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IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis 2nd Announcement published

The just published 2nd Announcement for the IOF WCO, the leading global congress covering all aspects of osteoporosis and related bone diseases, is available at:

www.osteofound.org/wco/2006/

Included are the Scientific Program, Call for Abstracts, registration forms, social and tour programs, hotel offers as well as information on exhibition and sponsorship opportunities.

Welcoming stimulating interaction, the IOF WCO presents an overview of the most recent developments in: pathophysiology, research, diagnosis, prevention and treatment policy-related issues

Congress highlights

Research scientists, practitioners and other clinical health professionals can benefit from the numerous Meet the Expert Sessions as well as dedicated sessions for Allied Health Professionals and Space Agencies Day – Bone Space Medicine . Eleven plenary lectures, oral presentation of selected abstracts, poster sessions and satellite symposia complete the thought-provoking program.

Who should attend

Rheumatologists, gynaecologists, endocrinologists, internal medicine specialists, orthopaedic surgeons, radiologists, nurses, rehabilitation professionals, public health personnel, epidemiologists, pharmacists, pharmaceutical industry representatives and publications/media professionals.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: December 6, 2005

Notification of abstract acceptance: February 20, 2006

Registration

Early registration: until November 21, 2005

Pre-registration: November 22, 2005 to May 2, 2006

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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 170 member societies in 84 locations, and other healthcare-related organizations around the world, IOF encourages awareness and prevention, early detection and improved treatment of osteoporosis.



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***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 70 Meet the Expert Sessions covering many practical aspects of diagnosis and management of osteoporosis are also on the program.*

International Osteoporosis Foundation 2005 Osteoporosis Journalism Awards

These awards recognize outstanding print reporting about osteoporosis. With prizes of USD 17,000, the closing date for award entries is January 31, 2006. For more information please go to IOF website [journalism award](#).

For more information on osteoporosis and IOF please visit: www.osteofound.org

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