ANNOUNCING

13th International Congress on Antiphospholipid Antibodies
April 13-16, 2010
Galveston, Texas

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NEW THIS YEAR!!!!

**Pre-Conference Workshops**
**Wet Workshops**
**Meet the Professor Breakfast**
**Patients and Doctors Forum/Discussion**

ABOUT THE CONGRESS

The 13th International Congress on Antiphospholipid Antibodies is a triennial meeting to showcase the latest developments and achievements in science and clinical care with regards to Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS). APLA 2010 will be the primary forum for worldwide interaction between leading researchers, physicians and other health professionals with interest in APS.

The congress will include state-of-the-art lectures, selected abstract oral presentations, poster sessions, a pre-conference consensus workshop to re-evaluate and validate the Sapporo revised classification criteria and discuss un-solved issues such as treatment and diagnostics in APS. In addition, APLA 2010 will include pre-conference wet workshops where participants will be able to evaluate “hands-on” new tests proposed to help in the confirmation of diagnosis of APS and discuss with experts issues on standardization of currently used assays. APLA 2010 will include for the first time “Meet the Professor” sessions on topics such as: “Treatment”, “Diagnosis” and “Equivocal Cases of APS.” For patients there will be a superb program focusing on the latest developments on all aspects of APS including new treatments and clinical trials. We are confident that attendees and participants will get the most updated scientific evidence on APS at APLA 2010.

ABOUT GALVESTON ISLAND

Galveston offers 32 miles of relaxing beaches, superb restaurants, top resort hotels, marvelous downtown shopping, numerous antique stores, incredible art galleries, fabulous entertainment and one of the largest and well-preserved concentrations of Victorian architecture in the country.

Galveston Island is located 50 miles southeast of Houston. Many national and international carriers serve the Houston area’s two major airports. William P. Hobby Airport is the closer of the two airports, just 40 miles from Galveston. George Bush Intercontinental Airport lies on the north side of Houston, 70 miles from Galveston.
For more information on these airports and which airlines fly into these airports, visit www.fly2houston.com.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!
Participants and Patients can now register online! Register before February 1, 2010 to secure the Early Registration fees.

Participant and Accompanying Person registration

Patient Registration

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
We are currently accepting submission of Abstracts. Deadline February 1, 2010. For full details on how to submit an abstract go to http://www.utmb.edu/apla2010/Abstract.aspx.

ACCREDITATION
Continuing Medical Education credits will be offered.

ACCOMMODATIONS
RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY FOR THE CONFERENCE RATES! Rooms have been reserved at 3 of the finest hotels on Galveston Island; The San Luis Resort, Hilton Galveston Island Resort and Holiday Inn. These hotels are in walking distance of the Galveston Island Convention Center. Note: Please use hotel registration codes indicated on the web page. For more details go to http://www.utmb.edu/apla2010/Accommodations.aspx.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD
Several awards covering registration and accommodation expenses for the meeting are to be offered to students who are first author and presenter of an abstract. The local organizing committee will score each abstract presenter and the two highest ranked abstracts will be selected.

Young Investigators must be 35 years old or younger to qualify. Please indicate your interest in this award at the time you submit your abstract.

OPTIONAL TOURS
Optional tours will be available for congress participants, accompanying persons and patients. Information will be available soon on the congress website.

FULL CONFERENCE DETAILS
For full details and information about congress registration, accommodations, tentative timetable, abstract submission and more, please visit our congress website at www.utmb.edu/apla2010.

We look forward to seeing you at the 13th International Congress on Antiphospholipid Antibodies, April 13-16, 2010.

QUESTIONS:
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