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PLENARY LECTURES ANNOUNCED FOR WORLD'S LARGEST OSTEOPOROSIS CONGRESS

IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, December 3-7, 2008

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Fourteen of the world's leading osteoporosis experts will present plenary lectures at the 2008 IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis (IOF WCO) in Bangkok, Thailand.

"We have selected these speakers for their ability to present the latest science in a format that will be useful for the thousands of health care professionals attending the IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis," noted Professor Cyrus Cooper, Chairman, IOF Committee of Scientific Advisors and Chairman, IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis 2008 Scientific Committee.

The IOF WCO, which will be held from December 3-7, 2008, is the world's largest scientific congress devoted specifically to osteoporosis.

"IOF decided to hold this important event in Asia partly because of the enormous projected growth in osteoporosis in the region," noted Professor Cooper, who pointed out that in 2050 one out of every two osteoporotic fractures will occur in Asia. "Asia also has a large number of committed health care professionals who want to meet with their colleagues from around the world to learn the latest in diagnostics and treatment."

The confirmed plenary lectures and presenters:

Worldwide Epidemiology of Fractures: Differences between East and West
Professor Jane Cauley, USA

An update on the Genetics of Osteoporosis
Dr Andre Uitterlinden, The Netherlands

Brain and Bone: CNS Control of Bone Metabolism
Professor Florent Elefteriou, USA

Cancer Induced Bone Loss
Professor Robert E. Coleman, UK

Novel Mechanisms of Bone Formation (mechanotransduction to sclerostin)
Professor John Bilezikian, USA

Absolute Fracture Risk/Determination and Clinical Usefulness
Professor Eugene McCloskey, UK

Vitamin D Insufficiency: Myth or Reality
Professor Steven Boonen, Belgium

Approaches to the Prevention of Bone Fragility throughout Life: Diet and Exercise

Professor Ego Seeman, Australia

Immune System and Bone

Professor Hiroshi Takayanagi, Japan

Estrogen and Bone in Men and Women

Professor Sundeep Khosla, USA

Economically Effective Osteoporosis Treatment Worldwide

Professor John A. Kanis, UK

Novel / Biologic Therapies in Osteoporosis

Professor Pierre D. Delmas, France

Epidemiology and Risk factors for Osteoarthritis

Professor Cyrus Cooper, UK

Structure Modification in Osteoarthritis: fact or fantasy?

Professor Jean-Yves Reginster, Belgium

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Osteoporosis, in which the bones become porous and break easily, is one of the world's most common and debilitating diseases. The result: pain, loss of movement, inability to perform daily chores, and in many cases, death. One out of three women over 50 will experience osteoporotic fractures, as will one out of five men^{1,2,3}. Unfortunately, screening for people at risk is far from being a standard practice. Osteoporosis can, to a certain extent, be prevented, it can be easily diagnosed and effective treatments are available.

The International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) is the only worldwide organization dedicated to the fight against osteoporosis. It brings together scientists, physicians, patient societies and corporate partners. Working with its 182 member societies in 88 locations, and other healthcare-related organizations around the world, IOF encourages awareness and prevention, early detection and improved treatment of osteoporosis.

IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis, held every two years, is the only global congress dedicated specifically to all aspects of osteoporosis. Besides the opportunity to learn about the latest science and developments in diagnosis, treatment and the most recent socio-economic studies, participants have the chance to meet and exchange ideas with other physicians from around the world. All aspects of osteoporosis will be covered during the Congress which will comprise lectures by invited speakers presenting cutting edge research in the field, and a large number of oral presentations and poster sessions selected from submitted abstracts. More than 40 Meet the Expert Sessions covering many practical aspects of diagnosis and management of osteoporosis are also on the program.

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