



## The latest science and treatments in emergency cardiac care

### Acute Cardiac Care Congress 2012 20-22 October 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey

*Sophia Antipolis, 7 September 2012:* The latest science and treatments in emergency cardiac care will be presented and discussed at the Acute Cardiac Care Congress 2012.

The Congress is the first annual meeting of the newly launched Acute Cardiovascular Care Association (ACCA) of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). It takes place during 20-22 October in Istanbul, Turkey, at the Istanbul Lufti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC).

More than 400 scientific abstracts will be presented by international scientists, providing a great source of news stories for journalists. The full scientific programme is available [here](#).

“This first annual Congress of the new Association will highlight the importance of various professionals working together to improve the outcomes of patients with acute cardiovascular disease,” said Professor Peter Clemmensen (Denmark), president of ACCA. “It will focus on all acute cardiovascular disease cases admitted acutely, from the pre-hospital phase to the emergency room, and the stays in the coronary care unit and intensive cardiac care unit.”

Over 40 sessions will be held on myocardial infarction, acute coronary syndromes, acute heart failure, life threatening arrhythmias, sudden cardiac death, resuscitation, acute valvular diseases and general intensive care.

Experts from around the globe will provide comprehensive updates on diagnosis, systems of care and therapies, including state of the art technology and devices.

**Professor Christiaan Vrints** (Belgium), former chairman of the ESC Working Group on Acute Cardiac Care and past-president of ACCA, said:

“There will be innovative information on the management of acute heart failure, cardiogenic shock, acute arrhythmias and acute coronary syndromes.”

Professor Bulent Gorenek (Turkey), chair of the scientific programme and local host of Acute Cardiac Care 2012, added:

“Myocardial infarction is the number one cause of death in developed countries. The novel developments in diagnosis and treatment discussed at the Congress will be of great interest not only to cardiologists, but also to journalists and the public who all need to know how to react when faced with a heart attack”.

For the first time this year experts will present challenging clinical cases in acute cardiology from their daily practice. Management of cases and implementation of guidelines<sup>1</sup> will be discussed with the audience and experts will provide recommendations for daily practice.

The Acute Cardiac Care Congress attracts cardiologists, emergency physicians, nurses, paramedics, surgeons and technicians. This multidisciplinary flavour is reflected in the main theme of the Congress, “Integrative approach and management of Acute Cardiovascular Diseases”.

The Cardiologists of Tomorrow will have an increasing role at the Congress by organising scientific and educational sessions, including a challenging case in cardiogenic shock, and chairing some sessions.

Professor Clemmensen said: "Becoming an Association of the ESC has increased our visibility within the ESC and beyond and we hope that this will boost attendance at the Congress in Istanbul."

Professor Gorenek concluded: "Istanbul is the cultural and finance capital of Turkey. With a population of more than 11 million, it is a unique city that connects the two continents of Europe and Asia."

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### **Notes to editor**

1The Acute Cardiovascular Care Association (ACCA) is involved in five of the 2012 ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines:

- Acute myocardial infarction
- Prevention
- Heart failure
- Universal definition of myocardial infarction
- Valvular heart disease

### **About the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)**

The European Society of Cardiology (ESC) represents more than 75,000 cardiology professionals across Europe and the Mediterranean. Its mission is to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease in Europe.

### **About the Acute Cardiovascular Care Association (ACCA)**

The Acute Cardiovascular Care Association (ACCA) is a registered branch of the ESC, representing over 1,300 health professionals. ACCA aims at improving the quality of care and outcomes of patients with acute cardiovascular diseases through state of the art education and training on the best strategies of treatment and by influencing and advising healthcare professionals, scientists, decision-makers, policy-makers, the media, and allied societies in acute cardiovascular care.

ACCA was previously the ESC Working Group on Acute Cardiac Care. It became the sixth ESC Association after a vote at the ESC Congress General Assembly in Munich last month.

The Working Group on Acute Cardiac Care had the largest and fastest growing membership of ESC working groups. Over the past 2 years it grew from just below 700 to more than 1,300 members. One in five of all members of ESC working groups belong to acute cardiac care.

### **About the ESC Cardiologists of Tomorrow**

The ESC Cardiologists of Tomorrow initiative is a platform dedicated to young cardiologists to get in touch with their peers and to keep them informed about what's happening in the field of Cardiology in Europe.

Information for journalists attending Acute Cardiac Care 2012

The Acute Cardiac Care Congress 2012 takes place during 20-22 October in Istanbul, Turkey, at the Istanbul Lufti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC). The full scientific programme is available here.

Registration is possible onsite, with a valid press card, assignment letter or three bylined articles and signed Embargo form.

A press working area will be available in room Barbaros 1, Level -1.

There will be no press conference, but a press kit will be available and a press coordinator onsite will assist the media with any ACCA spokespersons enquiries. Press releases will include topics such as:

- Gender as a predictor for early mortality in patients treated with PCI

- Interventions for patients with contraindications for oral anticoagulation
- Use of ambulance in Turkish patients with acute coronary syndrome
- Reperfusion delay in patients with PCI in the era of telemedicine

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