Scientific Sessions
Afternoon: Scientific Sessions
Dear Friend and Colleague,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to invite you to participate in the 3rd World Congress on Heart Disease - New Trends in Research, Diagnosis and Treatment, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, USA, from July 12-15, 2003.

Plans for this meeting are progressing extremely well. Many distinguished cardiologists and scientists have agreed to join the faculty participating in this Congress. Papers will be presented in the form of plenary sessions, symposia and posters, and will include superb scientific material originating from numerous laboratories around the globe, assuring that the meeting will be a major scientific event.

The Congress will provide the opportunity for a comprehensive overview of the latest research developments in cardiovascular medicine, primarily in the areas of molecular biology, coronary artery disease, heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias and cardiac surgery.

Program areas will range from clinical pathophysiology to evaluation and stratification techniques and molecular and cellular biology, including neurohumoral, immunological and genetic studies. We will discuss new and innovative diagnostic methods, prevention and treatment of heart disease, and prognostic algorithms. Integrated into the program will be an update on the latest major clinical trials.

We hope that you will participate in this Congress and submit for presentation your most recent scientific work in the rapidly evolving field of cardiovascular disease.

Your interaction with your colleagues from many different countries will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas and will be personally rewarding. We look forward to your active participation in the 3rd World Congress on Heart Disease and to welcoming you to the beautiful city of Washington, DC in July 2003.

Yours sincerely,

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MOLECULAR CARDIOLOGY, BASIC RESEARCH
- Apoptosis in vascular and cardiac remodeling
- Oxidative stress and anti-oxidant therapy
- Genetic determinants of coronary heart disease
- Genetic studies in cardiomyopathy
- Gene transfer and therapy, Angiogenesis
- The pathogenesis of atherosclerosis
- Extracellular matrix and atherosclerosis
- Immunological principles in coronary artery disease
- Growth control and cytokines in vascular cells
- Neointimal hyperplasia and vascular injury
- Pharmacologic modulation of vascular-endothelial function

DIAGNOSTIC METHODS
- Biochemical markers of acute ischemia
- Transesophageal echocardiography
- Pharmacologic stress testing - echocardiography
- Echocardiography, three-dimensional reconstruction
- Nuclear cardiology - new techniques to assess cardiac perfusion, function and viability
- PET - new insights into myocardial metabolism
- Applications of cardiac magnetic resonance imaging
- CT and coronary calcification
- Percutaneous coronary angiography
- Intravascular ultrasound imaging
- Intracoronary flow, doppler measurements

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE
- The plaque and acute coronary syndromes
- Mechanisms involved in myocardial stunning, hibernation and ischemic preconditioning
- Acute myocardial infarction: thrombolysis and reperfusion
- Angioplasty therapy for acute myocardial infarction
- Stents: new devices/optimal application/multiple stents
- Antithrombotic and antiplatelet adjunctive therapy for PTCA
- Blockade of tissue proliferation after coronary interventions
- Restenosis - use of ionizing radiation
- Nitrates, beta blockers, calcium entry blockers and ACE inhibition for myocardial ischemia/infarction
- Left ventricular remodeling after myocardial infarction
- Assessment of prognosis, post acute myocardial infarction
- Secondary prevention, risk stratification
- Cardiac rehabilitation as secondary prevention: is it worth the effort?
- Can the progress of atherosclerosis be halted?
- Modification of lipoproteins and coronary disease
- Hypertension, new therapeutic approaches
- Diabetes mellitus, obesity, insulin and atherosclerosis
- Mental stress: its effect on cardiovascular health
- Primary prevention of coronary artery disease in the healthy adult
- Hormone therapy in postmenopausal women: does it alter coronary risk?
- Prevention in children
HEART FAILURE

- Neurohormonal, immunologic and cytokine aspects of heart failure
- Nitric oxide and nitric oxide synthase in heart failure
- Myocyte and receptor abnormalities in heart failure
- Natriuretic peptides, endothelin: role in heart failure
- Inflammatory mediators and heart failure
- Dilated cardiomyopathy: various etiologies
- Ischemic cardiomyopathy
- Left ventricular hypertrophy and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Role of the pericardium, pericarditis and restrictive cardiomyopathy
- Pathophysiologic and prognostic insights in valvular heart disease
- Pulmonary circulation aspects, pulmonary hypertension
- Predictors and markers of heart failure outcome
- Exercise physiology in heart failure
- Renal aspects - diuretics
- Digoxin and other new inotropic agents in heart failure
- ACE inhibitors and Angiotensin-ll receptor blockers
- Beta-blockers and beta-adrenergic receptors in heart failure
- Calcium channel blockers and promoters in heart failure
- Cardiac pacing strategies in heart failure

ARRHYTHMIAS

- Arrhythmias and antiarrhythmic drug therapy
- Atrial flutter/fibrillation - electrophysiologic concepts and clinical aspects
- Management of cardiac arrhythmias pediatric population
- Heart rate variability and prognostic implications
- QT prolongation/dispersion: pathophysiology and prognostic implications
- Sudden death
- Electrophysiologic techniques of mapping and radiofrequency ablation
- Advances in internal defibrillation and implantable antiarrhythmic devices
- Advances in atrial ventricular sequential pacing

CARDIAC SURGERY

- Advances in congenital heart disease
- Angioplasty or surgery for multivessel coronary artery disease
- New approaches to surgical revascularization: Minimally invasive surgery, TMLR
- Therapeutic and physiologic issues surrounding heart valve surgery
- Mechanical support left ventricular assist devices
- Surgery for LV dysfunction
- Cardiac transplantation

MISCELLANEOUS

- Practice guidelines, cost containment
- Computers in cardiology
GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE AND HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
The Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, USA is the venue and headquarters hotel of the 3rd World Congress on Heart Disease - New Trends in Research, Diagnosis and Treatment.
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LANGUAGE
The official language of the Congress is English.

CLIMATE
The weather in Washington, DC 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.

VISA
Many participants may require a visa to enter the USA. We therefore suggest that you contact the American Embassy/Consulate in your country or ask your travel agent for assistance.

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 3rd World Congress on Heart Disease - New Trends in Research, Diagnosis and Treatment. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

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GENERAL INFORMATION (cont’d)

The Scientific Committee will assess all submitted abstracts, and information regarding acceptance and scheduling will then be sent to authors. Authors whose abstracts are accepted agree to give the International Academy of Cardiology permission to publish his/her abstract(s), without compensation, in the Journal of Heart Disease and on its website www.CardiologyOnline.com.

Authors whose abstracts are accepted will be expected to pay Registration fees no later than June 1, 2003 in order to present their study at the Congress.

The abstracts of the Congress will be published in THE JOURNAL OF HEART DISEASE, the official journal of the International Academy of Cardiology.

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Rates quoted are per room, per night, on room only basis.

These rates are only available until June 25, 2003 or until all blocked rooms have been reserved. Rates are per night and are excluding tax.

Reservations received after this date will be booked on a "space available basis", and if group rates will not be available, the prevailing room rates will apply for any reservation confirmed.

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**Convention/Group Code:** 3rd World Congress on Heart Disease
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**Arrival Date:** ____________ **Arrival Time:** ____________ **Departure Date:** ____________

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** Rates do NOT include 14.5% sales tax and US$ 1.50 per room occupancy tax.

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Credit Card No.: ___________________________ Expiration Date: __________ (month/year)

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________________________

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