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Immunity for Life – Immunology for Health: 1st Invitation to ECI Berlin 2009

“Immunity for Life – Immunology for Health”: with this as their motto, all National European Societies of Immunology will convene from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, in Berlin, Germany. This Congress offers a four day comprehensive program on the state of the art in Immunology. Professor Reinhold E. Schmidt, the president of the Congress and Director of the Clinic for Immunology and Rheumatology at Hanover Medical School, is pleased to invite journalists to attend this event.

Following the highly successful first Congress of Immunology 2006 in Paris, European Immunologists will now meet in Berlin for ECI 2009 Berlin (2<sup>nd</sup> European Congress of Immunology). The Congress offers a broad spectrum of topics in more than 30 symposia and 60 workshops, covering topics from basic research to applied Immunology. “The foci of this meeting are newly acquired knowledge about innate and adaptive immunity, the various aspects of immunological diseases, as well as new options for immune interventions”, stresses Prof. Schmidt.

The immunologists meet under the umbrella of EFIS (European Federation of Immunological Societies), which comprises 27 national societies of this discipline with a total of 13,000 members. During the Congress two outstanding research prizes will be awarded: the 50,000 € “EFIS Schering-Plough Prize in Immunology”, given for the second time, and for the first time the 10,000 € “Ita Askonas Prize”, awarded to young female researchers in the early stages of their careers.

Moreover, the Congress will offer a job-fair for young scientists as well as special events for self-help groups and interested members of the public. In addition, students from Berlin and surrounding areas are offered the opportunity to learn more about the enormous research in the area of Immunology and its role in health.

Further information:

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