

**To:**  
**Email:**

**Rotterdam, April 2015**

Dear .....

The 12<sup>th</sup> Vulnerable Patient Meeting (VPM) took place at The Oakley Court Country House in Windsor, Great Britain. Once again this meeting was a great success because of the enthusiastic contribution of both scientific and industrial participants. This year's meeting will be held in the Spain from **20-24 June, 2015** where we expect to bring together an outstanding and diverse group of clinicians, researchers and thought leaders.

This year's meeting will have a special **Guest Director**, being **Prof. Valentin Fuster** from the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III (CNIC) Madrid, Spain, who is invited by the Board of Directors to join them in the creation of the VPM program. Prof. Fuster serves as key collaborator in devising the program, bringing new ideas and suggesting new program highlights. We are very pleased that Prof. Fuster has agreed to participate and we look forward to host the meeting in Madrid, Spain.

The meeting dates are: 20-24 June, 2015 (three days actual meeting) and this year's meeting will take place at the the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III (CNIC) Madrid, Spain.

The VPM is compliant with the Eucomed Code of Ethical Business Practice,  
[www.ethicalmedtech.eu](http://www.ethicalmedtech.eu).

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/)

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 very high level scientific meeting, but also with discussions on social and political ramifications as well. We have come this far thanks also to our generous sponsors.

On behalf of the Meeting Directors, we would like to kindly invite you to participate as a speaker in the following Session:

♦ Your presentation entitled "....." has been scheduled **on June**  
.....at ..... during the session entitled: ".....".

We would be very pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience and no later than the **21<sup>st</sup>, April**, whether you can participate in this meeting. Please confirm your participation by replying to this email. and including in the CC window: **Claudia Sprenger** at [csprenger@cardialysis.nl](mailto:csprenger@cardialysis.nl) and **Kostas Kavadias** at [KKavadias@era.gr](mailto:KKavadias@era.gr)

Please find below the general meeting information including accommodation details and travel arrangements.

As we are all aware, the current economic climate has caused that companies have reduced considerably, if not cancelled, all budgets allocated for this kind of support. Due to these reasons our budget is very restricted and we are forced to invite you as speaker under the following circumstances:

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
5. VPM will provide you with flight or train tickets

#### CONGRESS LOCATION & VENUE

The **13<sup>th</sup> Vulnerable Patient Meeting** will take place at the Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares Carlos III (CNIC) Madrid, Spain.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be offered by the Organizing Committee on a bed & breakfast basis for 3 nights (arrival: **June 20<sup>nd</sup>/June 21<sup>st</sup>**, departure: **June 23<sup>rd</sup>/June 24<sup>th</sup>** at the EUROSTARS Madrid Tower, Madrid, Spain.

The following alternative accommodation has been selected for you in the surroundings of the meeting location:

- **AC Hotel Cuzco**
- **EXE Puerta Castilla Hotel**
- **Hotel VillaMadrid Hotel**

Upon selecting an alternative accommodation, we will inform you of the details including pricing and availability.

#### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The development of the Scientific Program is still in progress. Please find attached a preliminary version.

#### 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 **Era Ltd.** 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.

Kindly note that the Organizing Committee is offering for every intercontinental speaker **a round trip air ticket up to 2.000 (€) Euros (Economy or Business class within this limit)** and for every European speaker a **round trip air ticket on economy class basis only**.

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 April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (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 Meeting, and remain at your entire disposal for any further information you may need.

With kind regards,



P.W. Serruys



A. Lerman



W. Koenig



A.F.W. van der Steen



G. Stone



H.M. García-García