

Word from the President

Dear Colleagues,

I feel greatly honoured to invite you to attend 36th International Congress on Electrocardiology to be held in Wrocław from 24th to 27th of June, 2009. Wrocław is just a place that deserves a name of the cradle of meetings gathering scientists from all over the world dealing with electrocardiology. The 36th International Congress on Electrocardiology is joint with the 50th International Symposium on Vectorcardiography. This will be a great event, because of the 50th anniversary of The First Symposium on Spatial Vectorcardiography, which was organized in Wrocław in 1959 by Professors Hugon and Zofia Kowarzyk supported efficiently by Professor Pierre Rijlant from Belgium. This forum initiated the successive meetings held annually till 1973 as Colloquia Vectorcardiographica, of which three took place in Poland (1960, 1962, 1969), alternatively with those organized in Czechoslovakia by Professor Ivan Ruttkay-Nedecký. In the next step, starting from 1974 on, the meetings were transformed to international congresses on electrocardiology.

The 36th International Congress on Electrocardiology, following the previous meetings held under auspices of the International Society of Electrocardiology, will cover a broad range of electrocardiology issues, from basic cell processes, like ion channel kinetics, to clinical applications of the numerous fascinating faces of modern electrocardiology. Moreover, we will not forget about prevention of cardiovascular disease as well cardiac pharmacology and rehabilitation, so that the entire spectrum of "heart problems" could be successfully discussed.

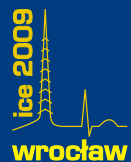
Scientific program of the ICE 2009 will be accomplished by keynote lectures, oral and poster sessions and satellite symposia with a participation of many distinguished invited speakers. We are also happy to offer the special session created under auspices of the International Society for Holter and Noninvasive Electrocardiology (ISHNE).

The other reason for attending the ICE 2009 is Wrocław city, which is an excellent example of a multicultural metropolis situated at the interface of ethnically diverse areas. Especially in summer season, you can spend marvelous spare time among magnificent monuments and joyful people, also during the Congress social program. All the participants are kindly encouraged to use the around Congress tours to visit pearls of Lower Silesia province, as well Cracow and Oswiecim.

I extend a very warm welcome in anticipation of attendance of all scientists, researchers, clinicians and students interested in up-date electrocardiology. Wrocław is waiting for all of you!

Małgorzata Sobieszkańska
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