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Dear colleague,

With the Xmas season almost here and two very important scientific meetings planned for early summer, I am conscious of the fact that abstract deadlines are approaching very quickly. So, this is a good opportunity for us to check dates and make plans for interesting presentations and travel.

XX World Congress of the ISHR: Kyoto, Japan (13 – 16 May 2010)

The final preparations for the meeting are being completed and the congress schedule and symposium list are now available for download from the ISHR web pages at www.ishrworld.org/WC2010schedule&symposia.pdf. Metin Avkiran, the Secretary General, has said that the congress has a superb scientific program and will be the premier cardiovascular research meeting in 2010. In addition to the listed symposia, there will be plenary lectures by the Nobel Laureate, Professor Oliver Smithies, on 'Homologous recombination of transgenic DNA', and by Professor Shinya Yamanaka on 'Induced pluripotent stem cells', and by 6 outstanding investigators who will receive prestigious ISHR Awards. Furthermore, Professor Masatsugu Hori, the Congress President, and his colleagues are planning an exceptional social program, which will make attending the Congress a truly unique experience. You can find out more about the Congress by visiting the congress website at www.ishr2010.com and you are urged to consider attending, as well as encouraging members of your laboratory and other colleagues to do the same.

Please note that the deadline for abstract submission is now 31st December 2009 and notification of acceptance is by 31st January 2010. Advance registration at a reduced rate is available until 31st March 2010. Travel bursaries of up to US\$1000 each are available from ISHR International for early career investigators who are members of the European Section, are within 6 years of their terminal degree, and will present an abstract. Applications should be made as soon as abstract acceptance has been notified and should include a copy of the abstract, and confirmation of degree and membership status. Please send to me at b.mcdermott@qub.ac.uk by Wednesday 12th February 2010 and we will let you know if an award can be made as soon as possible.

Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology: Berlin, Germany (16 - 19 July 2010)

This conference is being organized by the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Science of the ESC along with other societies, including the ISHR-ES, which has played a major role in putting together the programme, available at <http://www.escardio.org/congresses/cardiovascular-biology/Pages/welcome.aspx>. Sian Harding has commented on the meeting as being centred on cutting-edge basic science as applied to the cardiovascular system, representing an unprecedented co-operation between many cardiac and vascular societies throughout Europe. We think that FCVB provides a great opportunity to meet and present data, and a low-cost alternative for those students and post-doctoral fellows not able to get to Kyoto. Travel awards will be available to reduce the cost further, through the ISHR-ES and other contributing societies or ESC Working Groups. We have ensured integrated space in the programme for many trainees to give both oral and poster presentations. Important dates are: abstract deadline, 31st Jan 2010; early fee registration, 28th April 2010.

XXX European Section Meeting: Haifa, Israel (26 - 29 June 2011)

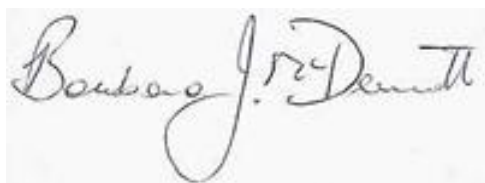
The 2011 meeting being organized by Michael Arad, Moshe Flugelman and Amir Landesberg from the Israeli sub-section is taking shape and further details will be sent by Email circulation early in 2010.

Finally, for those who have not paid membership fees in advance and do not subscribe through a national society or subsection, payment for 2010 is now due. Please complete the membership form available on the ISHR-ES website www.ishr-europe.org/ and Email to me at the usual address.

And I must let you know now that I am moving scientific home on 4th January and the new postal address is:

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It remains only to send my very best wishes for the Xmas Season and New Year,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bobag J. Demuth". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.