65th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japanese Circulatory Society

The 65th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japanese Circulatory Society was held at the Kyoto International Conference Hall from March 25 to 27, 2001. The meeting was well organized by Professor Shigetake Sasayama of Kyoto University. The Japanese Circulatory Society was established in 1936, with the primary objective of promoting research, education and health care related to heart disease in Japan. The Society has continuously grown since its founding, and now has a membership of more than 20,000. The annual meeting, which covers all aspects of cardiology and health care, is one of the biggest medical events in Japan, with more than 10,000 attendees including scientists, cardiologist, nurses and representatives of industry and regulating authorities. With the dawn of the new century, the Society wishes to open its doors even wider to the world. For this reason, every abstract presented at the meeting was printed in English and the presentations were given in either English or Japanese, and Japanese-to-English interpretation provided for the 7 special lectures. These special lectures were given by Professors Richard Walsh, Shigekazu Nagata, Arnold M. Katz, Eric N. Olson, Edmund H. Sonnenblick, Eduardo Marban, Victor J. Dzaua and Shetate Sasayama. There were 9 clinical symposiums and 9 basic symposiums. There were 2 panel discussions, the topics of which were “Assessment of Coronary Artery Disease by Contrast Echocardiography” and “Prediction and Prevention of Restenosis after Angioplasty”. There were 2 ACC/JCI Joint Symposia: a symposium entitled “New Insight into the Pathogenesis of Heart Failure” was chaired by Professors Akira Takeshita and Arnold M. Katz, and symposium entitled “Differentiation Growth and Death of Cardiac Myocytes” was chaired by Professors Yoshio Yazaki and Robert E. Bonow. All 205 research sessions were presented in English. There were 721 oral presentations: 189 in English and 532 in Japanese. There were 1187 poster sessions: 413 in English and 774 in Japanese. In addition to these presentations, there were at least 50 luncheon panels and 20 evening seminars sponsored by companies.

This meeting was very productive for all participants in the fields of research, education and health care.

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