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Feb 7–9: International Stroke Conference 2007. San Francisco, Calif. The International Stroke Conference features more than 550 presentations that highlight the most recent advances in the basic sciences of cerebral circulation and brain function, clinical stroke research and outcomes, rehabilitation science, and surgery, as well as exhibitors showcasing the newest advancements in stroke products and services. This conference provides a forum to present recent scientific work related to stroke and cerebrovascular disease. More than 550 posters, oral presentations, and lectures will be featured. See Web site: http://strokeconference.americanheart.org

Feb 28–Mar 3: 47th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism. Orlando, Fla. The 47th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism is a scientific program that provides participants with the opportunity to learn current information about: (1) causes, mechanisms, and risk factors for atherosclerosis and other vascular diseases; (2) population trends in cardiovascular diseases and their risk factors; (3) results of cardiovascular disease treatment and prevention trials; (4) methods of population surveillance for cardiovascular disease and risk factors; (5) techniques in preventive cardiology; (6) the role of nutrition in cardiovascular disease; and (7) outcomes research in cardiovascular disease. See Web site: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3038389

Apr 19–21: Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Annual Conference 2007. Chicago, Ill. This conference is sponsored by the Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology and the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism. The meeting will focus on new developing research opportunities in the areas of arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, and vascular biology. Special lectures, discussion, and oral and poster presentations are planned. The meeting format provides opportunities for intense interaction among participants during sessions and breaks. The goal of this meeting is to bring together diverse disciplines within the arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, and vascular biology research communities to allow investigators to explore areas of cross-disciplinary interest. The program encourages cross-fertilization by examining new and emerging areas in lipids and lipoproteins, arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, and vascular biology in an informal setting. Sessions planned by each of the representative areas—that is, arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, vascular biology, and nutrition/physical activity/metabolism—will provide an opportunity for oral presentations of abstracts. See Web site: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3039918

May 9–11: Quality of Care and Outcomes Research in Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Conference 2007. Washington, DC. The 8th AHA Scientific Forum on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research in Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke is the preeminent meeting dedicated to the studying of patients’ experiences with cardiovascular care and leveraging these insights to improve the quality of cardiac and stroke care. The conference features several formats to facilitate interactive learning, sharing, and networking with international leaders in the field. Before the conference, workshops introducing the methods of quantifying and improving healthcare quality and advanced seminars on evolving research approaches are presented. The conference includes state-of-the-art plenary sessions, smaller and more interactive “breakout” sessions, and poster abstracts of the latest science in the field. A major focus of the conference is to support the career development of future leaders in quality of care and outcomes research. Thus, the conference actively fosters informal interaction among attendees and provides networking opportunities for early-career investigators. The meeting will focus on new and developing opportunities, initiatives, projects, policies, and research relevant to measuring and improving quality of care and outcomes for persons with or at risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke. Novel research methods for quantifying outcomes, new findings from clinical trials and observational studies, and translational research will also be presented. See Web site: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3041715

Jul 28–Aug 1: 6th Hypertension Summer School. Fort Collins, Colo. Co-sponsored by the American Heart Association’s Council for High Blood Pressure Research and the Council on the Kidney in Cardiovas-
cultural Disease. This three-and-a-half-day school will focus on areas of epidemiology and treatment of hypertension, basic research in hypertension and clinical research in hypertension. To be considered for selection, candidates are required to submit a completed and signed application form. See Web site: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3043315.

Jul 29–Aug 10: 33rd 10-Day Seminar on the Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease. Tahoe City, Calif. The primary goal of the seminar is to provide an intensive introduction to the epidemiology and prevention of major cardiovascular diseases for qualified health professionals planning careers in research, teaching or practice in this area. Candidates must be at the postdoctoral level with some residency training or its equivalent. Consideration for selection requires: (1) a completed and signed application form; (2) a letter of nomination from a sponsor well acquainted with the candidate’s experience and interest; sponsor must be from the candidate’s institution and indicate the availability of financial support for travel and accommodations; (3) a letter prepared by the candidate indicating the basis for his or her interest in the seminar; and (4) the candidate’s curriculum vitae. See Web site: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3043315.

Sep 26–29: 61st High Blood Pressure Research Annual Conference 2007. Tucson, Ariz. The two-and-one-half-day scientific program gives physicians and research investigators an opportunity to enhance their knowledge, advance their skills, and learn about the latest developments in research pertaining to hypertension, stroke, kidney function, obesity, and genetics. The program will include state-of-the-art lectures and more than 350 oral and poster abstract presentations and discussions led by authorities. Registration opens May 2, 2007. See Web site: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3043476.

Nov 4–7: Scientific Sessions 2007. Orlando, Fla. Scientific Sessions encompasses 4 days of invited lectures and investigative reports. Simultaneous presentations represent all fields of cardiovascular and related disciplines. The program will include more than 3500 basic, clinical, and population science abstract presentations; plenary, special, and how-to sessions, morning programs, and cardiovascular seminars; clinical practice sessions focusing on current standards of care for practicing clinicians; translational science sessions that bring together basic scientists and clinicians; and “Ask the Experts” luncheons and in-depth subspecialty updates. There will also be pre-Sessions symposia. See Web site: http://scientificsessions.americanheart.org

Other Meetings of Interest—Domestic

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Feb 15–18: 23rd Annual Computed Body Tomography 2007: The Cutting Edge. Orlando, Fla. This seminar will provide a comprehensive review of recent advances in computed body tomography focusing on 16- and 64-slice MDCT. A series of focused lectures have been designed to concentrate on specific topics in depth. Participants will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the latest concepts in multidetector-row CT, CT angiography, the value of high-resolution CT in the chest, the uses of CT in the GI tract, cardiac CT and coronary artery imaging, and PET/CT in oncology. There will be time for questions and discussion. Optional hands-on workstation training will be available. For more information, e-mail cmenet@jhmi.edu. See Web site: http://www.hopkinscme.net.

Feb 22–24: Cardiovascular Topics at Johns Hopkins. Baltimore, Md. This activity is clinically oriented, including case presentations, updates on clinical practice and reviews of multicenter trial data, but with an emphasis on the scientific underpinnings of cardiology practice. Subjects range from ion channels to outcomes research, and presentations are given by faculty who are in day-to-day practice, drawn from the Hopkins cardiology division and related specialties of pediatric cardiology, neurology, renal medicine, and cardiac and vascular surgery. “Meet the Professor” sessions offer the opportunity to bring interesting or problem cases to stump or share with the clinical experts. For more information, e-mail cmenet@jhmi.edu. See Web site: http://www.hopkinscme.net.

Mar 27–Apr 1: Metabolic Syndrome and Cardiovascular Risk (Z2). Steamboat Springs, Colo. This meeting aims to integrate approaches from basic and translational science, with an overall goal of understanding (1) how to translate this science into more optimal lifestyle management and (2) the prospects for therapeutic intervention. Keystone Symposia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to “Connecting the Scientific Community.” See Web site: http://www.keystonesymposia.org.

Apr 10–14: National Kidney Foundation 2007 Clinical Meetings. Orlando, Fla. CM.07 offers innovative educational opportunities for physicians, fellows and residents, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nephrology nurses and technicians, renal and clinical dietitians, and nephrology social workers. The program is designed to create an interactive environment to
encourage the flow of ideas between all members of the kidney healthcare team. The National Kidney Foundation is the major voluntary health organization dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. See Web site: http://www.nkfcclinicalmeetings.org

Other Meetings of Interest—International 2007

Mar 8–10: **Carotid Disease and Stroke Symposium—Bringing Basic Science Into Clinical Practice.** Stockholm, Sweden. The Department of Vascular Surgery at the Karolinska University Hospital and Institute has arranged three symposia under the heading “Bringing Science Into Clinical Practice.” The meeting is based on lectures by invited experts in the field of cerebrovascular disease and is the fourth symposia in a series. It will focus on vascular reconstruction for cerebrovascular disease. Vascular surgeons, as well as specialists in adjacent fields, will be provided with the basis for current knowledge of treatment for cerebrovascular disease in general and carotid stenosis in particular. Sessions include the symptomatic patient, imaging of symptomatic and asymptomatic carotid disease, surgical treatment of carotid stenosis, and endovascular and medical treatment. See Web site: http://www.congrex.se/vascular2007

Oct 7–10: **7th International Congress on Coronary Artery Disease—From Prevention to Intervention (ICCAD 7).** Venice, Italy. The meeting will follow the format of the very successful previous ICCAD Coronary Artery Disease meetings and will provide a comprehensive update on coronary disease in all its aspects. Keynote lectures will be delivered by a distinguished international faculty, while a large number of selected free communications will report new data from basic research laboratories and clinical centers around the globe. The program will include sessions on molecular mechanisms, gene therapy and cell therapy, epidemiology and prevention, and clinical aspects. There will be a major focus on new frontiers in interventional cardiology and on the surgical management of coronary disease. A new feature will be a fast track for recent and “about-to-break” clinical trials. For more information, contact coronary@kenes.com or phone +41-22-908-0488. See Web site: http://www.kenes.com/cad7

Oct 14–16: **5th International Meeting on Intensive Cardiac Care.** Tel Aviv, Israel. Three parallel sessions, with more 100 presentations, will be featured. A parallel nursing stream will also be provided. For details, contact seminars@isas.co.il. See Web site: http://isas.co.il/cardiac-care2007

Nov 8–11: **Fifth International Congress on Vascular Dementia.** Budapest, Hungary. Attendees shall have an opportunity to deliberate on large- and small-vessel brain diseases and how they contribute to cognitive decline. There will also be an opportunity to identify the specific psychological markers, if any, of vascular dementia, and also the genetic factors involved. The overlap with Alzheimer’s disease will be a central issue, as will be the white matter changes frequently seen in vascular dementia. For details, contact vascular@kenes.com. See Web site: http://www.kenes.com/vascular

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