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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and myself I am honored to invite you to participate in the XII^{th} National Congress of Cardiology, which will take place on 7 – 10th October 2010 in Albena Resort, Varna, Bulgaria.

The program of the Congress will cover different plenary sessions presenting innovative Bulgarian scientific achievements, as well as poster sessions.

The pharmaceutical industry will be able to market their products at the industry focused symposia and at the Exhibition which will be an essential aspect of the Congress.

The National Congress of Cardiology is one of the key events on the scientific calendar in Bulgaria bringing together more than 1300 participants from all over the country and eminent foreign specialist.

For the first time this year the program of the Congress will include joint session between the European and Bulgarian Societies of Cardiology. Leading international lecturers are invited. The main topics are Acute Coronary Syndrome and Heart Failure.

Additional information could be found at the web site of Bulgarian Society of Cardiology http://www.cardiobe.com

We look forward to welcome you!

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Venue

XII National Congress of Cardiology will take place on 7 - 10 October 2010 in Albena Resort, Varna.

Albena resort is one of the most beautiful Bulgarian sea resorts situated 30 km north of Varna, the biggest Bulgarian port. Albena resort is found at the very beach amidst the picturesque hills of Balata National Reserve.

How to reach Varna?

By air. Bulgarian and foreign airline companies directly link Varna to major European cities. Regular flights operate between Sofia and Varna several times daily. Direct flights from major European cities to Varna are available, too.

By train. Varna is linked to almost all capitals and big cities in Europe by train.

By bus/car. Varna is accessible from the main border checkpoints via national and international roads.

Main Topics

- Prevention
- Heart Failure
- Acute Coronary Syndrome
- Images in Cardiology
- Interventional Cardiology
- Arrhythmia and Pacing
- Valve Disease
- ESC Guidelines Implementation
- Grown-Up Congenital Heart Disease (GUCHD)

Scientific Program

Plenary Sessions

• Official languages – Bulgarian and English (no translation will be provided)

Poster Sessions Industrial Exhibition Satellite symposia

Exhibition

Specialized medical exhibition will be held during congress days in Albena Hall giving excellent opportunity to the leading pharmaceutical and instrumental companies to present and promote their products.

Congress Dinner

• Date: 9 October 2010, 20⁰⁰ - 24⁰⁰

• Place: Albena Hall

Dinner, drinks and program included.

All officials and lecturers are kindly invited by the Organizing Committee to join the Dinner.

Accommodation

All officials and lecturers will be accommodated in the 5 – star Flamingo Grand Hotel on full board basis. The hotel is situated in the central part of Albena Resort in close vicinity of the Congress halls and Exhibition space, in 100 m from the beach.

Flamingo Grand Hotel (5-star) offers cozy and luxury-appointed spacious studios all with sea view equipped with central AC system, LCD TV with SAT, Internet, safe, mini bar, "welcome" pot with a tray, possibility for preparing tea and coffee, kitchen annex, etc.

Five or seven days tourist packages before or after the Congress will be offered to participants upon request.

Transfers

Varna Airport is situated in 30 km from Albena Resort /the meeting venue/. Arrival and departure transfers will be arranged for all officials and lecturers upon preliminary submission of precise travel details.

Varna

Varna – the sea capital of Bulgaria is the biggest Bulgarian city at the Black Sea coast and third largest city in the country. You can find here the second largest harbor at the Black Sea coast, an international airport, a railway station (the Varna – Rousse railroad is the oldest one in Bulgaria, built in 1866). Varna hosts a large number of cultural festivals. There are drama and puppet theater, opera house, philharmonic orchestra, exhibition galleries and museums (archaeological, ethnographic). One of must-see places of Varna is the Sea Garden. The Nature and Science Museum is located in it, as well as the Naval Museum, the Planetarium, the Zoo, Terrarium, Dolphinarium and Aquarium. The city has millennial history – the oldest gold in the world was found in the Varna necropolis. Varna is successor of the ancient Odessos. The biggest Roman terms found so far in Bulgaria (2nd -3rd century) are here.





Useful Information

Monetary System

The national currency is the Bulgarian Lev (BGN). Bank notes of the following denominations are in circulation: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 Levs. 1 Euro = 1,95583 Levs.

Climate

Moderate continental climate: mild spring and autumn, hot summer, cold snowy winter. It is usually warm and sunny in the end of September. Daily temperatures range from 220 to 280 C. For current conditions in Bulgaria you can visit:

http://weather.cnn.com/weather/forecast.jsp?locCode=LBSF

Time

Autumn time: GMT + 3 hrs. (September-November)

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