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- PRESIDENTS' INVITATION -

Dear colleagues,

Don't miss this unique opportunity! Keep up with the latest scientific developments in our profession by attending EuromedLab 2007, in Amsterdam, charming capital of The Netherlands.

We feel privileged to be hosting the 17th IFCC-FESCC European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. As you may expect from us, we will do our utmost to make it a successful meeting for everyone. You are cordially invited and we will be delighted to welcome you.

The programme will provide state of the art scientific developments in the field of laboratory medicine. Matching the long tradition of Dutch clinical chemistry we will present Your Future in Patient Care.

The Amsterdam RAI convention centre is the best location in the Netherlands to organise such a large meeting. It has a large variety of lecture halls and excellent facilities and its exhibition centre offers ample space to present the modern technology designed by our corporate partners. EuromedLab 2007 promises you an exciting social programme. Highlights will include a special concert at Amsterdam's acclaimed Concertgebouw, home to the Royal Concertgebouw orchestra.

Van Gogh and Rembrandt's famous paintings and Amsterdam's many architectural gems are all nearby.

The Netherlands Society for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (NVKC) is one of the oldest societies for clinical chemistry in the world. We invite you to join us for the NVKC's 60th anniversary celebrations, to be held during EuromedLab 2007. Amsterdam's most famous 19th century building, the magnificent Beurs van Berlage, will be the setting for this grand gala evening, which surely will be a night to remember.

Amsterdam offers warm hospitality and endless possibilities for shopping and restaurants. Spending a few days with us will give you the opportunity to grasp the wonderful spirit of this lively cosmopolitan city. Easily accessible from Amsterdam, you and your partner can visit many sites of cultural and natural beauty, from the big city to a picturesque village, and inland waterways to the vast, sandy North Sea beaches.

So note in your diary now: June 3-7, 2007 Amsterdam.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Gerard Sanders

President Euromedlab 2007

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL SERVICES

The Congress will be supported by the **RAI Hotel Service** for hotel accommodation and travel services. Further information will be given in the next issues as well as on the web site of the Congress.

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THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

As published in the First Announcement, the forthcoming **EUROMEDLAB Amsterdam 2007** Congress will focus on topics like haematology, metabolic syndrome and diabetes, information technology, proteins and proteomics, metabolic diseases, vascular diseases and many other.

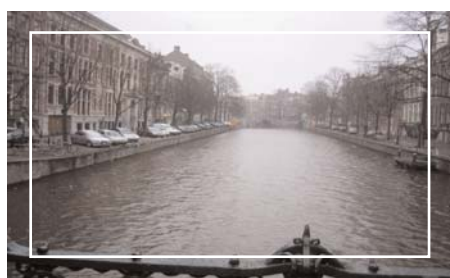
The Scientific Programme will include:

4 Plenary Lectures

28 Symposia

30 ISWorkshops

The co-ordination of the programme will be provided both by the Scientific Committee and by an active Scientific Secretariat: suggestions are appreciated and should be forwarded to these organs.



WHAT ABOUT AMSTERDAM?

The city of Amsterdam enjoys great fame for being the proud owner of one of the most important intact historical city centres in the world. The distinctive Amsterdam cityscape is dominated by canal houses, most of them built as residences for wealthy citizens. These rich mansions are characterised by narrow, relatively tall facades, crowned by richly ornamented gable tops.

Moreover, to architects Amsterdam is one of the jewels of Europe: it is a place of exciting contrasts where the old and the new stand side by side. Modern architecture is fitted in between facades with historical monuments. However Amsterdam is a city on human scale, easily grasped thanks to its short internal distances.

Amsterdam is considered one of the most colourful European cities, not least because of all the flower stalls on the streets. Flowerpots and window boxes on the fronts of houses are characteristic in the centre of town.

In fact, a typical Amsterdam phenomenon is the "front wall garden", with sunflowers and green and white baby's-breath that climb up high along the houses' facade. On the roofs of houseboats along the canals, residents have also often established colourful little gardens, sometimes with garden gnomes and other curiosities.

But Amsterdam has still more green treasures, gardens hidden behind the stately facades of the canal houses. The peace and quiet you find there is quite remarkable, in striking contrast to all the city noise of the street side.

Of course, when you come and attend Euromedlab 2007, you will not miss the tulip chosen as the logo for our Congress!



Quoting from the net...

Ah, gezellig!

One of the best reasons to visit Amsterdam is for the gezelligheid, a quality variously translated as friendliness, or informality. After a few days in the city you'll notice how gezellig the atmosphere can be; you will be immersed in the gezelligheid of the city.



The Netherlands Chamber Orchestra

The Amsterdam **Concertgebouw**, built in 1888, is world-renowned for its spectacular acoustics. Of course, we have succeeded in having this magnificent and acoustically splendid Main Hall of the Concertgebouw all for ourselves on the Monday evening of our Euromedlab 2007 Congress. We will present you a concert by the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra.

The Netherlands Chamber Orchestra is known as a prominent representative of the still relatively few full-time chamber orchestras, able to devote all of its time to perfecting the characteristic chamber orchestra sound, specializing in chamber orchestra repertoire from all styles and periods. It was founded in 1955 and since September 1, 1985 it has been part of

the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation. For the first 22 years following its formation, the orchestra had as its artistic director the world-famous violinist, teacher and conductor Szymon Goldberg, who brought the orchestra to international recognition. Since September 2004, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Gordan Nikolic. This energetic master violinist has given the Orchestra, that celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, a new spirit. Under his guidance the orchestra will perform for us on the Monday evening.



Photo by Hans Sanson

CONCERTGEBOUW

BEURS VAN BERLAGE

A LIVING BUILDING

Almost twenty years lay between Hendrik Petrus Berlage's first design for a new commercial exchange building for Amsterdam and the actual opening of his building in 1903.

Today, the Beurs van Berlage is the Netherlands' most important twentieth-century architectural monument, one of the thousand buildings on the world heritage list and, above all, a building that lives. Twenty-five years after its opening, the building was the object of almost universal admiration, regarded as "Berlage's first great act for modern architecture!"

"It is as if the names of great trading companies still carry with them the heady odours of cocoa, spices and juniper berries, while the icy gleam of precious gemstones still shines in through the windows".

Aldo Rossi, architect, 1986

In Beurs van Berlage, originally known as the Amsterdamse Koopmansbeurs (Mercantile Exchange), one can jump effortlessly back in time. You can almost see the traders before you, the corn being closely scrutinized under the grand arches, while the telegraph while the telegraph rattles and the shippers' café vibrates with frenzied activity.

In fact, Berlage did not wish to build a commercial exchange at all. He hoped that this building would become a place in which art and the community would come together.

Today his building bubbles with life.

Lectures, congresses, concerts and exhibitions are the order of the day. The Beurs van Berlage has indeed become a Cultural Palace. Not in the least since we from the Euromedlab 2007 Congress will organise there the large party on the Wednesday evening.

Berlage's dream has come true!



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