

Dear colleagues from ICDS,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the 17th Congress of the International Cardiac Doppler Society (ICDS), which shall take place in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, from May the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, together with the XXII Brazilian Congress of Echocardiography, which is an event usually attended by 1000 cardiologists.

The following international speakers have already confirmed their presence and collaboration in the event: Catherine Otto M.D., William Zogby M.D., Julius Gardin M.D., Colette Veyrat M.D. and Geoffrey Stevenson M.D.

In this year's edition we will have two rooms on the subject of adult echocardiography - one of them provided with simultaneous translation full-time, both English-Portuguese and Portuguese-English; one room on congenital heart diseases, and one room on vascular disorders.

Besides an excellent scientific program, our congresses are also famous for a great social program. Maybe some of you are acquainted with our typical "mineira" food, the traditional gastronomy of Minas Gerais, the state whose capital is Belo Horizonte. Those of you who have already tasted it are sure to be faithful fans, and those who haven't, will certainly become one of them. Other famous attractions in the surroundings of Belo Horizonte are its amazing UNESCO listed historical cities (such as Ouro Preto, Tiradentes and Diamantina and parks, with worldwide famous caves (Rei do Mato and Mantiqueira) and water falls (Serra do Cipó). We hope you will have a pleasant stay in the beautiful Belo Horizonte.

Finally, we assure you this shall be quite a remarkable congress. For all of those reasons, you must not miss the 17th edition of the Congress of the International Cardiac Doppler Society. We look forward to having you all here.

Yours sincerely,

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