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# Advance Programme

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## WELCOME ADDRESS

### From patients to populations

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The World Congress of Cardiology 2008, jointly organized by the World Heart Federation, Argentine Society of Cardiology and Argentine Federation of Cardiology, is in the final stages of preparing to welcome delegates from all four corners of the globe to Buenos Aires this May.

We believe that by working together we can make a difference - as through individual, community and patient care interventions, the growing epidemic of cardiovascular disease can be prevented and managed effectively. Cardiovascular disease (mainly heart disease and stroke) is already responsible for 17.5 million deaths a year. 80% of these deaths are in low- and middle-income countries, and we all have our role to play in changing this trend be it through prevention, education or the sharing of knowledge. These are three key themes that unite the approach of the joint organizers – and many of our participants.

World class speakers with topical and wide-ranging sessions under the theme of “From patients to populations” will offer a rich, diverse and rewarding opportunity to share new and exciting advances in the fields of prevention and management of heart disease and all its inter-related factors. Alongside pharmaceutical and device companies you will see that nutrition is also well represented.

The unique atmosphere and stunning location of Buenos Aires presents a distinctive setting where learning and networking with fellow World Congress of Cardiology delegates, be they cardiologists and related specialists, members of heart foundations or health professionals worldwide – we will all be able to mix business with pleasure and tango with learning.

One key objective of the scientific programme is to feature globally relevant topics in the diagnosis, management and treatment of cardiovascular disease, inclusive of basic, clinical and population research and another is to address public policy and advocacy topics related to cardiovascular disease. It is your participation that makes the World Congress of Cardiology what it is and it is your input and feedback that creates an environment in which to exchange science and build stronger and better working practices and procedures for the future.

The World Congress has always been well received in Latin America including here in Buenos Aires itself back in 1974. A tremendous thank you to all our partners worldwide for their commitment, support and enthusiasm in successfully bringing the World Congress of Cardiology back to Argentina. Finally, we encourage you to take the opportunity post-congress to visit this beautiful country and experience the famous affection of the Argentine people for every culture. We look forward to welcoming you to the World Congress of Cardiology and Buenos Aires.



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**Horacio Faella, MD**  
President of the WCC 2008



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**Shahryar Sheikh, MD**  
President of the World Heart Federation

## HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS

### The World Heart Federation

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The World Heart Federation is an international nongovernmental organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, dedicated to the prevention and control of cardiovascular disease around the world.

Together with its members, the World Heart Federation carries out its mission through four pillars of activity:

- it raises awareness of the burden of cardiovascular disease and its risk factors among the general public, health-care professionals and policy-makers;
- it advocates for programmes and policies to address the rising global burden of cardiovascular disease, particularly in low- and middle-income countries;

#### MEMBERS:

The World Heart Federation is a membership organization that brings together the strength of the medical community (societies of cardiology) with the public health community (heart foundations). The World Heart Federation's 196 member organizations are present in more than 100 countries at both the national and regional levels.

Our network is comprised of National, Continental and Associate members.

#### NATIONAL MEMBERS:

A national society of cardiology or a national heart foundation.

#### CONTINENTAL MEMBERS:

A continental society or foundation which is a group of societies or foundations from one of the continental groupings of countries comprising Europe, North/Central/South America, Asia Pacific, and Africa.

- it carries out demonstration projects in specific low-resource settings, which can then be replicated;

- it shares science and builds capacity, notably through its World Congress of Cardiology that is held every two years, Scientific Advisory Board and Councils and Foundations Advisory Board, as well as the continental networks of member organizations.

#### ASSOCIATE NATIONAL MEMBERS:

A national society devoted to aspects of the prevention and control of heart disease and stroke or with aims similar to those of the World Heart Federation.

#### ASSOCIATE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS:

An independent incorporated organization active in some aspect of the prevention and control of heart disease and stroke.



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## The Argentine Society of Cardiology (SAC)

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The Argentine Society of Cardiology (SAC), founded in 1937, is a member of the World Heart Federation, the Interamerican Society of Cardiology, the South American Society of Cardiology and is affiliated to the European Society of Cardiology. It is one of the world's oldest cardiology societies. Its members include many prestigious historical figures internationally recognized for their contributions to science, such as the Nobel Prize winners Houssay and Drs. Eduardo Braun Menéndez, Pedro Cossio, Alberto Taquini, Mauricio Rosenbaum and Rene Favaloro.

Over its 70 year history, it has been responsible for a rich history of scientific achievements - both educational and within the community. Each year, the Argentine Society of Cardiology organizes the Argentine Congress of Cardiology. The 34th meeting in October 2007 had 10,500 participants, including some of the most important international figures in the world of cardiology. In 1974 the SAC jointly hosted the 7th World Congress of Cardiology and in 1999 the 17th International Congress of Cardiology – setting the scene for the partnership this May, once again playing an active role in the World Congress of Cardiology.

The Argentine Society of Cardiology has more than 6,500 members in various categories including doctors, nurses

and technicians. It has 36 Regional Districts spread over the entire national territory and 17 scientific councils representing all the subspecialties of cardiology. It conducts continuous and intensive teaching with courses in all subspecialties, grants the certification of "University of Cardiology" with various universities and conducts a programme of recertification training.

Other important areas of its role include research, with epidemiological surveys, clinical research studies and the Consensus which sets standards for diagnosis and treatment of major cardiovascular diseases. The society acts as advisor to both legislative chambers of the national parliament and also established a community programme for the general population, the Argentine Foundation of Cardiology, to educate and prevent cardiovascular disease as well as running and dictating courses on cardiopulmonary resuscitation.



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## The Argentine Federation of Cardiology (FAC)

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The Argentine Federation of Cardiology (FAC) is a scientific institution comprised of 37 cardiology organizations and 11 delegations from the entire territory of the Republic of Argentina. Its mission is to promote the harmonious and integrated development of Argentine cardiology to promote cardiovascular health.

The FAC was founded in 1965 by a group of prominent cardiologists from the following Argentine northeast provinces representing the six cardiology organizations existing at the time: Córdoba, Rosario, Mendoza, San Juan, Tucumán and La Plata. A Society of Societies was formed, structured as a federation, in which every federate society kept their autonomy and independence, with equal representation and decision among the Federal National Council, its leadership body.

Its first president and "alma mater" was Professor. Dr. Ricardo Podio from Cordoba, who was then succeeded by members of the Society of Cardiology from Rosario, Mendoza, Córdoba, La Plata, Tucumán, Salta, Buenos Aires and Neuquén. In over 40 years, the organization has carried out intensive work to accomplish its goals in the development and progress of cardiology throughout the country.

Currently it has a total of 22 scientific committees with subspecialties devoted to research and scientific output. It publishes a hierarchical Scientific Magazine, in which prestigious national and foreign authors contribute. Through its Educational Programmes, it develops regular activity focusing on immediate post-graduate education.

Its Center for Teleinformática (CETIFAC) was established in 1995 to develop communication between different federate societies, as well as with several cardiologic centers from abroad. Its achievements include the 5° Congress of Virtual Cardiology, a pioneer activity on the Internet. It also works closely with the CARDIO Foundation dealing with subjects related to the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and health education in the community.

Recognized in several worldwide scientific fora, with many of its members participating in international scientific meetings, FAC continues working in pursuit of a range of goals and always under the ideals set by its founders.



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**IT'S A RED ALERT**

Heart disease & stroke is the No.1 killer of women worldwide. Most heart disease & stroke is preventable. Spread the word. Go Red today.  
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Elizabeth Arden





# CONGRESS SCHEDULE

TIME	Sat. 17 May, 2008	Sun. 18 May, 2008	Mon. 19 May, 2008	Tues. 20 May, 2008	Wed. 21 May, 2008	TIME
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# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

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## FORMATS

Over 250 sessions will be presented in the following formats:

**Symposia** include a maximum of five presentations on the latest developments in fields such as basic science, clinical cardiology and epidemiology.

**Debates** provide a discussion on controversial issues with two statements that will be debated, each with a pro and contra presentation followed by a discussion at the end of each statement.

**How-to & Workshop Sessions** will give the opportunity to interact between a limited audience and experts in various fields of clinical cardiology.

**Clinical Seminars** will highlight various specific subspecialty topics. The sessions will address both specialist and clinician audiences.

## SPANISH SESSIONS

The South American Congress of Cardiology will be held in conjunction with the World Congress of Cardiology. The following sessions including symposia and round table discussions will be presented in Spanish:

- Avances en la insuficiencia cardíaca aguda descompensada
- Conferencia Noedir Groppo Stolf
- Desafíos actuales de la cardiología sudamericana

- Nuevas fronteras en la hipertensión arterial
- Fibrilación auricular. Lo viejo y lo nuevo.
- Factores de riesgo y aterosclerosis subclínica
- Toma de decisiones en valvulopatías
- Cómo optimizar el tratamiento de la insuficiencia cardíaca crónica
- Tratamiento actual de la enfermedad coronaria crónica
- Manejo del paciente con síndrome coronario agudo

## SPECIAL OR JOINT SESSIONS

The World Congress of Cardiology 2008 organizers, the World Heart Federation, the Argentine Society of Cardiology and the Argentine Federation of Cardiology would like to thank the following societies and organizations that have either already committed to the World Congress of Cardiology 2008 to organize a *special or joint session* or who are considering the invitation:

- American College of Cardiology (ACC)
- American Heart Association (AHA)
- American Society of Echo Cardiology (ASE) and International Society for Cardiovascular Ultrasound (ISCU) (*joint session*)
- American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC)
- Argentine Ministry of Health
- Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology (APSC)
- Brazilian Society of Cardiology
- Canadian Cardiology Society (CCS)
- European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
- Heart Rhythm Society and International Society for Holter and Non-invasive Electrocardiology (*joint session*)

- Interamerican Society of Cardiology (IASC)
- International Atherosclerosis Society (IAS)
- International Diabetes Federation (IDF)
- International Society of Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention
- International Society of Cardiovascular & Pharmacotherapy (ISCP)
- International Society of Hypertension (ISH)
- Latin American Society of Interventional Cardiology (SOLACI) and Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) (*joint session*)
- Mexican Society of Cardiology
- Pan African Society of Cardiology (PASCAR)
- Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
- World Heart Failure Society (WHFS)

Further information about these special sessions will be communicated in the *WCC 2008 Final Programme*.

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## INDUSTRY SATELLITE SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

*Industry Satellite Symposia* and *Workshop* activities as well as non-commercial symposia have dedicated time slots:

- before the congress opens in the afternoons (Pre-Congress activities)
- in the middle of the day during the congress (Inter-Sessions)
- at the end of the afternoon (Evening Sessions)

The following companies are hosting a satellite symposium or a workshop during the WCC 2008. Please see below a list of sessions that have already been submitted by the following companies:

### Satellite Symposia

- **Abbott Cardiovascular Laboratories**
  - Acute heart failure treatment: Doing what comes naturally?
- **American Heart Association**
  - Strengthening the chain of survival? From bench to community
- **AstraZeneca**
  - Optimizing outcomes in acute coronary syndromes: Role of new approaches to platelet inhibition
- **Bayer Schering Pharma AG**
  - Management of right ventricular dysfunction in pulmonary arterial hypertension
  - Targeting multiple risk factors to optimize cardiovascular care
- **Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals GmbH**
  - Acute myocardial infarction: Reperfusion strategies in real life and their potential benefit for the patient
  - ONTARGET: New evidence in total cardio and vascular protection
- **Colgate Palmolive**
  - Oral health - cardiovascular health: Emerging evidence of the relationship
- **GlaxoSmithKline**
  - Established role of Fondaparinux in thrombosis events
  - Diabetes, cardiovascular disease and thiazelidinediones
- **Janssen Cilag Pharmaceuticals**
  - Building new strategies in acute decompensated heart failure
- **Menarini International Operations Luxembourg S.A.**
  - From hypertension to heart failure: The developing role of vasodilating beta-blockers

These sessions include:

- **Symposia** specifically designed for any company active in the field of cardiology as an opportunity to showcase the latest developments and scientific information.
- **Workshops** designed for medical device companies, biotechnology companies and the distribution sector related to cardiovascular medicine.
- **Non-commercial Symposia** tailor-made for institutions such as hospitals, universities and not-for-profit organizations.

- **Merck KGaA/Serono**

- The weight of the evidence: Setting the standard with beta-blockade

- **Merck, Sharp and Dohme**

- ER Niacin/Laropiprant: A new paradigm in comprehensive lipid management

- **Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation**

- Emerging data in the treatment of cardiovascular disease

- **Sanofi aventis GmbH**

- Reshaping the future in the management of atrial fibrillation
- LMWHs across the spectrum of ACS: The Weight of the Evidence

- **Sanofi aventis Latin America**

- Intra-abdominal obesity and cardio-metabolic risk factors: Present and future

- **Solvay Pharmaceuticals GmbH**

- Retinopathy associated with prevalent CHD in patients with T2D: What needs to be done?

### How-to-Workshop

- **Biotronik GmbH & Co. KG**

- New trends in catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation

### Other companies that are currently going through the process of submitting a session are:

- Boston Scientific
- Daiichi Sankyo
- International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)
- Quaker

For further details and the latest information, please refer to the WCC 2008 website [www.worldcardiocongress.org](http://www.worldcardiocongress.org)

## SESSIONS BY TOPIC GROUP AND BY DAY

Monday, May 19, 2008

### ARRHYTHMIAS

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>How-to Session</b>	Interpretation of the difficult ECG: Practical approach	10:30	12:00	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Atrial fibrillation: Non-pharmacologic treatment	10:30	12:00	Yangtze	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) - Part One	10:30	12:00	Danube	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Non-invasive risk stratification for sudden cardiac death	14:00	15:30	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Debate</b>	Drugs vs. electrical devices	14:00	15:30	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Electrical therapy in heart failure	14:00	15:30	Danube	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Management of arrhythmias in genetically based diseases	16:00	17:30	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiac resynchronization therapy (CRT) - Part Two	16:00	17:30	Danube	Green Pavillion

### HEART FAILURE/LEFT VENTRICULAR FUNCTION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Acute decompensated heart failure	10:30	12:00	Seine	Green Pavillion
<b>How-to Session</b>	Optimum treatment for heart failure	10:30	12:00	Missouri	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Prognostic factors for heart failure in the beta-blocker era: Who must be listed for heart transplant?	10:30	12:00	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Sleep apnea syndrome and heart failure	14:00	15:30	Seine	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Anemia and heart failure	14:00	15:30	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Surgical treatment for congestive heart failure	16:00	17:30	Seine	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Heart failure with normal ejection fraction	16:00	17:30	Missouri	Yellow Pavillion

### VALVULAR DISEASE / PULMONARY CIRCULATION / MYOCARDIAL-PERICARDIAL

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Management of asymptomatic valve disease	16:00	17:30	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion

### ISCHEMIA / CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Current treatment of myocardial infarction: From evidence to clinical practice	10:30	12:00	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Acute coronary syndrome in the elderly	10:30	12:00	Niger	GreenPavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Antithrombotic treatment in non-ST-acute coronary syndrome	14:00	15:30	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Revascularization of patients with stable coronary artery disease	16:00	17:30	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion

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### INTERVENTIONS / PERIPHERAL CIRCULATION / STROKE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Unresolved issues on coronary interventions	10:30	12:00	Ganges	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Endovascular heart valve interventions: The end of valvular open-heart surgery? - Part One	14:00	15:30	Ganges	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	All you need to know about carotid stenting	16:00	17:30	Ganges	Green Pavillion

### HYPERTENSION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Novel concepts in hypertension treatment	10:30	12:00	Thames	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Treatment of hypertension in special situations	10:30	12:00	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Up-date of treatment of hypertension	14:00	15:30	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion

### EXERCISE / EPIDEMIOLOGY / PREVENTION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiac rehabilitation programmes	10:30	12:00	Nile	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Debate</b>	The polypill is an effective strategy for reduction of cardiovascular diseases	14:00	15:30	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Are comorbidities a limit to cardiovascular prevention in the elderly?	14:00	15:30	Nile	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiovascular risk and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in Africa	16:00	17:30	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Primary and secondary prevention in atherosclerosis: From theory to daily practice	16:00	17:30	Nile	Yellow Pavillion

### PHARMACOLOGY

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Pharmacotherapy in heart failure: New drugs or new benefits?	10:30	12:00	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Debate</b>	Treatment of Chagas disease	16:00	17:30	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	The polypill	16:00	17:30	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion

### BASIC SCIENCE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Advances in genetics	10:30	12:00	Mississippi	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Oxidative stress: Is it a CV therapeutic target?	14:00	15:30	Niger	Green Pavillion
<b>How-to Session</b>	New trends in the management of cardiovascular risk: The role of heart rate	14:00	15:30	Mississippi	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Cellular regenerative therapy in cardiology	16:00	17:30	Mississippi	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Lipids and gene environment in coronary heart disease	16:00	17:30	Niger	Green Pavillion



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### CARDIAC IMAGING / COMPUTERS

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Common challenges in the everyday practice of nuclear cardiology	10:30	12:00	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	All a cardiologist needs to know about cardiac MSCT& MRI	14:00	15:30	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Use of 3D echo in clinical day-to-day practice	14:00	15:30	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Delayed enhancement imaging for evaluation of cardiomyopathies	16:00	17:30	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion

### ACUTE CARDIAC CARE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Advances in cardiopulmonary resuscitation	10:30	12:00	Tigris	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Debate</b>	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation	14:00	15:30	Tigris	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Resuscitation science and survival	16:00	17:30	Tigris	Yellow Pavillion

### PEDIATRIC / CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Severe pulmonary insufficiency after congenital heart surgery	10:30	12:00	Volga	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Fetal cardiology	14:00	15:30	Volga	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Interventional cardiology in congenital heart disease	16:00	17:30	Volga	Yellow Pavillion

### PUBLIC POLICY / ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

		START	END	ROOM	ZON
<b>Symposium</b>	Health promotion for children	16:00	17:30	Yangtze	Ochre Pavillion

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### ARRHYTHMIAS

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Management of patients with syncope	10:30	12:00	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Risk stratification in genetic disorders: ICD or not?	14:00	15:30	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion

### HEART FAILURE / LEFT VENTRICULAR FUNCTION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	What is new in heart failure?	10:30	12:00	Missouri	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Debate</b>	Controversial issues regarding management and treatment of systolic heart failure	10:30	12:00	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion
<b>Debate</b>	Guiding and optimizing treatment of heart failure	14:00	15:30	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Adequate management of chronic heart failure	16:00	17:30	Missouri	Yellow Pavillion

### VALVULAR DISEASE / PULMONARY CIRCULATION / MYOCARDIAL-PERICARDIAL

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Update on mitral regurgitation	10:30	12:00	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Current topics in infective endocarditis	14:00	15:30	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Exercise in valvular heart disease	16:00	17:30	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Understanding hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	16:00	17:30	Yangtze	Ochre Pavillion

### ISCHEMIA / CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Interventional treatment of acute myocardial infarction	10:30	12:00	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Acute coronary syndrome in diabetes	10:30	12:00	Niger	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Acute coronary events during non-cardiac surgery	14:00	15:30	Niger	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Non-invasive imaging for the diagnosis of myocardial ischemia: Which method?	14:00	15:30	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	An international look at care for patients with acute coronary syndrome	16:00	17:30	Niger	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	What should be the antithrombotic therapy in acute coronary syndrome?	16:00	17:30	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion

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### INTERVENTIONS / PERIPHERAL CIRCULATION / STROKE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Late results in cardiovascular interventions	10:30	12:00	Danube	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Percutaneous heart valve interventions: The end of valvular open-heart surgery? - Part Two	10:30	12:00	Ganges	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	BMS and DES restenosis: How do we treat them in 2008?	10:30	12:00	Seine	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Mitral valve repair: What is the best option?	14:00	15:30	Danube	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Complex patients and complex decisions - Part One	14:00	15:30	Ganges	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Lower limb interventions: Stand up and walk	14:00	15:30	Seine	Green Pavillion
<b>Debate</b>	Coronary bypass surgery: Contemporary issues	16:00	17:30	Danube	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	How to deal with PCI complications?	16:00	17:30	Ganges	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Stroke above the carotids	16:00	17:30	Seine	Green Pavillion

### HYPERTENSION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Hypertension and target organ damage	10:30	12:00	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	What are the strategies in the management of mild hypertension?	14:00	15:30	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Management of patients with hypertension and comorbidities	16:00	17:30	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion

### EXERCISE / EPIDEMIOLOGY / PREVENTION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Women and coronary heart disease	10:30	12:00	Nile	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiovascular disease prevention in children	10:30	12:00	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Plasma biomarkers in cardiovascular risk prediction	14:00	15:30	Nile	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Diabetes prevention	16:00	17:30	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Stress and depression: New risk factors for coronary heart disease	16:00	17:30	Nile	Yellow Pavillion

### PHARMACOLOGY

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	The class effect dilemma: Are all drugs within a class created equal?	10:30	12:00	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiovascular drug therapy in women	14:00	15:30	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion

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### CARDIAC IMAGING / COMPUTERS

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Nuclear cardiology 2008	10:30	12:00	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Endothelial dysfunction detection with cold pressor test and myocardial perfusion	14:00	15:30	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Viability imaging	16:00	17:30	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion

### ACUTE CARDIAC CARE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Acute heart failure in the emergency department	10:30	12:00	Tigris	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Acute coronary syndrome from pre-hospital to the emergency room	14:00	15:30	Tigris	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Reperfusion in the elderly: Evidence vs. real life	16:00	17:30	Tigris	Yellow Pavillion

### PEDIATRIC / CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Percutaneous pulmonary valve replacement	10:30	12:00	Volga	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Congenital heart disease in countries with limited resources	14:00	15:30	Volga	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Prevention of cardiac disease in childhood	16:00	17:30	Volga	Yellow Pavillion

### PUBLIC POLICY / ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Debate</b>	Why are we not better in preventing cardiovascular diseases?	14:00	15:30	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Promoting smoke-free environments	14:00	15:30	Thames	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Health from a gender perspective: Implications for CVD	16:00	17:30	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Go Red for Women: Going global	16:00	17:30	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion

## SESSIONS BY TOPIC GROUP AND BY DAY

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### ARRHYTHMIAS

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Atrial fibrillation: From pathogenesis to practice	10:30	12:00	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Sudden death	14:00	15:30	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	To ablate or not to ablate? Controversial issues	14:00	15:30	Danube	Green Pavillion
<b>How-to Session</b>	Acquired long QT syndrome: How to treat?	16:00	17:30	Rhine	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Up-date in ablation of ventricular arrhythmias	16:00	17:30	Danube	Green Pavillion

### HEART FAILURE / LEFT VENTRICULAR FUNCTION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Sudden death in heart failure	10:30	12:00	Missouri	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	The cardiorenal syndrome in heart failure	14:00	15:30	Missouri	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Growing practice of non-pharmacological treatment in congestive heart failure	16:00	17:30	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Advanced heart failure	16:00	17:30	Missouri	Yellow Pavillion

### VALVULAR DISEASE / PULMONARY CIRCULATION / MYOCARDIAL-PERICARDIAL

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Management of acute pulmonary embolism and pulmonary hypertension	10:30	12:00	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Chagas disease	14:00	15:30	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Myocarditis and dilated cardiomyopathies: How are they related?	16:00	17:30	Euphrates	Ochre Pavillion

### ISCHEMIA / CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Management of acute myocardial infarction in the 21st Century	10:30	12:00	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Endothelial function and dysfunction: Assessment, therapy and outcome	10:30	12:00	Yangtze	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Women and cardiovascular disease	14:00	15:30	Niger	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Scaling-up secondary prevention	14:00	15:30	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Hyperglycemia, inflammation and coronary artery disease: New relationships?	16:00	17:30	Mekong	Ochre Pavillion



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### INTERVENTIONS / PERIPHERAL CIRCULATION / STROKE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Debate</b>	PCI in chronic CHD has no proven long-term safety and benefit	10:30	12:00	Ganges	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	New Strategies for PCI	14:00	15:30	Ganges	Green Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Complex patients and complex decisions - Part Two	16:00	17:30	Ganges	Green Pavillion

### HYPERTENSION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Debate</b>	Management of pre-hypertension and metabolic syndrome	10:30	12:00	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Metabolic syndrome in youth: Is it the beginning of the cardiovascular disease continuum?	10:30	12:00	Seine	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Haemodynamics, heart and hypertension	14:00	15:30	Seine	Green Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Management of hypertension	14:00	15:30	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Hot topics in hypertension	16:00	17:30	Orinoco	Ochre Pavillion

### EXERCISE / EPIDEMIOLOGY / PREVENTION

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Global risk factors for the development of coronary artery disease and stroke	10:30	12:00	Nile	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Management of obesity today	14:00	15:30	Volga	Yellow Pavillion
<b>How-to Session</b>	How to reach and maintain LDL below 70 in very high risk patients	14:00	15:30	Nile	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	The cardiovascular hazards of air pollution	16:00	17:30	Volga	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Nutrition, diet and CVD prevention	16:00	17:30	Nile	Yellow Pavillion

### PHARMACOLOGY

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiovascular safety of non-cardiovascular drugs	10:30	12:00	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion

### BASIC SCIENCE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Novel cellular mechanisms in cardiac hypertrophy and ischemia	10:30	12:00	Mississippi	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Contemporary factors in cardiology	14:00	15:30	Mississippi	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	The high-risk asymptomatic patient with coronary artery disease	16:00	17:30	Niger	Green Pavillion

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### CARDIAC IMAGING / COMPUTERS

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	How to use CT multislice and magnetic resonance in clinical practice?	10:30	12:00	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion
<b>How-to Session</b>	How to assess ventricular dyssynchrony for RCT?	10:30	12:00	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Stress echocardiography in difficult patients	14:00	15:30	Yangtze	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Clinical Seminar</b>	Echodoppler as the main tool in assessing left ventricular function	14:00	15:30	Paraná	Ochre Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Tissue doppler imaging: Present and future	14:00	15:30	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Medical informatics: Applications in cardiology	14:00	15:30	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Echo doppler in resynchronization era	16:00	17:30	Huang He	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Medical informatics for a cardiologist: A primer	16:00	17:30	Pilcomayo	Yellow Pavillion

### ACUTE CARDIAC CARE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	The chest pain centre: Evolving concept	10:30	12:00	Tigris	Yellow Pavillion

### PEDIATRIC / CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Adult congenital heart disease: Hot issues	10:30	12:00	Volga	Yellow Pavillion

### NURSING / TECHNICIAN

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Advanced concepts in critical care nursing	10:30	12:00	Thames	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Relevant nursing topics	14:00	15:30	Thames	Yellow Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Nursing in cardiovascular disease	16:00	17:30	Thames	Yellow Pavillion

### PUBLIC POLICY / ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

		START	END	ROOM	ZONE
<b>Symposium</b>	Cardiology in middle- and low-income countries	10:30	12:00	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Post-graduate cardiology training and recertification	14:00	15:30	Rio de la Plata	Red Pavillion
<b>Symposium</b>	Prevention of cardiovascular disease in asymptomatic patients	16:00	17:30	Mississippi	Yellow Pavillion

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George	STEINER	CANADA
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Jorge	THIERER	ARGENTINA
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Andrew	TONKIN	AUSTRALIA
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Yunlong	XIA	CHINA
Cheuk-Man	YU	CHINA
Salim	YUSUF	CANADA
Carlos	ZABAL	MEXICO
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## ABSTRACTS

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The Scientific Programme Committee gratefully acknowledges the submission of over 2000 abstracts from all over the world. All abstracts have been graded and reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC). Outcome notifications have been sent in early February 2008.

All accepted abstracts will be published in "*Circulation*" the journal of the American Heart Association. To learn more about "*Circulation*" visit [www.ahajournals.org](http://www.ahajournals.org) / [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

Abstracts will be presented in the following formats:

- Poster
- Oral abstract presentation

### **Poster presentations**

- Dimensions: 1.8 meters (max) to 1.5 meters (min) high, by 0.9 meters wide (70.80 inches by 35.40 inches).
- The title, authors' detail(s) and affiliation(s) should be printed at the top of the poster. The chosen font should not be smaller than 5 cm (1.95 inches).
- Even at a distance of 1 meter from the poster board, the poster should be easily readable.
- Posters must be placed on the boards (provided by the organizers) with double sided tape (not provided by the organizers).

- Regarding the content structure of the poster, the sections outlined below should be observed:

- Introduction
- Materials and Methods
- Results
- Conclusion(s)
- Wherever possible, results can be illustrated with picture(s) and chart(s)

- Posters must be put up and dismantled according to the time slots given by the organizers. Further details about dates and times will be communicated in due course.
- Should you not dismantle your poster at the appropriate time the staff will take the liberty to remove it. The Congress Organizers will accept no liability for your material and poster.

### **Oral abstract presentations**

The information about the date and time of the oral abstract sessions as well as the format of the presentation will be communicated separately.

For assistance, please contact [science@worldheart.org](mailto:science@worldheart.org)

## CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

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The World Congress of Cardiology 2008 has applied for CME credits accredited by the European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology (EBAC).

Further information will follow on the WCC 2008 website ([www.worldcardiocongress.org](http://www.worldcardiocongress.org)) and in the *WCC 2008 Final Programme*.

# REGISTRATION

Participants can register on-line via the Congress website: [www.worldcardiocongress.org](http://www.worldcardiocongress.org) or with the enclosed registration form (see page 39) to be faxed directly to ICS Congresos Internacionales: +54 11 4813 0073. Registration fees are payable in US Dollars and are inclusive of VAT.

FEE CATEGORY	PRE-REGISTRATION Until April 15, 2008	REGISTRATION From April 16, 2008 & on-site
Standard Fee	730	790
Technician / Nurse / Trainee <sup>a</sup>	365	400
Latin-American and Caribbean Delegate	485	790
Latin-American and Caribbean Technician / Nurse / Trainee <sup>a</sup>	245	400
Argentine Delegate	485	790
Argentine Technician / Nurse / Trainee <sup>a</sup>	245	400
Heart Foundation Professional <sup>b</sup>	365	400
Accompanying Person's Programme	245	345 <sup>c</sup>

- a. With a letter of approval from your university or hospital.  
IMPORTANT FOR TRAINEES: Registration will be processed only upon presentation of a copy of your degree/licence sent with the registration form (5 years maximum since graduation)  
b. With a letter of approval from the World Heart Federation  
c. According to availability

For immediate support contact:

[wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar](mailto:wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar)

Certificates and letters of approval must be received no later than April 15, 2008. Registration forms without certificates will not be processed.

Please send by fax to +54 11 4813 0073

or scan the form and send by e-mail to:

[wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar](mailto:wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar), stating:

"Attention: WCC 2008 - Registrations - and the participant's [LAST NAME] and [NAME]".

## DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

- Congress badge
- Congress bag with the *WCC 2008 Final Programme*
- Full access to the exhibition and scientific sessions
- Access to the opening ceremony (limited seats available)

## ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

- Access to the exhibition
- Access to the opening ceremony (limited seats available)
- Selected tours

## GROUPS

For group registration please contact directly ICS Congresos Internacionales: [wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar](mailto:wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar)

## IMPORTANT

Registration forms without payment or relevant certificates will not be processed. For administrative reasons registration forms received after April 15, 2008 will not be processed. After April 15, 2008 on-line registration will be closed and delegates will have to register on site during the official registration opening hours.

## PAYMENT

For individual pre-registration, payment can be made via credit card or bank transfer. Registration fees will be applied according to the payment date and if needed, according to the receipt of the requested certificates. For on-site registration as of May 17, 2008, and during official registration opening hours, payment can be made via credit card or by cash. US Dollars and Argentine Pesos will be accepted on site.

## CANCELLATIONS

For cancellations received in writing prior to April 15, 2008 the paid registration fee will be reimbursed less a 25% administration fee. No refunds will be issued after that date. Reimbursements will be forwarded 60 days after the Congress ends.

## CONFIRMATION

As soon as payment is processed, delegates will receive a confirmation letter by e-mail.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION OPENING HOURS:	
Saturday, May 17, 2008	15:00 to 18:00
Sunday, May 18, 2008	09:00 to 18:00
Monday, May 19, 2008	08:00 to 18:00
Tuesday, May 20, 2008	08:00 to 18:00
Wednesday, May 21, 2008	08:00 to 18:00

## ATTENTION ITALIAN DELEGATES

Please note that Alijet & Fargo International has been authorized to collect and deliver to the department of Public Health in Rome, Italy, all application forms from these delegates who will attend the WCC 2008.

Contact:

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## CHOICE OF JOURNALS

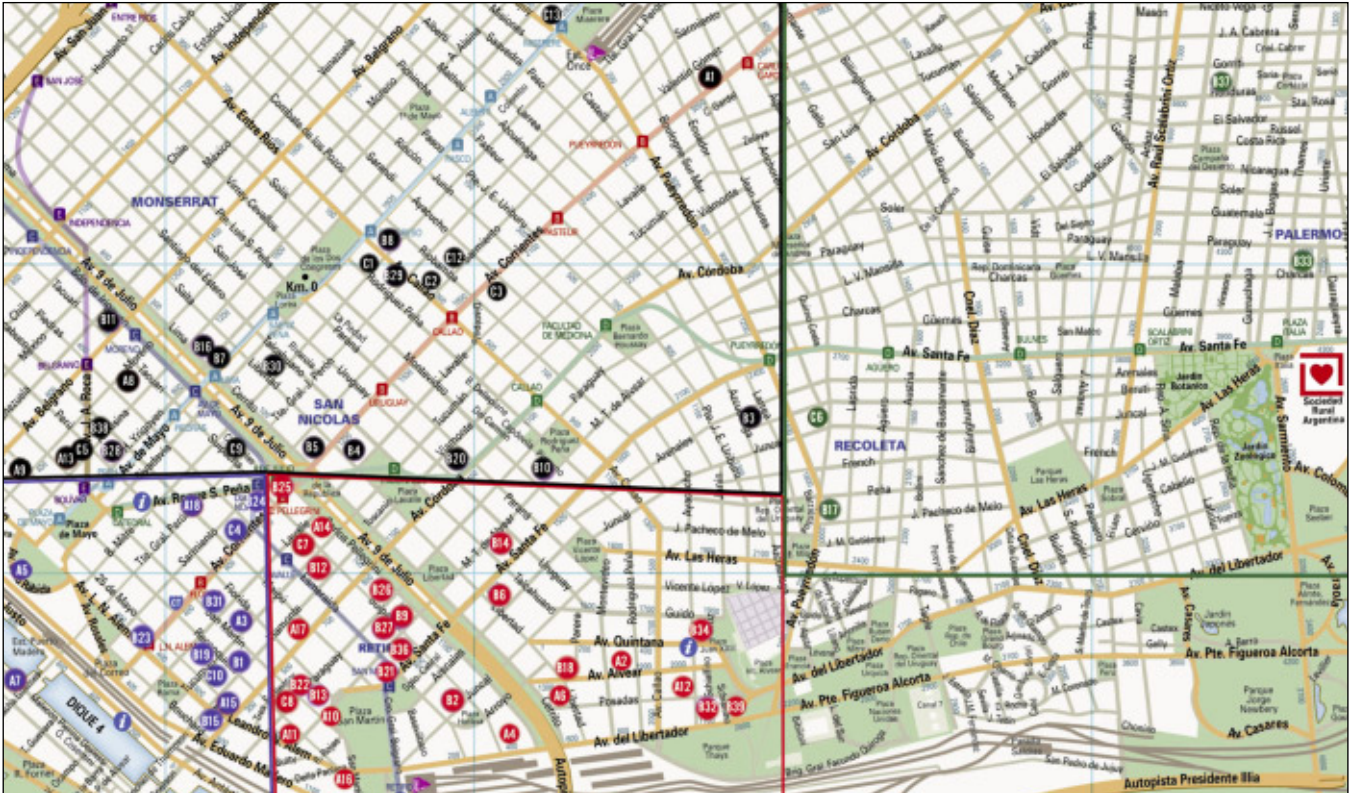
All delegates of the World Congress of Cardiology 2008 are eligible to receive a special subscription rate to the following journals. Fees stated in USD (US Dollars).

- *Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine* at USD 50 for a one-year subscription.
- *Prevention and Control Journal* at USD 50 for a one-year subscription.
- *Revista Argentina de Cardiología Journal* at USD 50 for a one-year subscription.
- *Revista de la Federación Cardiologica Argentina Journal* at USD 50 for a one-year subscription.

Please find more information on *Nature Clinical Practice Cardiovascular Medicine* and *Prevention and Control* on page 37.



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION



The main hotel area is located 20 to 30 minutes from La Rural Convention & Exhibition Centre with easy access by public transportation with the metro ("subte"). The airport "Jorge Newbery" is located 15 minutes away (domestic flights and from/to Uruguay).

Although the official hotel reservation deadline has already passed, please contact ICS Congresos Internacionales by e-mail at: [wcc2008accommodation@congresosint.com.ar](mailto:wcc2008accommodation@congresosint.com.ar) or by fax at +54 11 4813 0073 for assistance. Subject to availability, ICS will provide a list of hotels and further information about the reservation procedure.



# CONGRESS VENUE

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## CONGRESS VENUE INFORMATION

### Address

La Rural Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Av. Sarmiento 2704  
Palermo  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

### Registration opening hours

Saturday, 17 May 2008	15:00 - 18:00
Sunday, 18 May 2008	09:00 - 18:00
Monday, 19 May 2008	08:00 - 18:00
Tuesday, 20 May 2008	08:00 - 18:00
Wednesday, 21 May 2008	08:00 - 18:00

### Exhibition opening hours

Sunday, 18 May 2008	18:00 - 20:00
Monday, 19 May 2008	09:00 - 18:00
Tuesday, 20 May 2008	09:00 - 18:00
Wednesday, 21 May 2008	09:00 - 18:00

### Session rooms

To highlight the international nature of the World Congress of Cardiology all session rooms have been named after rivers. These rooms are shown on the map on page 29.

### Language

English is the official language of the congress. However a trackline presented during the South American Congress of Cardiology will be held in Spanish. Simultaneous translation (English-Spanish and Spanish-English) will, however, be provided in the following rooms:

Main Auditorium "Rio de la Plata", Danube and Thames.

## HOW TO GET THERE

### Shuttle service

A shuttle service will be available between the congress venue and the main hotel area at key times. Further information will be available in the *WCC 2008 Final Programme*.

### By Subway

There are five "subtes" lines (abbreviated name for subterraneo/subway). Subway lines are connected with the main avenues, railway and bus stations. Each ticket may be used on all the subway lines.

Monday-Saturday	5:00 am - 10:30 pm
Sunday	8:00 am - 10:00 pm

The main subway line from the hotel area to La Rural Convention & Exhibition Centre is the "Subte Linea D" with "Plaza Italia" as the stop.

### By Taxi

Taxis can be called by phone or hailed directly in the street. Radio taxis are considered the best option. Taxis can be easily recognized by their colours, black and yellow, and a red light on the taximeter indicates that they are available. Please see below the recommended radio taxi companies that major hotels work with:

ALO: +54 11 4857 1111  
EL PORTEÑO: +54 11 4566 5777  
PREMIUM: +54 11 4374 6666  
PIDALO: +54 11 4956 1200  
LLAMENOS: +54 11 4556 6666  
SU TAXI: +54 11 4635 6089

It is recommended to use only taxi companies that work with leading hotels.



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## CONGRESS VENUE

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### ON-SITE SERVICES

#### **Cyber corner**

Internet access will be provided at selected locations throughout the congress venue. They can be used by all delegates free of charge for a limited time period to access the internet.

#### **Business centre**

Printing, copying and other office requirements can be handled at the business center located within the exhibition area.

#### **First aid**

Delegates in need of medical treatment should contact the First Aid Point located near the registration area.

#### **Cloakrooms**

Cloakrooms are located throughout the congress venue. Further information will be published in the *WCC 2008 Final Programme*.

#### **Food and beverage outlets**

Please refer to the map to locate different food and beverage points throughout the congress venue. All food and beverage facilities will be open during the day to serve drinks, snacks and lunch. Payments can be made by cash or credit cards.

#### **Lost and found**

A lost and found office will be available for delegates. Further information will be provided in the *WCC 2008 Final Programme*.

#### **Hotel information, social events and tours desk**

Desks for information about hotels, social events and tours will be located near the registration area. Please refer to the map on page 29.

#### **Parking**

Underground parking can be accessed 24 hours from two different entrances: via the Sarmiento Avenue and via the Cerviño street. Approximately 1000 cars can be parked at the La Rural Congress Venue. The following rates will apply: 1 hour - USD 2.50, 12 hours - USD 12, 24 hours - USD 15.







# TRAVELLING TO ARGENTINA

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## ABOUT ARGENTINA

Argentina has a wealth of natural beauty and immensely varied scenery. It covers an area of over one million square miles and is the second largest country in South America. In the north there are the hot Chaco grasslands and tropical jungle and in the south the Antarctic ice of Tierra del Fuego. A visit to Iguazu Falls, the largest and most extensive in the world can be combined with a horseback ride on the Pampas, whale watching in the south, a visit to the amazing Moreno glacier and the capital, Buenos Aires.

## AIRPORT INFORMATION

Two airports serve Buenos Aires:

**Ezeiza International Airport:** Most airlines arrive at this airport located 37 km from the city centre by highway. Bus, transfer, taxi and chauffeur-driven rented car services take approximately 40 minutes to reach the city.

Av. Tte. Gral. Ricchieri s/n, [www.aa2000.com.ar](http://www.aa2000.com.ar),  
Phone: +54 11 5480 6111

**Jorge Newbery Airport:** Visitors coming from the interior of the country or from bordering countries arrive at this airport located by the riverside, five minutes away from the city centre.

Av. Rafael Obligado s/n, [www.aa2000.com.ar](http://www.aa2000.com.ar),  
Phone: +54 11 4771 0104

**Upon arrival at the airport** when looking for a taxi to take you to your hotel, it is strongly recommended that you only use taxi companies that work with leading hotels. Please contact your hotel for further advice.

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

You will need a valid passport and may need a visa to visit Argentina. Ask your nearest Embassy or Consulate or visit:

[www.mrecic.gov.ar](http://www.mrecic.gov.ar)

An Invitation Letter for visa purposes can be obtained via ICS Congresos Internacionales. Please contact:

[wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar](mailto:wcc2008registration@congresosint.com.ar)

## VISITING BUENOS AIRES

The cultural capital of South America, Buenos Aires is located in the eastern banks of the River Plate, the largest river in the world. The city has a cosmopolitan atmosphere, although being a modern city, it includes turn-of-the-twentieth-century European style buildings. It also has some well preserved districts of typical colonial architecture.

Buenos Aires inhabitants are called "porteños" which makes reference to the fact that the city is a port. Buenos Aires has everything to transform your visit into a wonderful experience.

## CLIMATE

The climate of Buenos Aires is mild all year round. The mean annual temperature is 18°C. Visitors can enjoy walking

around the city in any season. On a sunny day in autumn, mornings are chilly, the temperature rises at midday and drops again at night. The average temperature for May is 12°C.

## LANGUAGE

The official language is Spanish and the locals also easily understand Italian and Portuguese. However, most people involved in tourist activities speak English.

## TIME DIFFERENCE

The time zone corresponds to GMT-3.

## BANKS, CURRENCY, CREDIT CARDS AND VAT

Banks open at 10 am and close at 3 pm (some banks extend their closing time to 4 pm). Cash withdrawals and other transactions may be made at ATMs, 24 hours a day.

The tourist subsidiary of Banco Ciudad offers this service to visitors. You can buy and sell US dollars, Euros and traveler checks: Tuesdays to Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm; Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 6 pm; Mondays from 10 am to 6 pm. Cashiers are tourist exclusive.

The Argentine currency is the peso (\$). There are \$ 100, \$ 50, \$ 20, \$ 10, \$ 5 and \$ 2 notes, and 1 peso, 50, 25, 10 and 5 cent coins.

The U.S. dollar (USD) is the most common foreign currency. Banks and currency exchange offices (casas de cambio), where you must present your passport, exchange foreign currency. Most of the shops accept credit cards and dollars but it is more convenient to pay by cash with pesos exchanged in casas de cambio or banks.

The VAT rate in Argentina is 21%. As a foreign visitor, you have the right to a refund of the value-added tax included in the price of the articles you take to your country. At the airport you may obtain a VAT reimbursement corresponding to any purchases made within the country for an amount over \$ 70 (per invoice) and in shops operating with the Global Refund system.

## ELECTRICAL POWER

Electric power in Argentina is 220 volt, 50-cycle alternating current. Power outlets have two cylindrical holes or two flat holes with ground connection. It is convenient to bring an adaptor for these outlets to use your electrical devices without problems.

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## SECURITY

Buenos Aires has the reputation of being a safe city, but as in any other big city in the world, tourists should take sensible precautions.

## MAKING PHONES CALLS

Buenos Aires has many public telephone booths. Public phones operate with: 5, 10, 25, 50-cent and 1-peso coins. Phone cards can be bought at any sweet or tobacco stalls (quiosco). These phones allow local, national and international calls.

For international calls, dial: 00 + country code + area code + local number.

The country code for Argentina is 54, and the area code for Buenos Aires is 11. For example, to call to 4333-6666 from outside the country, you should dial: +54 11 4333 6666.

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- Police: 101
- Fire: 100
- Medical assistance/ Emergencies: 107
- Telephone enquiries: 110
- Ezeiza International Airport and Jorge Newbery Airport: +54 11 5480 6111

## OPENING HOURS

Shops are open from Monday through Fridays from 9 am to 8 pm, and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm; however, shops in main locations are also open on Saturday afternoons. In shopping centers, hours usually extend until 10 pm, including Saturdays and Sundays.



## TOURS

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### HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Half day tour around South America's most elegant capital. On the way you will see Plaza de Mayo and the buildings that surround it: Casa Rosada (Government House), Cabildo Old City Hall, the bustling banking and business district. Then on to see the monumental Congress Building and its square and along 9 de Julio Ave., the widest in the world, the Colon Theatre, the famous Opera House where the most important artists and musicians from all over the world perform. You will also visit San Telmo, la Boca, and its picturesque street "Caminito", Puerto Madero, Palermo Park with Jacaranda and Palo borracho trees which flower in spring and late summer, the polo field and the race track and the historical Recoleta Cemetery with its ornate memorials.

**Price per person USD 22\***

### TIGRE & DELTA CRUISE

Drive through the fashionable riverside suburbs of Olivos, San Isidro, San Fernando to the Tigre district, with its gracious homes, weeping willows, open air restaurants and cafes. With its assorted food vendors and soap-box politics, this is the preferred "playground of the porteños". You will then continue by motor boat for a leisurely cruise along the waterways and islands of the delta. Cruise past "turn-of-the-century" stone mansions, English cottages, Italian villas, little wooden shacks painted bright blue and green, ferries, crews practising in outriggers, lonely canoeists, rowing and yacht clubs. You will enjoy a cruise along innumerable channels before returning to town.

**Price per person USD 45\***

### CULTURAL TOUR - MUSEUMS

The cultural heritage in Buenos Aires is ever increasing. This tour is a selection of the best art collections of the city. First you will go to the institutional center, the Fine Arts National Museum. Once you have visited the new and magnificent museum of Latin American modern and contemporary art (MALBA, Costantini Collection), you will go to the tiny and excellent Xul Solar Museum that holds the best works of some of the most prestigious Argentinean artists.

**Price per person USD 55\***

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### OPTIONAL

#### Full Day Fiesta Gaucha

This tour is the ideal opportunity to absorb the atmosphere of country life at a really colorful Argentine feast in the Pampas. Lunch with renowned Argentine beef and live entertainment by "Gauchos" in their typical dress, dancing to folklore music, will make this a memorable day.

**Price per person USD 112**

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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008	
Event	Time
Half day city tour	From 11:00 to 15:00
Tigre and Delta Cruise	From 11:00 to 16:00
Fiesta Gaucha	From 09:00 to 17:00
Cultural tour	From 11:00 to 15:00
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008	
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Tigre and Delta Cruise	From 11:00 to 16:00
Fiesta Gaucha	From 09:00 to 17:00
Cultural tour	From 11:00 to 15:00
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2008	
Half day city tour	From 11:00 to 15:00
Tigre and Delta Cruise	From 11:00 to 16:00
Fiesta Gaucha	From 09:00 to 17:00
Cultural tour	From 11:00 to 15:00



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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**In celebration of the World Congress of Cardiology, there are several public events that will run in parallel to the Congress.**

These will be coordinated by the Argentine Foundation of Cardiology and the CARDIO Foundation which are pleased to propose the following activity programme. All of the activities are intended for the community and you are invited to join in.

**On Saturday, May 17, 2008** between 9 am and 6 pm basic CPR courses are planned in the park located on Av. Sarmiento and Av. Del Libertador, close to "Monumento a los Españoles"

There will be a 2-hour course running throughout the day - allowing attendees to be trained in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation procedures. The activity will be carried out in a 200m<sup>2</sup> tent and the aim is to make people aware of the importance of knowing the proper basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation procedures in case of an emergency situation.

**On Sunday, May 18, 2008** the Argentine Foundation of Cardiology and the Cardio Foundation are organizing a **10 km competitive run** and **3 km aerobic walk** at the Bosques de Palermo. These activities will take place from 9 to 1 pm.

The run is expected to gather approximately 3000 professional runners and the walk about 7000 people. The aim is to promote the importance of physical exercise in order to prevent cardiovascular disease and to improve the quality of life whilst developing healthy habits from an early age and maintaining them throughout your lifetime.

The general goal of these activities is to spread the importance of preventing cardiovascular diseases to the Argentine community, as prevention is one of the major topics being discussed during the World Congress of Cardiology.

Please note that schedules for these activities may change. Final details will be given on the congress website [www.worldcardiocongress.org](http://www.worldcardiocongress.org) and in the *WCC 2008 Final Programme*.



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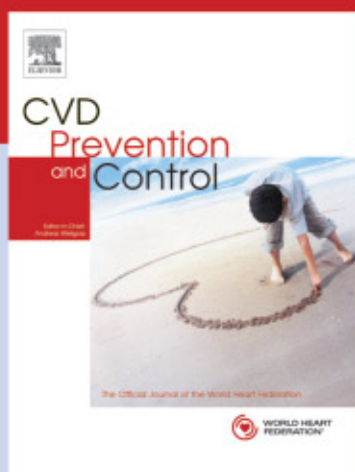
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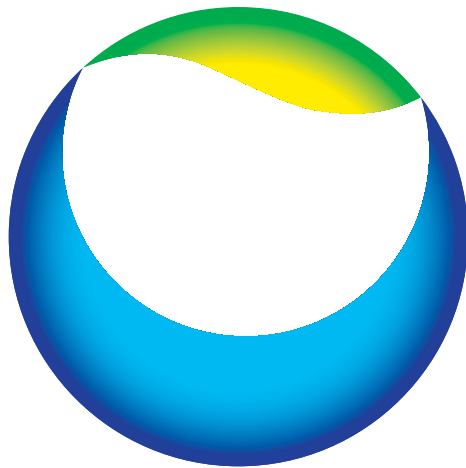
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