THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY (EAE) PRESENTS Athens - Greece 5-8 December & other imaging modalities The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association of Echocardiography, a Registered Branch of the ESC, in cooperation with the Working Group on Echocardiography of the Hellenic Cardiological Society FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT IIIIII www.escardio.org/EAE EUROPEAN Echocardiography

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

Next December the European Association of Echocardiography (EAE) will come back to Athens, the cradle of the western civilisation, to run the 2012 edition of its annual meeting **EUROECHO & other Imaging Modalities**.

Over the years, EUROECHO has grown more and more to become one of the largest echo meeting in the world. Since the meeting has also expanded its focus to other imaging modalities (i.e. Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac CT), it now represents a unique opportunity for in-depth education around non-invasive imaging of cardiovascular diseases.

Usual symposia, satellite sessions, imaging campus, advanced and basic teaching courses will offer a comprehensive educational portfolio brought together by the Scientific Programme Committee, chaired by Prof. Lancelotti, which will meet the educational needs of more than 3000 colleagues who are expected to attend the meeting. Special sessions will be organised for the young community by the EAE Club 35 committee and, as happened in Budapest, dedicated initiatives will highlight original research and acknowledge presenters of the best rated abstracts.

As usual during EUROECHO you will also have the opportunity to take the certification exam in transthoracic, transesophageal and congenital heart diseases, to test your expertise and have it certified at a European level.

However, EUROECHO is not only education and science; it is also a great opportunity to meet the greatest experts in cardiovascular imaging in the world, to exchange ideas and projects with colleagues who share the same clinical or scientific interest coming from all over the world, and to visit one of the largest exhibitions on cardiovascular imaging and related products.

Finally, the congress venue will be located in the city centre of Athens, close to the Acropolis and the Parthenon, one of the 7 wonders of the modern world. Athens has the most glorious history, a city worshipped by Gods and people, where democracy was born as well as most of the wise men of ancient times.

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