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INVITATION

Dear Colleague,

The Organising Committee has the pleasure of inviting attend the forthcoming 12th European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, which will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria between 22nd and 26th June 2003. Participants from different fields and branches in the area of the clinical hemorheology will be welcomed. The Conference aims to continue the work of the previous meetings, involving more active participation of Eastern European countries. The Conference is planned to strengthen the development of the international collaboration not only between scientists in the field of hemorheology from Europe but around the world.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Bulgaria in June 2003. We sincerely hope that you will find the meeting convinced and rewarding and Sofia will ensure very good conditions for an extensive exchange of views and personal contacts.

HOST ORGANIZATION

**Bulgarian Society for Biorheology
(Theoretical, experimental and clinical)**

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The scientific program will review the present status and the recent achievements in the field of clinical hemorheology. It will cover all aspects of the clinical hemorheology from fundamental to practical, from in vivo blood rheology to molecular mechanisms of cellular processes, drug effects etc. The program will be aimed to strengthen the existing knowledge and practice by holding special symposia and sessions. Your proposals organizing symposia will be highly appreciated.

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

The topics of interest related to Clinical Hemorheology include, but are not limited to:

- Hemorheology and microcirculation
- In vivo hemorheology and hemodynamics
- Ultrasonography and clinical Hemorheology
- RBC aggregation and deformability
- White cell adhesion to the vascular endothelial cells
- Endothelial factors in atherogenesis as potential therapeutic targets
- Mechanotransduction in hemorheology
- Clinical and applied hemorheology and hemostasis
- Microcirculatory processes in arterial ischemia and diabetes mellitus

- Hemorheological disturbances in cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, renal, respiratory diseases
- Hyperviscosity syndromes
- Hemorheology and haematological diseases
- Drug effects
- Blood replacements, plasma modifications
- Methods in hemorheology and cell mechanics
- Hemorheological Methodology, Standardisation and Quality Control
- Modeling and hemorheology

EXHIBITION

An exhibition will run parallel to the Conference. Laboratory equipment, drugs and other diagnostic, therapeutic, pharmaceuticals and chemical products will be of interest during the meeting. Contact with organizers for further information.

VENUE

The 12th European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology is planned to take place in the National Palace of Culture (Sofia Congress Center), situated in the center of Sofia. Sofia Congress Center is the largest multipurpose complex in South Eastern Europe for conferences and cultural activities.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels of various categories, ranging from 2-star hotels (25 USD for a single room and 30 USD for a double one) up to 5-star hotels (Sheraton Sofia, Hilton) and others will be provided. Some of these hotels are within walking distance and tram and bus lines to the conference venue conveniently connect others. More information will be given in the next announcement.

TRAVEL

Sofia is well connected to most of European capitals and large cities through regular flights, railways and bus services. Flight time from central Europe is less

than two hours. The Organizers will arrange transfers from the airport to the Conference venue.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

A number of social and tourist activities will be organized for participants and accompanying persons. A post-conference tour will also be organized provided there is sufficient interest.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference will be English.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The first announcement of the conference with the preliminary scientific program, registration and abstract submission forms will be prepared to the mid of 2002. You will have the possibility to make registration and hotel reservation, submit the abstracts on line and follow any further information through the web site of the Conference, which will be currently updated:

<http://www.12ECCHemorheology2003.primasoft.bg> or
<http://www.12ECCH.primasoft.bg>

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