



**4<sup>th</sup> Joint ESAO-IFAO Congress 2011**  
**9 | 12 OCTOBER 2011**  
**Porto, Portugal**

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**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPEN - Deadline for submission: 31<sup>th</sup> of March 2011**

Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to the **XXXVIII Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs (ESAO 2011)** and **IV Biennial Congress of the International Federation on Artificial Organs (IFAO 2011)** to be held in the very hospitable and World Heritage city of Porto in Portugal, from 9th to 12th October 2011.

The biannual congress of our International Federation with contributions of all continents and especially of North-American, Japanese and European colleagues has become an interdisciplinary highlight in the field of development and application of artificial and bioartificial organs. Therefore you can certainly expect a cutting edge scientific programme in the field of Artificial Organs Research and its Clinical Applications, allied to a wonderful social experience, and of course meeting with the key-players in the field. This is for sure the major and premier world event on artificial organs research and clinical applications.

We will be delighted to welcome you at our venue in Alfândega (old customs house) congress centre located in the very heart of the Porto historical centre on the north bank of River Douro, overlooking the Port Wine cellars.

We are looking forward to welcome and discuss with you in Porto,

Rui L. Reis (Congress President) and the Organizing Team

Joerg Vienken (IFAO-President)

Heinrich Schima (ESAO-President)

Robert Wagner (ASAIO-President)

Ryuji Tominaga (JSAO-President)

The next **4<sup>th</sup> Joint ESAO-IFAO Congress 2011** will be held on **9 | 12 OCTOBER 2011**, in Porto, Portugal.

## **The Major and Premier World Event on Artificial Organs Research and Clinical Applications**

The ESAO-IFAO Organizing Committee invites you to **submit abstracts** focused on the congress topics (please see congress website).

For abstract **submission** please go to [www.esao-ifao-2011.3bs.uminho.pt](http://www.esao-ifao-2011.3bs.uminho.pt) **before 31<sup>th</sup> of March 2011**.

### **10 TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS OF 700€ EACH**

In order to enhance the internationality character of the meeting the IFAO has decided to support **10 Travel Scholarships of 700 Euros**.

The Travel Scholarship will be available to support investigators from overseas to attend to **4<sup>th</sup> Joint ESAO-IFAO Congress 2011**.

We will evaluate the candidates applying to Travel Scholarship based on the abstract scoring, the economics of the countries, trying always to support younger investigators.

If you have already submitted your abstract you may still apply for the Travel Scholarship.

For submit your Travel Scholarship Application Form please go to: <http://www.esao-ifao-2011.3bs.uminho.pt/> and select the application form fill and send the form to the email: [esao-ifao-2011@3bs.uminho.pt](mailto:esao-ifao-2011@3bs.uminho.pt).

### **Submit your abstract until 31<sup>th</sup> of March 2011**

We look forward to seeing you in Porto!

Warm regards,  
ESAO-IFAO 2011 Porto Organizing Committee

Organized by 3B's Research Group - U. Minho  
Conference President: Rui L. Reis  
Organizers: Patricia Malafaya, Ana Guerra



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