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**To
All members of the ALPE ADRIA Scientific Board**

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Dear colleague,

After discussions with all of you during the past months I would now like to invite you to join the scientific board of the ALPE ADRIA CARDIOLOGY meeting 2010 (September 16-18) in Vienna.

We plan to organize this meeting in a different way than it was done in the years before with the aim to make it attractive for young scientists and for established physicians and researchers alike. The following points might contribute to an improvement:

- 1) The meeting should attract mainly younger people from ALPE ADRIA nations (scientific presentations, oral as well as posters); quality has to be assured by selecting the best abstracts for oral or poster presentation. Thereby the members of the scientific board will function as reviewers of abstracts.
- 2) The meeting should also offer „international training“ for young scientists with respect to preparation of oral presentations, posters, and scientific papers (How-to-sessions)

- 3) Members of the scientific board and selected physicians/scientists from the participating countries would chair the sessions, lead the discussions, and present guidelines and hot topics
- 4) Congress fee will be waived for active participants
- 5) Interesting satellite symposia will round up the meeting
- 6) Contact to all national societies with respect to patronizing the meeting will be started shortly in order to receive official support by national cardiologic societies. Please contact your national societies in advance by using your personal contacts. An official invitation will follow as soon as the program has been finished and can be presented
- 7) We also have started to get in contact with national sponsor companies and the respective representatives who might be interested in supporting physicians/scientist from the participating ALPE ADRIA nations. We expect from the scientific board members to be supportive by increasing these contacts.
- 8) Finally I would ask you to indicate your own specialty you would prefer to be involved in. Please give also names and contact addresses as well as main topics of researchers of your choice in your country. But do not invite them in advance! The organizing committee will do this after we have selected all proposals.

Please see attached a preliminary program schedule with respect to the main topics planned. As indicated above, proposals for subtopics and speakers from your countries (please send us their affiliation and email-addresses) are welcome. **DEADLINE FOR ANSWERS: Dec 15, 2009!!!**

With best regards from Vienna



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