

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract receipt deadline is February 29, 2008

Please submit the abstract through the website of the Meeting: <http://aac2008.sicardio.org>. You can send the Abstracts also by electronic mail as an attached .rtf file in the body of your e-mail to: abstracts@aac2008.sicardio.org. No other formats will be accepted.

General Instructions

The final date for abstract receipt is February 29, 2008. Remember that your abstract will appear in the Abstract Book (supplement of the scientific journal Slovenska Kardiologija - Slovene Cardiology) exactly as you submit it. Please fill out all the requested information on the Abstract Form.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration is required for all participants and accompanying persons. Payment or proof of payment should accompany your Registration Form.

Registration fees (in Euros)

	Before April 20th, 2008	After April 20th, 2008	On-Site Registration During the Meeting
Active participants	400	450	500
Accompanying persons	150	150	150
Undergraduate Medical Students*	150	170	200

*Students are requested to present an international student identity card.

Please register and book the accommodation through the website of the Meeting: <http://aac2008.sicardio.org>



SLOVENIA, on the sunny side of the Alps

Slovenia has an excellent geographical position, in the very heart of Europe, at the crossroads of routes leading from north to south and from west to east. Slovenia is a miniature Europe, a country where the Alps meet the Mediterranean and where the limestone Karst extends to the Pannonian lowlands. A fascinating variety of landscapes is concentrated on an area of no more than 20,000 square km.

Slovenia has only 46 kilometres of coastline in the northernmost bay of the Mediterranean. Nevertheless, this small stretch of land and sea has everything in abundance: a variety of landscape, including the highest flysch cliffs on the Adriatic at Strunjan, the 800-year-old Sečovlje salt pans that provide a natural habitat for very diverse plant and bird life, and the hilly hinterland of Slovenian Istria planted with sun-loving olive groves and vineyards. Medieval Piran, Koper, and Izola are typically Mediterranean at heart and draw visitors with their noble architecture and ancient spirit, while Portorož, the most fashionable seaside resort, bears the trademark of tourism with a tradition of more than 100 years.



PORTOROŽ, the host town of the Congress

Portorož, or the 'Port of Roses', began to develop its tradition of hospitality as a climatic health resort and over the decades has acquired many other facilities that offer diversity and quality to the most demanding guests. Superbly appointed hotels - several with thermal pools and private beaches, gourmet restaurants, entertainment in lively cafes, discotheques, and the Casino, along with many sport activities on both sea and land, flights with light aircraft, and strolls along the shore or in the shadow of subtropical vegetation can fill every day with pleasant experiences. Portorož also has one of the largest and best-equipped marinas on the Adriatic. Especially in summer, the events calendar features a wide variety of cultural performances embracing all artistic fields. The first-class Bernardin Convention Centre, a relative newcomer on the stage, is another important player in the conference field and the first real convention hotel in Slovenia. It belongs to the Bernardin hotel complex situated half way between Portorož and the historic town of Piran.



Detailed information about Slovenia, Portorož and Ljubljana are also easily accessible on the Internet: www.slovenia.info or through the meeting homepage: <http://aac2008.sicardio.org>



"Cardiovascular medicine: from prevention to intervention"

16th Annual Meeting of the
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Please visit the meeting and our Slovenian Society of Cardiology website for the latest meeting information:
<http://aac2008.sicardio.org> and www.sicardio.org

Meeting Venue
Adriatic Resort & Convention Center St. Bernardin, Grand Hotel Bernardin
e-mail: hoteli.bernardin@siol.net, <http://www.h-bernardin.si>

Information about Registration
Cankarjev dom, Congress and Cultural Centre Ljubljana
Ms. Mojca Juvančič - e-mail: registration@cd-cc.si

Other contacts

Hotel Accommodation
Ms. Darja Kovačević, Grand Hotel Bernardin - e-mail: booking@h-bernardin.si

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING



Dear colleagues, dear friends,

it is my great honour and pleasure to invite you to the 16th ALPE ADRIA Annual Cardiology Meeting which will be held in Portorož, Slovenia from 5th to 7th June, 2008 and organized by the Slovenian Society of Cardiology.

Alpe Adria Annual Cardiology meetings are major events in cardiology as well as cardiac surgery in the region covered and extended by the area of southern part of the European Alps and the Adriatic sea area concerning progress in clinical medicine and research. Carefully prepared scientific programme will offer an excellent opportunity to all cardiologists, cardiac surgeons as well as other specialists interested in cardiovascular medicine to present their scientific work as well as exchange their experiences. We are confident that the scientific program, consisting of plenary lectures, symposia and free communications, will maintain high scientific standards of the previous meetings. In order to achieve all this, we have invited many internationally outstanding experts from the broader fields of cardiovascular Medicine.

To maintain high standards of organization of the Mediterranean meetings we decided to organize the congress in the largest tourist resort in Slovenia, close to the Italian border. Portorož is easily accessible by road from Ljubljana or Trieste as well as by train. Two airports conveniently serve Portorož: Trieste International Airport in Italy and Ljubljana International Airport in Slovenia. Portorož - the Port of Roses - with its renewed congress facilities at the Bernardin Convention Centre provides us with an excellent possibility to organize such a meeting and I do believe that everybody will benefit not only from the scientific and professional point of view, but also socially. Although Slovenia is one of the smallest countries in Europe, it has an extremely varied and beautiful landscape, ranging from the snowy Alps to the blue Adriatic Sea, and from the barren Karst to the fertile Pannonian plain. As we like to call it, Slovenia is a land at the sunny side of the Alps.

Therefore, I kindly invite you on behalf of the Slovenian Society of Cardiology and the Organizing Committee of the meeting to join us again in Slovenia under the motto »In the middle of Europe, in the middle of the heart«.

Looking forward to welcoming you also personally.

*Prof. Miran F. Kenda, MD, PhD, FESC, FACC, FAHA
President of the Slovenian Society of Cardiology and Chairman of the Meeting*

COMMITTEES

Organising Committee of the 16th Alpe Adria Cardiology Meeting

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

MAIN TOPICS

- Epidemiology and prevention of cardiovascular diseases
- Atherothrombosis - clinical and basic research
- Acute coronary syndromes
- Heart failure
- Cardiomyopathies
- Hypertension
- Metabolic disorders (metabolic syndrome, diabetes, dislipidemias)
- Arrhythmias, sudden cardiac death
- Cardiac pacing, ICD
- Imaging techniques in cardiovascular medicine
- Angiology (peripheral and carotid)
- Interventional cardiology
- Cardiac surgery (coronary, valvular, congenital)
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- Free communications

Scientific activities

- Update in Cardiology Sessions
- Plenary Sessions
- Parallel Free Paper Sessions
- Symposia
- Problem Oriented Discussions
- Poster Presentations

