

FIHS NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2008

Dear Members & Friends,

We are very pleased to send you highlights of the current activities the Friends of the Israel Heart Society – FIHS & the Israel Heart Society- IHS.

Upcoming conferences

The first ACC - Indiana University International Cardiovascular Conference: Focus on the Middle East, organized by **Dr. Douglas P. Zipes**, will take place April 1-2, 2009 (right after the ACC), in Indianapolis. Cardiology societies from each of the Middle Eastern countries will be sending their experts to participate along with ACC leaders in discussing current topics such as coronary artery disease, heart failure, atrial fibrillation and sudden death, cardiomyopathies, CV surgery, and genetics. We will also discuss ways to improve interactions between cardiologists from countries in the Middle East and those in the West. There will be an opportunity for participants to stay on for a week or two to attend additional conferences, observe procedures, and ECG/imaging interpretation conferences.

The 56th Annual Congress of the Israel Heart Society in Association with the Israel Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery will be held in Tel-Aviv, Tel- Aviv, Israel, April 22-23, 2009

Invited Speakers (Preliminary List)

Roberto Ferrari, Italy
President, European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Philip A. Poole-Wilson, UK
Past-President, ESC and Past-President, World Heart Federation (WHF)

Salim Yusuf, Canada

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

Daniel S. Berman, USA

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Eric N. Prystowsky, USA

St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, IN

Joint Sessions with the: ACC, ESC, AFICARDIO

Web Site: <http://www.congress.co.il/cardio2009/en/>

We invite you to participate in the congress, including the opportunity to visit Israel at a marvelous time of the year.

In the meantime you are invited to take a virtual tour in Israel through the following link: <http://www.goisrael.com/vt/>

For Further information and assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the IHS secretariat:
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The Annual Reception of the FIHS - SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Reception of the FIHS will be held during the ACC Scientific meeting, to take place on **Sunday, March 29, 2009, between 5:30 pm –7:00 pm**, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando. Invitations will be forwarded soon. It would be our great pleasure to see you and host you at this important event.

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UPDATE

The 9th International Dead Sea Symposium on Cardiac Arrhythmias and Device Therapy (IDSS) took place on September 2008 in Tel Aviv.

The symposium was held under the auspices of the Israel Heart Society and the Friends of the Israel Heart Society as well as several other societies. **Dr. Basil S. Lewis**, the President of the Israel Heart Society addressed the audience during the opening ceremony. **Dr. I. Eli Ovsyshcher**, the President of the Symposium reported that 700 participants from 32 countries around the world participated in the congress. They came from Europe and the USA, along with 100 participants from Eastern Europe. The congress included workshops designed for physicians practicing general internal medicine, general cardiology and for fellows in internal medicine and cardiology. There were separate sessions for surgical treatment of cardiac arrhythmias, satellite symposia for family physicians, for physicians working in sport medicine and for nurses and technicians working in pacing, EP and cardiac care units. The outstanding faculty included Drs. **C. Antzelevitch, G. Breithardt, J.J. Goldberger, A.H. Kadish, A. Moss, M.M. Mower, M.R. Rosen, M.M. Scheinman, D.P. Zipes** and many other distinguished cardiologists.

The presidency of the symposium awarded the outstanding lecture to **Dr. Douglas P. Zipes**, the President of the Friends of the Israel Heart Society. We are looking forward to your participation at the IDSS in 2010.

News Flash

Dr. Doron Zahger, Secretary General of the Israel Heart Society was Elected next Chairman of the Working Group for Acute Cardiac Care of the European Society of Cardiology. Dr Zahger will take office in 2011-2013.

We would like to receive your comments, updates and suggestions, and would be very grateful if you could tell your colleagues about the FIHS and encourage them to join as members.

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IHS Web Site : <http://www.israel-heart.org.il/ihs.asp>

We would like to extend our appreciation for your interest and generosity, and look forward very much to seeing you on Sunday March 29, 2009 at the Annual FIHS Reception at ACC in Orlando.

Best regards,

Douglas P. Zipes, MD
President FIHS

Basil S. Lewis, MD
President IHS

Doron Zahger, MD
Secretary General IHS