



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF CARDIOLOGY
12th WORLD CONGRESS ON HEART DISEASE
- NEW TRENDS IN RESEARCH, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT
VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA, JULY 16-19, 2005

June 16, 2005

Dear Participant

We are very pleased that you will participate in the forthcoming 12th 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 12th 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 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 16, 2005	16:00 - 20:00 hours
Sunday, July 17, 2005	08:00 - 18:00 hours
Monday, July 18, 2005	08:00 - 18:00 hours
Tuesday, July 19, 2005	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 first scientific session will take place at 09:00 hours on Sunday, July 17, 2005. 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 floppy disk (3.5"/1.44 MB), a CD or on a memory stick, using the USB port in the computer.

A **Speakers' Ready Room** will be available. Please load your presentation onto one of the congress computers provided, 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 installed 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 Speakers' Ready Room and again in the session hall where your lecture will take place, at least 30 minutes 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 12th World Congress on Heart Disease has been reviewed and approved for Category 1 credit toward the American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Recognition Award. The AMA will approve this educational activity for a maximum of 26.25 Category 1 credits. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. One credit may be claimed for each hour of participation.

A \$25 fee will be charged for CME credit certificates, which will be sent to participants via mail. Members of the AMA will receive the CME credit without having to pay this fee.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

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

EXHIBITION

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

Saturday, July 16, 2005	18:30 - 20:00 hours
Sunday, July 17, 2005	10:00 - 17:00 hours
Monday, July 18, 2005	10:00 - 17:00 hours
Tuesday, July 19, 2005	10:00 - 13:00 hours



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GET-TOGETHER RECEPTION

The Get-Together Reception, will take place in the Exhibition Area of the Hyatt Regency Vancouver on Saturday, July 16 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 12th 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.

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