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**Dear colleague,**

With the Xmas season almost here and the amazing wintry weather we are currently experiencing, this may not reach your mailbox until after the holiday. Regardless, I hope you will still have time to read the current issue of Heart News and Views and appreciate the full coverage of what was a truly great international congress held last summer in Kyoto.

The main event coming up in 2011 is the XXXth Annual ISHR meeting to be hosted by the Israeli sub-section in Haifa on 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June. It will be held at the Ruth & Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine at the Technion, IIT. The theme is 'Integrated Cardiology: from Molecules to Function' and a list of the planned symposia, to include particular interests in biotechnology, imaging and stem cells, can be found on the enclosed flyer. The abstract submission period is 1<sup>st</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> March and acceptance will be notified by 15<sup>th</sup> April. We expect that this will be an excellent meeting and participation of students is very much encouraged. A number of early career travel bursaries of 400€ will be available for European Section members. Please check the ISHR-ES website at <http://www.ishr-europe.org/> for details of how to apply when your abstract has been accepted.

I also must remind you at this time that a €20000 grant is offered every year by SERVIER in partnership with the ISHR-ES to support a cardiovascular research project within a European research group for a period of up to 1 year. The next deadline for application is 31 March 2011 and further details can be found on the ISHR-ES website.

Finally, for those who have not paid membership fees in advance and do not subscribe through a national society or subsection, payment for 2011 is now due. Please complete the membership form available on the ISHR-ES website and Email to me at the usual address.

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

**With best regards,**