Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to ECTS 2012, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, from 19-23 May 2012.

The 2012 congress will offer a high quality and diverse scientific programme of interest to both clinical and basic scientists. We are expecting up to 3,000 clinicians and researchers from around the world to join us in Stockholm.

We have composed a scientific programme of the highest standard and highlights will include the following:

- An exciting programme of invited speaker lectures featuring some of the world’s leading experts in the field
- Meet the professor sessions
- Dedicated events for new investigators
- Joint ECTS-ASBMR debate and lecture
- Dedicated Allied Health Professionals session
- ECTS Training Course
- Well-attended poster sessions with dedicated poster viewing time
- A busy exhibition area with lunch included in the delegate fee
- Company-supported satellite symposia highlighting some of the latest developments and research

We are delighted to be holding this congress in the city of Stockholm, one of the world’s most beautiful capitals. Built on 14 islands around one of Europe’s largest and best-preserved mediaeval city centres, the Swedish capital is superbly positioned, with stunning and extremely varied scenery in every direction.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stockholm in 2012.

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Programme highlights

The invited speaker programme will address the following topics through a series of symposia and workshops. In addition, there will be a dedicated programme of lectures and workshops for new investigators and allied health professionals, as well as, Meet-the-Professor sessions and the ECTS Training Course.

- Nitric oxide and bone
- Bone senescence
- ATP and bone
- Mineralisation
- New perspectives on RANK ligand
- Proton pump inhibitors, gastric acid and bone
- Impact of osteoporosis treatments on mortality
- New methodologies in bone research
- NFkB in bone
- Biologics for the treatment of rare bone disease
- Protein processing, homeostasis and pathology
- Vitamin D and non skeletal diseases
- The frail patient

Invited speakers will include:

- **Yousef Abu-Amer** (St Louis, USA)
- **Steve Boonen** (Leuven, Belgium)
- **Ray Boot-Handford** (Manchester, UK)
- **Simone Cenci** (Milan, Italy)
- **Erik Eriksen** (Oslo, Norway)
- **Serge Ferrari** (Geneva, Switzerland)
- **Andrew Grey** (Auckland, New Zealand)
- **Agamemnon Grigoriadis** (London, UK)
- **Lynne Hocking** (Aberdeen, Scotland)
- **Bruce Hollis** (Charleston, USA)
- **Sophie Jamal** (Toronto, Canada)
- **Niklas Jørgensen** (Copenhagen, Denmark)
- **Magnus Karlsson** (Malmo, Sweden)
- **Chantal Matthieu** (Leuven, Belgium)
- **Marc McKee** (Montreal, Canada)
- **Salvatore Moncada** (London, UK)
- **Isabel Orriss** (London, UK)
- **Josef Penninger** (Vienna, Austria)
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- **Tjeerd van Staa** (London, UK)
- **Cun-Yu Wang** (Los Angeles, USA)
- **Steve Weiner** (Rehovot, Israel)

Please refer to the congress website [www.ectscongress.org/2012](http://www.ectscongress.org/2012) for up-to-date programme information, to submit your abstract and to register for the congress.
Registration fees

Registration fees include:
- Final Programme Book and Abstracts on CD-ROM
- Attendance at all scientific sessions
- Access to posters and commercial exhibition
- Tea and coffee during official breaks
- Lunch on Sunday-Tuesday
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Football Tournament
- Subsidised admission to Cultural Event
- VAT at 25%

Reduced registration fees for ECTS members and new investigators

Registration will open on 1 October 2011 and fees will be available from the congress website at www.ectscongress.org/2012

CME Accreditation

Approval of the scientific programme for Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits will be applied for with the European Accreditation Council for continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Important dates & deadlines

Abstract submission and registration opens 1 October 2011
Abstract deadline 9 December 2011
Abstract acceptance notification to authors 3 February 2012
Awards notification to authors 6 February 2012
Deadline for early registrations 10 February 2012
Late breaking abstract submission opens 2 March 2012
Deadline for late breaking abstracts 12 March 2012
Deadline for cancellations 16 March 2012
Final programme and abstracts published on congress website 19 April 2012

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Stockholm highlights

**Must-see attractions**

**Stockholm Royal Palace**
Provides the global city with a crown jewel landmark. The location is prime, on Stadsholmen (city island), in the heart of Gamla Stan (the old town).

**Stockholm City Hall**
Besides its remarkable architecture, the Nobel Prize banquet takes place here every year.

**Vasa Museum**
The Vasa Museum is the most popular museum in all of Scandinavia and is built around the Vasa, the only preserved ship in the world from 1600’s.

**Stockholm Archipelago**
Stockholm is part of a great archipelago that extends some sixty kilometers out into the Baltic Sea. Take a day trip and book a cruise, private boat or taxi boat and get out of central Stockholm.

**Drottningholm Palace**
The opulent and immense private residence of the Swedish monarchy is a beautiful palace on the island of Lovon.

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**Did you know?**

- More than 830,000 people of different origins live in the city.
- Stockholm is built on 14 islands.
- Stockholm was the very first city to be designated European Green Capital by the EU Commission.
- Around 40% of the city’s land consists of parks or recreational areas.
- Stockholm City Hall is the main symbol of the city of Stockholm.
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