

General information

DATES

Thursday, March 27 – Saturday, March 29, 2008

VENUE

Amsterdam RAI International Exhibition and Congress Centre
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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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REGISTRATION FEE (includes 19% VAT)

Participant, early payment: before January 1, 2007	€ 475
Participant, late payment: after January 1, 2007	€ 575
Participant, on site	€ 625
Participant, 1 day registration	€ 275
Young Investigator*	€ 175
Accompanying person	€ 100

* In order to attend the Forum as a Young Investigator, you must provide the Forum Secretariat with a letter from your institute, signed by the head of your department and printed on the stationery of your institute.

INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPANT'S REGISTRATION FEE

- participation in the scientific programme
- admission to the exhibition
- congress bag
- final programme/abstract book
- free coffee during breaks

- free lunch
- invitation to the opening reception on March 27, 2008

INCLUDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S REGISTRATION FEE

- invitation to the opening reception on March 29, 2008
- admission to the exhibition

METHODS OF REGISTRATION

Registration can be done in advance or on site.

1. You can register at www.marktwo.nl/diabetesforum.
2. Or you may request for a registration form to be sent to you at: ihehenkamp@marktwo.nl

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Registration fees may be paid as follows:

- By credit card – Visa, MasterCard or American Express
- By cheque

CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of the full registration fee, each participant will receive a confirmation of registration. Please present this confirmation as proof of registration upon arrival at the registration desk in Amsterdam.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Refund of registration fees will be as follows:

Received before November 30, 2007: 100%, less Euro 80 handling fee
Received from December 1 to February 1, 2008: 50%
Received after February 2, 2008: no refund.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Participants who would like to present an oral or poster presentation should submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Committee. The abstract must be submitted in **English**. The deadline for submitting abstracts is January 8, 2008.

FORUM SECRETARIAT

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Cafe Terrace at Night

also known as *The Cafe Terrace on the Place du Forum*, is a painting by the Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh which he rendered in Arles, France in September 1888. Van Gogh used oil paint on canvas and the painting is 81 × 65.5 cm (32" × 26"). The painting is currently at the Kröller-Müller Museum in Otterlo, the Netherlands.

In the painting Van Gogh expressed his new impressions from southern France and the painting depicts a café in Arles, then *Café Terrace* and is now renamed to *Café van Gogh*. The style of the painting is unique for Van Gogh with the warmth of colours and the depth of the perspective.

This is the first painting in which he used starry backgrounds. He went on to paint star filled skies in *Starry Night Over the Rhone*, painted the same month, and the better known *Starry Night* a year later. Also, in *Portrait of Eugene Boch* Van Gogh painted a starlight background.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

3rd Amsterdam Diabetes Forum

March 27 - 29, 2008 Amsterdam, The Netherlands



Risk factors for cardiovascular disease in type 2 diabetes

President: Professor Robert J. Heine, VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam

Dear colleague,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 3rd Amsterdam Diabetes Forum, which will be held again in Amsterdam from March 27 to 29, 2008.

The Scientific Committee is happy to present a programme covering the current thoughts and ideas concerning the emerging “new” risk factors for cardiovascular disease in diabetes.

The main objective of the Amsterdam Diabetes Forum is to create a platform for an exchange of opinions and in-depth discussions on a controversial and clinically relevant topic. Well known scientists in the field will introduce the topic and moderate the discussions. The controversial issues will further be addressed in two separate debates.

The topic for 2008 has been chosen especially because of the recent discussions on the role of inflammation, oxidative stress and glycation, and in particular advanced glycation end-products, in the development of the vascular complications of diabetes. New insights have been generated regarding the pathogenic role of adipose tissue as an important and intriguing source of inflammatory markers. Multiple circulating markers have now been identified which are thought to reflect these different processes and pathways. One example of a widely advocated marker of inflammation is C-Reactive Protein (CRP).

The challenge for the clinicians and the scientists is to critically evaluate the

usefulness of the different markers, and to discuss how these may benefit the patient. Should some of these markers be included in the guidelines for the management of patients with type 1 and/or type 2 diabetes?

In the keynote lectures and in the debates we hope to enable an in-depth discussion on these topics. In addition participants are kindly invited to submit abstracts on research and clinical issues dealing with the topics of the 3rd ADF.

Before the opening session of the Forum there will be satellite symposia sponsored by pharmaceutical companies.

I am sure that we will have lively and in-depth discussions on a clinically and scientifically exciting topic, and also on behalf of the Scientific Committee I can say we look forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam.

*Robert J. Heine
President of the 3rd ADF*

Also on behalf of
Michaela Diamant,
Ulf Smith,
Marja-Riitta Taskinen



Scientific Programme

	THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008	FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008	SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008
08.30 AM		SESSION 1 Relationship between adipose tissue and inflammation Key note lecture: Ulf Smith (Sweden)	SESSION 3 AGE's and RAGE's and CVD risk Key note lecture: Helen Vlassara (USA)
09.15 AM		Oral presentations	Oral presentations
10.30 AM		Coffee break	Coffee break
11.00 AM	Registration	SESSION 2 The role of oxidative stress in vascular complications 1. Marja-Riitta Taskinen (Finland) 2. Antonio Ceriello (Italy)	DEBATE 2 Can we explain the excess mortality with the new emerging risk factors of cardiovascular disease? <i>Pro:</i> Paul Ridker (USA) <i>Con:</i> Nick Wareham (United Kingdom)
12.00 AM		Lunch break	
00.30 PM			Close of Forum
01.30 PM		Oral presentations (invited papers)	
03.00 PM		Coffee break	
03.30 PM	Sponsored satellite symposium	DEBATE 1 Emerging CVD risk factors should be detected by: 1. “High-Tech –Omics” – Stephen O’Rahilly (United Kingdom) 2. Clinical phenotype – Jaap Seidell (Netherlands)	
05.00 PM	Coffee break		
05.30 PM	Sponsored satellite symposium		
07.00 PM	Opening reception		

Scientific Committee

ROBERT J. HEINE (NETHERLANDS)

Robert Heine is a professor of diabetology at the Department of Endocrinology as well as director of the Diabetes Centre at the VU University Medical Centre in Amsterdam.

MICHAELA DIAMANT (NETHERLANDS)

Michaela Diamant is Associate Professor of Medicine at the Department of Endocrinology VU University Medical Centre in Amsterdam. She obtained her MD at Leiden University in 1987. At present, she is Secretary of the Board of the Dutch Association for Diabetes Research, and recently, she was appointed core group member of the CHMP Scientific Advisory Group Diabetes/Endocrinology (European Medicines Agency).

ULF SMITH (SWEDEN)

Ulf Smith is an expert in the pathogenesis of insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes. He focuses primarily on the role of adipose tissue in insulin resistance and the factors that contribute to the increase in cardiovascular diseases in patients with insulin resistance. He is Director of the Lundberg Laboratory and Vice Chairman of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes.

MARJA-RIITTA TASKINEN (FINLAND)

Prof. Taskinen has been tremendously productive scientifically and has published more than 260 original publications and 80 reviews and chapters. She is internationally highly recognized as an invited speaker. Her outstanding achievements have been recognised by several international honours and awards including the Castelli Pedrolri Prize (EASD 1996), The Hippocrates Prize (2000), the Claude Bernard Award (EASD 2002) and recently the Edwin Bierman Award (ADA 2004). She has been honoured by the Honorary Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden (1997).