

President's Message

I am writing my last communication as President of the ISACCD from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, in London, England where for the last few days an international panel of experts (with a strong representation from our Society) studied the new challenge of pregnancy and heart disease. This is a new lifecycle and a cause of celebration for our specialty. The majority of our patients with congenital heart disease -who survived early surgery and lived to become adults- are now meeting their desire to have their own children. Provided that they are advised in a timely fashion and are supported by a multidisciplinary team, pregnancy for most of them is a relatively low risk endeavour. The multidisciplinary nature of our service was emphasized by every single speaker from all disciplines involved in the meeting. Indeed, a multidisciplinary approach remains the essence of what our patients need and the key to success for what we are striving to provide.

There are many worthy initiatives all over the world promoting the causes and advancing the knowledge of adult congenital heart disease. Equally important, this knowledge is extended to a broader professional audience, which in turn is more willing to play a role in the management of our patients. A joint working group from the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association led by Drs Williams and Warnes are soon to report on the guidelines for the management of the adult with congenital heart disease. A similar report led by the Department of Health is ready for publication in the UK. Our partnership with the International Journal of Cardiology has been both fruitful and rewarding; we have been receiving and publishing more papers with a congenital heart focus, while at the same time promoting the causes of our Society to a larger Cardiology audience. I am delighted to welcome the introduction of a new Journal, called Congenital Heart Disease, led by Dr Moodie, supported by many of our members, which will make an additional and important contribution to our field. Last but not least our links with patient associations both in North America and the rest of the world are becoming stronger, with these associations taking important initiatives on lobbying and education, raising general awareness and fund raising.

For me, the last 6 years of my involvement with the ISACCD executive have been very rich in learning and making new friends from around the world. I send my heartfelt thanks to all of you, the Society members, my colleagues on the Executive Committee and Peter Kralka and his colleagues at the Society's Headquarters.

Michael A Gatzoulis, MD PhD

Mission Statement

The purpose of the International Society for Adult Congenital Cardiac Disease is to promote, maintain and pursue excellence in the care of adults with congenital cardiac disease.

The Society is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and training in medical disciplines pertinent to congenital heart disease in adults.

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5th Advanced
Symposium

Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult

25th - 27th September 2006
Royal College of Surgeons

Preliminary Programme

Host Institution:

Royal Brompton and the National Heart & Lung Institute

Directors:

Prof Michael A Gatzoulis

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ACHD London 2006 Meeting

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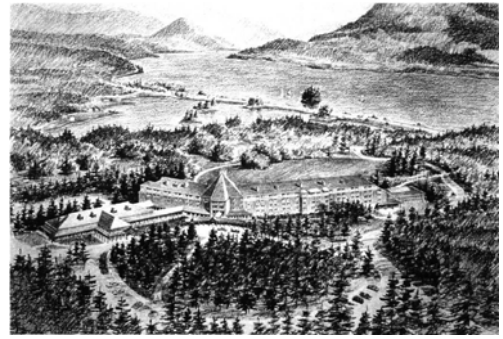
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**16th Annual Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult –
A Combined International Symposium**

In Honor of William F. Friedman, MD, FACC (1936 – 2005)



Directors:

David J. Sahn, MD, MACC

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Ahmanson/UCLA Adult Congenital Heart Disease Center Symposium

Management Issues and Controversies in Adult Congenital Heart Disease

September 28-30, 2006

This year's ACHD symposium for physicians, nurses, and health care providers will be held from September 28-30, 2006 at the Luxe Hotel in Los Angeles. The two-day course will include a half-day symposium devoted to nursing issues in the care of adults with CHD. The remaining day and a half will cover medical and surgical management issues and clinical controversies in the care of adults with CHD. Special topics will cover heart failure and pregnancy in ACHD, as well as state of the art management of cyanotic heart disease and new strategies in managing Eisenmenger's syndrome.

For more information please visit our website at www.achdc.med.ucla.edu or call (310) 825-2019.

**AHMANSON/UCLA
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**4th Annual
Symposium**

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2006

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September 28**

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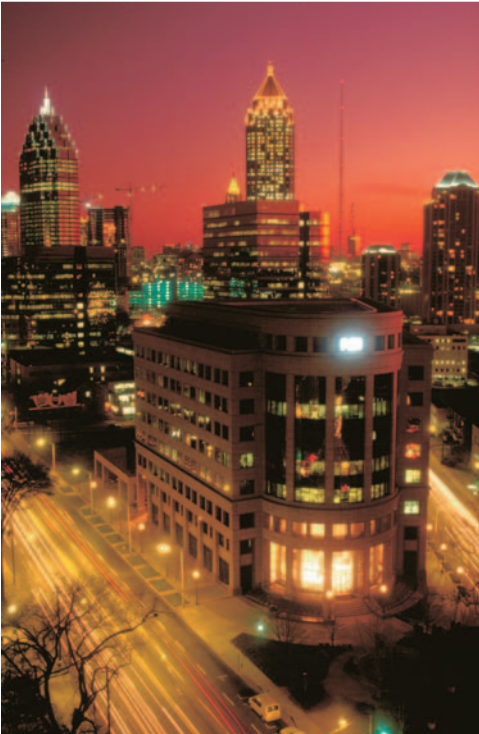
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ADULT CONGENITAL
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The Hyatt Regency • 265 Peachtree Street NE • Atlanta, GA
(404) 577-1234 • www.atlantaregency.hyatt.com

Proposed agenda

Welcome and New Executive

Dr. Gatzoulis

Lecture A: "The Right Heart in Congenital Heart Disease"

*Dr. Thomas P. Graham, MD, Head Paediatric Cardiology,
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine*

Lecture B: "The Atlanta ACHD Service"

*Michael Ellis McConnell, MD, Adult Congenital Cardiac Program,
Emory University Hospital School of Medicine*

Membership List

Dr. Colman

ISACCD Future Direction: "Where do we want to be 5-10 years from now?"

Dr. Colman

*(Open discussion with contribution from ex Executive and current
ISACCD members)*

Treasurers Report - Finances

Dr. Oechslin

International Journal of Cardiology Associate Editor Report

Dr. Gatzoulis

ACHD Centres Database Report

Dr. Graham

Patients Association Report

Amy Verstappen

Report from European GUCH Working Group

Dr. Oechslin

Next ISACCD meeting: AHA, Chicago, November 2006

Suggestions for dates and scientific program

Other Business

