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For information, contact: EMCTO Conference Secretariat c/o ESMO Via Luigi Taddei 4 CH-6962 Viganello-Lugano Switzerland Phone: +41 (0)91 973 19 25 - Fax: +41 (0)91 973 19 18 Email: emcto@esmo.org Additional information: <http://www.emcto.org>

■ **10 - 13 March 2011 Newport Beach, CA United States [iCalendar] 31st Annual Cardiothoracic Surgery Symposium (CREF) The Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Marina**

Abstract submission deadline: 1 February 2011 For information, contact: Susan Westwood, Program Coordinator 31st Annual Cardiothoracic Surgery Symposium (CREF) 793-A E. Foothill Boulevard, #119 San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 Phone: 1 805 541-3118 Fax: 1 716 809-4082 Email: susan@amainc.com Additional information: [http://www.amainc.com/cref\\_cardiothoracic.html](http://www.amainc.com/cref_cardiothoracic.html)

■ **11 - 12 March 2011 Palma de Majorca Spain [iCalendar] EACTS Course "Right ventricular outflow tract management from neonates to adults: an interdisciplinary view"**

For information, contact: EACTS Executive Secretariat 3 Park Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1LU, UK Phone: +44 1753 832166 Fax: 44 1753 620407 Email: info@eacts.co.uk

■ **11 - 12 March 2011 Marbella Spain [iCalendar] Marbella Aortic Symposium - Disasters In Open and Endovascular Aortic Procedures, Learning from Complicatoinis - (Cardiovascular Surgery Department, Carlos Haya University Hospital. Málaga) Fuerte Marbella CME available**

For information, contact: Technnical Secretariat Viajes Villarreal, Málaga, Spain Phone: +34 952 44 55 86 Fax: +34 952 56 46 32 Email: congresos@viajesvillarreal.com or Aorta2011@gmail.com Additional information: <http://www.MAS2011.COM>

■ **13 - 18 March 2011 Snowmass Village, CO United States [iCalendar] Interventional Cardiology 2011: 26th Annual International Symposium The Silvertree Hotel CME available Abstract submission deadline: 28 January 2011**

For information, contact: Promedica International CME 2333 State Street, Suite 203 Carlsbad, California 92008 Phone: 1 760 720-2263 - Fax: 1 760 720-6263 Email: IC2011@promedicacme.com Additional information: <http://promedicacme.com/>

■ **16 - 18 March 2011 TBA [iCalendar] EACTS Course "Open and endovascular aortic therapy"**

For information, contact: EACTS Executive Secretariat 3 Park Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1LU, UK Phone: +44 1753 832166 - Fax: +44 1753 620407 Email: info@eacts.co.uk Additional information: <http://www.eacts.org>

■ **20-22 March 2011 London United Kingdom [iCalendar] SCTS Annual Meeting and Cardiothoracic Forum Excel London Abstract submission deadline: 5 November 2010**

For information, contact: Isabelle Ferner 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3PE Phone: +44 (0)20 7869 6893 - Fax: +44 (0)20 7869 6890 Email: sctadmin@scts.org or tilly@scts.org Additional information: <http://www.scts.org>

■ **24 - 26 March 2011 Houston, TX United States [iCalendar] Houston Aortic Symposium: Frontiers in Cardiovascular Diseases, The Fourth in the Series The Westin Oaks Hotel CME available**

For information, contact: Jennifer Terchek Phone: 1 760 720-2263 Fax: 1 760 720-6263 Email: jterchek@promedicacme.com Additional information: <http://www.promedicacme.com/>

■ **31 March - 1 April 2011 Brisbane, Queensland Australia [iCalendar] Asia Pacific Heart Valve Forum - Beyond the Basics Sofitel Hotel**

For information, contact: Taylored Images - Gosia Wisniewska PO Box 247, Ashgrove QLD 4060 Phone: +61 7 3366 2205 Fax: +61 7 3366 5170 Email: gosia@tayloredimages.com.au or tfayers@bigpond.net.au

■ **13 - 16 April 2011 San Diego, CA United States [iCalendar] International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation 31th Anniversary Meeting and Scientific Sessions Hilton San Diego.**

For information, contact: The International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation 14673 Midway Road Suite 200 Addison, Texas 75001 Phone: 1 972 490-9495 Fax: 1 972 490-9499 Email: [ishlt@ishlt.org](mailto:ishlt@ishlt.org) Additional information: <http://www.ishlt.org/>

■ **14 - 16 April 2011 Zurich Switzerland [iCalendar] 50th Anniversary Zurich Symposium To Be Announced At A Later Date**

For information, contact: Email: [50YearsHeartsurgeryzurich@usz.ch](mailto:50YearsHeartsurgeryzurich@usz.ch)

■ **27 - 29 April 2011 Alexandria Egypt [iCalendar] 18th Annual Conference of the Egyptian Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery Helnan Palestine Hotel**

For information, contact: Official Conference Organizer: Manar Travel Corner Rd. 7 & 82, Maadi Cairo, Egypt Phone: (+202) 23594 110 /23590/23585 Fax: (+202) 23780 458 Email: [ctscairo@hotmail.com](mailto:ctscairo@hotmail.com) Additional information: <http://escts2011.com>

■ **28 - 30 April 2011 Varese Italy [iCalendar] XII congress Società Italiana di Chirurgia nell'Ospedalità Privata (SICOP) ATA Hotels**

For information, contact: Organising Secretariat, Balestra Congressi P.za Roberto Malatesta, 16 00176 Roma (Italia) Phone: +39.06.2148068 - Fax: +39.06.62277364 Email: [segreteriaorganizzativa@XIICongressoSICOP.it](mailto:segreteriaorganizzativa@XIICongressoSICOP.it) or [segreteriascientifica@XIICongressoSICOP.it](mailto:segreteriascientifica@XIICongressoSICOP.it) Additional information: <http://www.xiicongressosicop.it>

■ **4-5 May 2011 New York, NY United States [iCalendar] ACTS 2011 - Advanced Cardiac Techniques in Surgery, The Eighth in the Series The Equitable Center & The Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers CME available**

For information, contact: Promedica International CME Phone: 1 760 720-2263 Email: [ACTS2011@promedicacme.com](mailto:ACTS2011@promedicacme.com) Additional information: <http://www.promedicacme.com/>

■ **7 - 11 May 2011 Philadelphia, PA United States [iCalendar] 91st Annual Meeting - American Association for Thoracic Surgery Pennsylvania Convention Center CME available**

For information, contact: 900 Cummings Center Suite 221-U Beverly, MA 01915 Phone: 1 978 927-8330 Additional information: <http://www.aats.org/annualmeeting>

■ **26 - 29 May 2011 Phuket Thailand [iCalendar] The First Conjoint Meeting of ATCSA and ASCVTS Hilton Phukiet Arcadia Resort & Spa Abstract submission deadline: 28 February 2011**

For information, contact: Secretarial Office ProCongress (Thailand) Co., Ltd. 4/383 Moo 6, Soi Nakniwas 37 Road Ladprao, Bangkok 10230 Thailand Phone: 662 956 1580 - Fax: 662 932 4454 Email: [thaithoracicsurgeons@yahoo.com](mailto:thaithoracicsurgeons@yahoo.com) or [fo@ascvts-atcsa2011.org](mailto:fo@ascvts-atcsa2011.org) Additional information: <http://www.ascvts-atcsa2011.org>

■ **26 - 28 May 2011 Berlin, Germany [iCalendar] 19. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Interdisziplinären Gesellschaft für Außerklinische e.V., vormals Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Heimbeatmung und Respiratorentwöhnung e.V., und 6. Beatmungssymposium der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Pneumologie und Beatmungsmedizin Berliner Congress Center Abstract submission deadline: 11 February 2011**

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■ **5 - 8 June 2011 Marseille France [iCalendar] 19th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery Parc Chanot Conference Center, Marseille .**

For information, contact: Mondial Congress and Events Mondial GmbH & Co. KG Operngasse 20b 1040 Vienna, Austria Phone: + 43 1 58804-0 - Fax: + 43 1 58804-185 Email: [sue@ests.org.uk](mailto:sue@ests.org.uk)

■ **10 - 11 June 2011 Washington, DC United States [iCalendar] ASAIO's 57th Annual Conference Hilton Washington CME available Abstract submission deadline: 19 January 2011**

■ **For information, contact: ASAIO Inc 7700 Congress Avenue, Suite 3107 Boca Raton, Florida 33487-1356 Phone: 1 561 999-8969 Fax: 1 561 999-8972 Email: [info@asaio.com](mailto:info@asaio.com)**