

NOF 2008 Congress Newsletter 1, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2007

The bi-annual congress of the Nordic Orthopaedic Federation in 2008 will be held in the Netherlands. The Dutch Orthopaedic Association is very honoured to host and organize this important congress. Orthopaedic surgeons, trainees, basic scientists and their partners are welcome to the beautiful city of Amsterdam where the congress will take place from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> till Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2008. The venue of the Congress will be the RAI.

This newsletter will appear on a regular base to provide all participants and anyone interested with the latest news and facts about the congress. Subscribing to this newsletter is possible through [www.nof2008.org](http://www.nof2008.org).

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The Organizing Committee consists of Prof. C.N. van Dijk, MD, PhD (president), J.B.A. van Mourik, MD, PhD (president Scientific Committee), J.H. Barentsz, ND (treasurer/exhibition), F.J. van Oosterhout, MD, R.A.W. Verhagen, MD, PhD, W. de Graaf, MD, C.R. van der Togt, MSc.

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#### Scientific Programme

The theme of the NOF 2008 congress is "Innovations in Orthopaedics". This theme will be the mainstream of all contributions, especially the key note sessions.

Beside specific orthopaedic subjects there will also be sessions on policy making, strategic developments and educational aspects.

For free communications on accepted papers there will be several parallel sessions.

On Thursday and Friday morning there will be an opportunity to take part in an early breakfast discussion with the invited speakers of that particular day. The number of participants on these sessions will be limited.

During all three days of the congress there will be Instructional Courses. In small groups participants will be instructed/trained/informed on specific orthopaedic knowledge and skills.

During the congress there will be a permanent scientific poster exhibition.

#### Social Events

Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, is well known and often referred to as one of the most colourful cities of the world. The city has a historical charm with its many places of interest, famous museums and beautiful waterside buildings. On the other side the city developed into one of Europe's most sophisticated business environments.

During the congress you will be offered a good opportunity to discover this exciting place. In one of the next Newsletters we will offer you a glance at the Social Programme to be organized.

#### Important dates

On-line early registration will open 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2007

Deadline for abstract submission will be 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2008

Deadline for early registration will be 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2008

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