

DEAR COLLEAGUE:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rican Society of Cardiology, we cordially invite you to participate in the XXII Interamerican Congress of Cardiology, from June 12-16, 2009 in the luxurious and fabulous El Conquistador Resort and Golden Door Spa in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. This hotel has one of the biggest Convention Centers of the Caribbean. In addition it has excellent recreational facilities and amenities for the whole family. Save the date in order to take advantage of the Pre-registration fee. You can't miss this opportunity to enjoy Puerto Rico and get together with your peers.



The scientific program will offer the most relevant data and significant advances in Cardiology. A series of daily seminars will lead to the Plenary Sessions which will constitute a core curriculum for the Congress. In addition, special symposia, lectures and round tables will bestow the most updated information on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. To accomplish this, the most illustrious specialists from all nations in the Americas have been invited. The program is also highlighted by Honor Lectures, State of the Art lectures and a Young Investigators Award Competition. Daily oral and poster presentations will stimulate ample discussion of original investigations among participants, fostering a truly significant Interamerican scientific exchange. All of these activities will be held at the Convention Center of the El Conquistador Resort.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PUERTO RICO

LANGUAGE

Official languages of Puerto Rico are English and Spanish.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONGRESS

Official languages of the Congress are English, Spanish and Portuguese. Simultaneous translation will be available for some scientific sessions every day.

LOCATION

Puerto Rico is located in the Caribbean.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

All scientific activities such as symposia, round tables, free communications and poster sessions will be held in the spacious El Conquistador Resort and Golden Door Spa. Some social functions also will be held at El Conquistador.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

An outstanding program is being designed. There will be a festive general reception for all the Registrants as well as additional activities during the congress. For family members not attending the scientific program there will be tours to numerous attractions of cultural and general interest.

CURRENCY

The currency of Puerto Rico is the US Dollar. American Express, Visa & Master Card credit cards are accepted in most of the establishments.

PASSPORTS

All foreign visitors desiring to enter Puerto Rico must have a valid passport. For details regarding visas, consult the US Embassy or Consular Offices in your respective countries. If you need any other information please contact the State Department of Puerto Rico +(787)722-2121 or contact the US Embassy in your country. No passports are required for US Citizens.

WEATHER

The weather in Puerto Rico is warm with average of 82°F (28° C). Participants should bring light summer clothes. Beaches will be delightful, therefore do not forget to bring your bathing suits. The Congress hotels are air conditioned.

HOUSING

Housing has been reserved at the El Conquistador Golf Resort & Golden Spa in Fajardo, Puerto Rico and also in the Rio Mar Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa, A Wyndham Grand Resort (Distance: a 20 min. drive from the Convention Center). Both are "Five Stars" Resorts. Special rates have been negotiated for such accommodations for congress registrants which can only be reserved through Creative Ideas, Inc. Congress Coordinators.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Congress registration forms, hotel reservation requests, abstract material and additional information are available on request to the Congress Coordinators, Creative Ideas, Inc. at 001+(787)620-0300; 001+(787)620-2228; Fax 001+(787)620-2227; info@soinca2009.com; spc@cardioppr.com or visit our web site at www.soinca2009.com or www.congresointeramericano2009.com

