

Vancouver Hosts Lupus 2010

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The 9th International Lupus Congress will be held in Vancouver from June 24 to 27, 2010. In an effort to copy the potlatch theme of the indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest, the meeting will bring together the extended family of lupus researchers, clinicians, educators and lupus patients. All the participants will bring gifts of their personal knowledge and understanding, and exchange these gifts with all attending. We hope the meeting will close the gap between what we know, what we do and what we could do worldwide in lupus treatment, medical and public education, and clinical and fundamental research.

Dr. Peter Lipsky, the Basic Science Program Chair, and Dr. Matt Liang, the Clinical Science Program Chair, have assembled an impressive list of distinguished scientists and physicians to comprehensively review the state of the science and the state of the art in lupus. These invited faculty will lead "Meet the Professor" sessions and give special lectures. There will be plenty of opportunity for original papers and posters to be presented and, most importantly, to chat with colleagues. A series of workshops will focus on global lupus and set up networks for long-term collaboration.

An enthusiastic early supporter of the meeting was the Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA). The CRA, along with the Canadian Arthritis Network (CAN), The Arthritis Society of Canada, the B.C. Lupus Society and Lupus Canada want to make this the best international lupus meeting ever. An important focus of the meeting is to support the coming generation of scientists. To this end, the CRA created five trainee travel awards which have been awarded to the Canadian trainees with the top rated abstract submissions, as seen on our website.

For registration, accommodation, the complete scientific program and late breaking abstract submissions, please consult the Lupus Congress website at www.lupus2010.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

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