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**PLENARY LECTURES ANNOUNCED FOR WORLD'S LARGEST
OSTEOPOROSIS CONGRESS**

IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis will be held in Toronto, Canada, June 2-6, 2006

Nyon, Switzerland
November 7, 2005

Eleven of the world's leading osteoporosis experts will present plenary lectures at the 2006 IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis (IOF WCO) in Toronto, Canada.

"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 who will attend the IOF WCO," noted Professor René Rizzoli, Chairman, IOF Committee of Scientific Advisors and Chairman, IOF World Congress on Osteoporosis 2006 Scientific Committee.

The IOF WCO, which will be held June 2-6, 2006, is the world's largest scientific congress devoted specifically to osteoporosis, and is expected to attract more than 6,000 global participants.

The confirmed plenary lectures and presenters:

Determinants of Fracture: Load versus Strength

Dr. Mary L. Bouxsein, USA

WHO Criteria for Indications to Treatment

Prof. John A. Kanis, UK

Osteocytes and Mechanical Load

Prof. Brendon Noble, UK

Wnt as a Target for Therapy

Prof. Roland Baron, USA

IGF and Bone Health

Prof. Clifford J. Rosen, USA

Paleolithic Lifestyle and Bone

Dr. S. Boyd Eaton, USA

Immune System and Bone Health

Prof. Matthew T. Gillespie, Australia

Cardiovascular Diseases and Osteoporosis: From Epidemiology to Biology

Dr. Lorenz C. Hofbauer, Germany

SARMs, SERMs, SGRM
Dr. Donald McDonnell, USA

Androgen & Estrogen in Bone
Prof. Claes Ohlsson, Sweden

Rationale for Choosing Anabolic or Antiresorptive Treatment
Dr. Socrates E. Papapoulos, The Netherlands

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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.

1 Melton U, Chrischilles EA, Cooper C et al. How many women have osteoporosis? *Journal of Bone Mineral Research*, 1992; 7:1005-10

2 Kanis JA et al. Long-term risk of osteoporotic fracture in Malmö. *Osteoporosis International*, 2000; 11:669-674

3. Melton LJ, et al. Bone density and fracture risk in men. *JBMR*. 1998; 13:No 12:1915

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.

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