

To: Dr. XXX  
Email: XXXX

Rotterdam, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Dr. XXX,

The 12<sup>th</sup> Vulnerable Patient Meeting (VPM) took place in The Oakley Court, United Kingdom. Once again, the VPM was a great success because of the enthusiastic contribution of both scientific and industrial participants.

In keeping with our new tradition, this year's meeting will have a special Guest Director, being Dr. Valentin Fuster, who has been invited to join the Board of Directors in the creation of the VPM program. Dr. Fuster serves as key collaborator in devising the program, bringing new ideas and suggesting new program highlights. We are very pleased that Dr. Fuster has agreed to participate.

This year's meeting will be held in Madrid, Spain from **20-24 June, 2015** (*three days actual meeting*) where we expect to bring together an outstanding and diverse group of clinicians, researchers and thought leaders.

The purpose of the Vulnerable Patient Meeting (VPM) is to enhance our understanding of vulnerable plaque and provide insight for future research directions. It's a unique opportunity for networking and exchanging knowledge, skills and experiences in the field of atherosclerosis. For additional information on the meeting objectives, target audience and a view of the VPM2014 program, please visit [www.cardialysis.nl/events/vulnerable-patient-meeting/](http://www.cardialysis.nl/events/vulnerable-patient-meeting/).

On behalf of the Meeting Directors, we would like to kindly invite you to participate as a speaker. You will receive detailed information on the meeting program and your presentation on short notice. We welcome your suggestions on this matter.

We would be very pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience and no later than **XXX**, whether you can participate in this meeting.

Please find below the general meeting information.

1. As VPM speaker, your registration for the conference is waived
2. VPM will provide your hotel accommodations
3. VPM will arrange local transportation from the airport to the hotel location and back to the airport
4. VPM will provide you with meals (breakfast, lunches, Welcome & Farewell dinner)
5. VPM will provide you with flight or train tickets

#### CONGRESS LOCATION & VENUE

The 13th Vulnerable Patient Meeting will take place at the Parador de Alcalá de Henares in Madrid, Spain.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be offered on a bed & breakfast basis for 3-4 nights (arrival: **June 20<sup>th</sup>**, departure: **June 24<sup>th</sup>**).

#### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The development of the Scientific Program is still in progress and a preliminary version can be viewed soon at [www.cardialysis.nl/events/vulnerable-patient-meeting/](http://www.cardialysis.nl/events/vulnerable-patient-meeting/).

#### TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

##### ♦ INTERCONTINENTAL & EUROPEAN SPEAKERS

As the congress budget for travel expenses is limited, we will be at your disposal to book your flight ticket on a non-refundable and non-changeable basis. We strongly suggest you book your flight tickets through **TRAVEL AGENCY(TBD)** where they will provide you with a more secured and direct personalised itinerary. Even if it is not recommended, you can arrange your flights on your own, but bear in mind that in order to claim reimbursement, the Organizers require all the original tickets and invoices in order to proceed with the refund process.

Please fill in the attached form for your travel requirements and we will get in touch with you on a personal level to finalise the arrangements. Please return this form to us **as soon as possible, but no later than INSERT DATE** (sending in your form as soon as possible is essential to secure your flight reservations).

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Spain this year, for a fruitful VPM2015, and remain at your entire disposal for any further information you may need.

With our best regards,



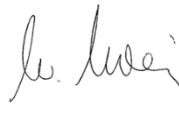
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