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Subject: 5th International Conference on the Tear Film & Ocular Surface: Basic Science and Clinical Relevance

Dear Registrants -

On behalf of the Tear Film & Ocular Surface Society, I would like to thank you for registering for the 5th International Conference on the Tear Film & Ocular Surface: Basic Science and Clinical Relevance (Taormina, Sicily, Italy; September 5 to 8, 2007). The scientific program for this Conference has now been completed and placed on the following website:

< <http://www.tearfilm.org/content/taormina/taoprogram.pdf> >

We would like to express our appreciation to those 49 individuals (listed below) who helped program the sessions and/or evaluate abstracts for the Taormina Conference Travel Awards.

We received 259 abstracts and these have been assigned by the reviewers to oral or poster presentations. In addition, 12 posters will be featured as oral presentations in the "Poster Discussion" sessions. Please refer to the Conference scientific program for the assignment of each abstract.

For your information, keynote and selected speakers will be allotted between 10 to 20 minutes for their presentations in the platform sessions. Questions from the audience will be addressed during a general, 15 minute discussion period at the end of each session. Oral presentations in the "Poster Discussion" sessions will be allotted 2 minutes and questions from the audience will be addressed during a 2 minute discussion period at the end of each talk. Given that the time of these oral "poster" presentations is limited, we ask each presenter to focus on the hypothesis, results and conclusions of his/her research (and to use a maximum of 3 PowerPoint slides).

Conference room facilities will include projection capability for PowerPoint slides, a computer to control slides from the podium and a laser pointer. PowerPoint presentations may be given to the audiovisual technicians during the registration period at the Palazzo dei Congressi (i.e. Congress Center, Taormina) or between 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM on the day of presentation. If presenters have any special audiovisual aids, please let me know.



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For poster presentations, poster board dimensions will be 250 cm HIGH x 100 cm WIDE and pins will be made available. Detailed instructions (e.g. location) for presentation will be provided during registration at the Congress Center. Posters will be displayed from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. On their designated day "poster" presenters are requested to be in attendance at the morning and afternoon times listed in the scientific program.

Important times to remember:

- * Registration period: 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 5, at the Congress Center. If your scheduled arrival is late on Wednesday, registration material will also be available at 7:00 AM on Thursday, September 6. During registration each Conference participant will receive a bar-coded name badge. Please remember to keep this badge with you, as it will be required for admission to the Conference sessions.
- * Welcome Reception: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 5, in the gardens of the San Domenico Palace Hotel. Registered Conference attendees and registered guests are all invited and will receive tickets during the registration period. Please note that tickets will be required for admission to the Reception.
- * Conference Start: 8:00 AM on Thursday, September 6, in the Congress Center.
- * Young Investigator Aperitif: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, September 6, at the Deja Vu Bar in Piazza Garibaldi #2. All young investigators are invited to attend this event, which will be sponsored by TFOS. For more information, please contact Stefano Barabino (barabino@schepens.harvard.edu).
- * Final Night Reception & Dinner: 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM on Saturday, September 8 at La Giara. Tickets will be necessary and all white attire (casual) is requested. An invitation may be found at the following site:

< <http://www.citynetonline.it/evites/tfos/invitation.htm> >

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Taormina

Sincerely,

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