

Cell Therapy 2007 - Invitation - Immediate Response Requested

Dear : Jorge Tuma

On behalf of Cardiovascular Research Foundation and Columbia University Medical Center, it is my pleasure to again invite you to participate as faculty in the Third Annual International Conference on Cell Therapy of Cardiovascular Diseases. This 3 -day educational meeting, Wednesday - Fridayafternoon, January 17-19, 2007 will be held in New York City. The meeting is designed to provide a comprehensive assessment of cell-based therapeutic approaches to cardiovascular disease, including ongoing research spanning the basic and clinical sciences. A remarkable international faculty of 50 scientists and other leaders, and an audience of over 400 researchers and other colleagues knowledgeable in the field will be in attendance. The meeting will be held at the New York Academy of Medicine. Cardiovascular Research Foundation is delighted to host this important educational activity; however, due to the relative newness of the field CRF will not be able to support any of your travel related expenses to attend. It is our hope that you will be able to attend and participate. The conference agenda is attached for your review. Please RSVP to this invitation by clicking on the link below. CRF has developed a website to simplify and expedite our communication with the faculty. At the bottom of this e-mail you will find your user name, password and link to the website. The website will prompt you to complete a number of steps including disclosure and presentation release information, please complete ALL setps before exiting the site. You can return to complete the steps if needed, however do to the close proximity of the meeting we ask you complete all items as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Cunningham, via phone 212-851-9385 or e-mail mcunningham@crf.org. Thank you for your interest in this program and I look forward to seeing you in New York next January 17-19.

Sincerely, Warren Sherman, MD Course Director

Dear Cell Therapy Faculty Member,

We are just a few days away from The Third International Conference on Cell Therapy for Cardiovascular Diseases!

Just a few quick reminders in preparation of your attendance next week:

* The "final" agenda is attached. Please review this carefully as presentation times and/or titles may have changed slightly.

* It is an ACCME requirement that all speakers disclosure their conflicts of interest to the attendees. To comply, CRF requires each presenter to create a slide listing their conflicts and insert it into the presentation immediately following the title slide. Attached is a blank COI slide which you can use to fill in your conflicts or you may create your own slide.

* It is of the utmost importance that you stick to your allotted presentation time to be fair to the attendees and the other speakers.

* The meeting will be at The New York Academy of Medicine (<http://www.nyam.org/about/directions.shtml>), which is located at 1216 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street, and not at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. This is the same venue the conference was held at in 2006.

* If you arranged housing with CRF, a room has been reserved for you at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and a confirmation number was sent to you via email.

Grand Hyatt New York
Park Avenue at Grand Central Station
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* Please note that you are expected at the Speaker Ready Room at least 45 minutes prior in advance of your presentation. As always, suitable media are CD and USB. Laptops will not be allowed at the podium.

* Lastly, a reminder that you are invited to my home Thursday evening. Dinner will be informal, beginning at 7pm. Even if you can only make it for cocktails, it can serve as the beginning of a grander evening in New York.

With warm regards and appreciation for your participation,

Warren Sherman, MD