

Artery 8

The eighth conference in a series of meetings to provide a forum for discussion on arterial structure and function

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Thursday 25th - Saturday 27th September 2008

Het Pand, Ghent University

GHENT - BELGIUM

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WELCOME INVITATION

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to invite you to attend *Artery 8* which will be held from Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th September 2008 in Ghent, Belgium.

This conference follows on from the previous highly successful Artery meetings that have now established a tradition in the field. This meeting will cover the expanding list of topics related to large artery structure and function through keynote lectures, abstract presentations and practical demonstrations of methods of how to assess arterial properties.

Stiffening of large arteries is an important element of vascular ageing, leading to isolated systolic hypertension and increased cardiovascular risk. This has been recognised by the 2007 ESC/ESH guidelines for the management of hypertension. Pathophysiological alterations of large arteries are related to hypertensive disease, atherosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, end-stage renal disease, smoking, hyperlipidaemia and many other factors. Therefore, methods of assessing arterial function and structure are important in the modern management of cardiovascular disease, both in terms of risk assessment and therapy.

The Artery Society aims to be the bridge between all societies dealing with arterial structure and physiology. Delegates of these societies are warmly welcomed to actively participate in *Artery 8* and to exchange ideas with delegates of other societies. As witness of this bridging function, joint sessions will be held with working groups from different societies including the European Society of Hypertension and the European Society of Cardiology.

We welcome abstracts for both oral and poster presentations dealing with clinical research, experimental studies, biomechanical, methodological, and genetic research related to large artery structure and function. The presentation of data at this meeting will provide the opportunity for scientific interaction and discussion with a highly informed audience. Furthermore, the participants will be rewarded with prizes for young investigators, for best posters and for Career Development Awards. All accepted abstracts will be published in the journal, *Artery Research*, the official journal of Artery the Society.

We look forward very much to welcoming you to Ghent in 2008.



Professor Luc Van Bortel



Professor John Cockcroft

On behalf of the Scientific Committee

Supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Servier



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME – THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2008

13.00-14.30	Registration, Coffee and Exhibition Open
14.30-14.45	Welcome Address L Van Bortel (Belgium) on behalf of the Scientific Organisers JR Cockcroft (UK) on behalf of Artery the Society
14.45-15.45	Oral Session 1 Chairpersons: A Hoeks (The Netherlands) and J Feely (Ireland) Young Investigators Session
15.45-16.15	Keynote Lecture Accuracy and meaning of vascular parameters P Segers (Belgium)
16.15-16.30	Coffee
16.30-17.30	Guided Poster Tour
17.30-18.30	Oral Session 2 Chairpersons: J Filipovsky (Czech Republic) and A Benetos (France) Genes and arteries Marfan and Marfan-like syndromes J De Backer , (Belgium) Other monogenetic arterial disorders P Boutouyrie (France) Arterial phenotypes as polygenetic continuous traits T Richart (Belgium/The Netherlands)
18.30-19.30	McDonald Lecture Wall shear stress revisited R Reneman (The Netherlands)
19.30-20.30	Drinks Reception - Het Pand University

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME – FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2008

08.30-10.15	Oral Session 3 Chairpersons: I Wilkinson (UK) and P Segers (Belgium)
08.30-09.45	Young Investigators Session
09.45-10.15	Special Guest Lecture Vascular risk in the Framingham study G Mitchell (US)
10.15-10.45	Coffee
10.45-12.15	Oral Session 4 Chairpersons: C Giannattasio (Italy) and A Hughes (UK)
10.45-11.25	Young Investigators Session
11.25-12.15	Career Development Lectures
12.15-12.30	Lifetime Achievement Award M Safar (France) (introduced by J Cockcroft)
12.30-13.00	Lunch and Exhibition Viewing
13.00-14.00	Guided Poster Tour
14.00-15.00	Sponsored Manufacturer Demonstrations

15.00-16.00

Satellite Symposium – Sponsored by Servier
Chairpersons: J Cockcroft (UK) and **C Vlachopoulos** (Greece)
Arterial wall and ACE inhibitors: from monogenic disease to common pathologies

Introduction **C Vlachopoulos** (Greece)
Cellular and molecular targets for prevention of arterial complications
P Lacolley (France)

From Marfan syndrome to aneurysms of the abdominal aorta (AAA)
S Laurent (France)

From arterial wall to central pulse pressure: evidence in hypertension, diabetes and coronary artery disease
L Van Bortel (Belgium)

Conclusion **J Cockcroft** (UK)

16.00-16.30

Coffee

16.30-17.30

Oral Session 5
Chairpersons: C Stehouwer (The Netherlands) and **M Hausberg** (Germany)
Poster Award Session

17.30-18.15

Debate
Moderator: JK Cruickshank (UK)

The mode of action of an antihypertensive drug is of high importance

No – **J Staessen** (Belgium)
Yes – **S Laurent** (France)

18.15-19.00

Artery Council Meeting

19.30 onwards

Conference Dinner – Gravensteen Castle

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME – SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2008

09.00-10.30	Oral Session 6 Chairpersons: T Länne (Sweden) and J Lekakis (Greece) In collaboration with ESC Working Group on Peripheral Circulation
09.00-10.00	
10.00-10.30	Special Guest Lecture Endothelial dysfunction F Cosentino (Italy)
10.30-11.00	Coffee
11.00-12.30	Oral Session 7 Chairpersons: M Safar (France) and L Van Bortel (Belgium) In collaboration with ESC Working Group on Peripheral Circulation
11.00-12.00	
12.00-12.30	Special Guest Lecture Shear stress, inflammation and vulnerable plaque R Krams (UK)
12.30-12.45	On-going projects Chairperson: S Laurent (France) in collaboration with the European Network
12.45-13.00	Closing remarks; next meeting J Cockcroft (UK) and I Wilkinson (UK)
13.00-13.45	Lunch

The Programme is correct at the time of printing, and the Secretariat accept no liability for any changes made at a later date

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DATES AND VENUE



Artery 8 will be held in Ghent, Belgium from the afternoon of **Thursday 25th September to Saturday 27th September 2008**. Ghent is the capital of the Belgian province of East Flanders and is a University City. The meeting will be held at 'Het Pand', which is the cultural and congress centre of the University of Ghent and is a former Dominican monastery situated in the historical centre of the City. The cultural centre is equipped with various conference and exhibition rooms.

The address is: 'Het Pand', Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent, Belgium.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACCREDITATION

This is an educational meeting and European and UK CPD accreditation will be applied for.

TRADE EXHIBITION

Exhibition space is available for instrument companies with an interest in this field. For further information, please contact the Conference Secretariat, artery@hamptonmedical.com. The exhibition will open on Thursday 25th September at 15.00 hrs and will be open during conference hours.

SPONSORED MANUFACTURER PRESENTATIONS

There is the opportunity for manufacturers to give a short presentation on their products during the conference programme. Interested manufacturers are requested to contact the Conference Secretariat for further information, artery@hamptonmedical.com. There are a limited number of times available in the programme and presentations will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

WELCOME RECEPTION

A Welcome Reception will be held at 'Het Pand' on Thursday 25th September from 19.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs. The Welcome Reception is open to all delegates. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like to attend.

CONFERENCE DINNER

A pre-dinner cocktail reception with a performance by a string quartet followed by the Conference Dinner will take place in the Castle of Gravensteen from 19.30 hrs on Friday 26th September. Tickets, at a cost of €70.00 each, include a pre-dinner cocktail, entertainment, a three course meal, wine and taxes. We are pleased to offer a reduced rate for students at a cost of €35.00 each.

The Conference Dinner will provide an opportunity of meeting informally with colleagues in a relaxed environment. Refunds for conference dinner tickets will not be provided unless the ticket is subsequently re-sold.

GRAVENSTEEN CASTLE

The Gravensteen is the Dutch name for the 'castle of the count'. The counts of Flanders had castles built in the principal cities of the country. Because they had to maintain law and order, they continuously had to move from one city to the other, therefore, they had a castle at their disposal in most cities. The castle of Ghent is the only one which survived the centuries more or less intact.



The Gravensteen, as we know it today, was constructed by Fillips of Alsasse who was count of Flanders between 1157 and 1191. He took part in one of the crusades and died during the siege of Akko in the Holy Land. The opening in the form of a cross, right above the main entrance gate, proves that he already had taken part in a crusade when the Castle was built around 1177-1178. The Gravensteen functioned as the centre of the Counts' power during the early Middle-Ages. Today, the Gravensteen has been beautifully restored. It is still partially surrounded by the medieval moat. It can be visited throughout the year. Within the castle, there is a museum about the history of

prison life and organisation, with a very instructive collection of medieval torture instruments.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees are as follows:

Members – Full Registration	€200.00
Members – Day Registration	€120.00
Non-Members – Full Registration	€290.00
Non-Members – Day Registration	€200.00
Student/trainee – Full Registration*	€100.00

* Student/Trainee Registration: The Registration Form must be accompanied by a letter from the Head of Department or Supervisor, clearly stating the student's current position.

These payments include access to all scientific sessions and exhibitions, morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, and all conference materials. Students will benefit from a discounted rate of **€35.00** to attend the Gala Dinner on the 26th September.

HOW TO REGISTER

Delegates can register **ON-LINE** for the conference, using a secure credit card payment site. Please go to the Artery Society website (www.artery.uk.net) and click on '**Meeting**'.

Alternatively, a hard copy Registration Form can be found at the back of this Announcement. **All registration forms must be accompanied by the appropriate payment.**

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All payments must be made in Euros.

- Cheques should be made payable to **Artery** in Euros.
- Credit card payments can be made by Visa or MasterCard only. Unfortunately payment cannot be made by debit cards or American Express.
- All credit card payments (for both on-line and hard copy registrations) are subject to an additional charge of 2.95%.
- All credit card payments will be debited in euros; if your credit card account is NOT in euros, the payment will be converted by your card issuer. They may also charge you a fee for doing so.
- Credit card payments cannot be taken by telephone as written authorisation is required.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of registration, together with a receipt of payment, will be forwarded by the Secretariat. Further details and directional maps will be available on the conference website (www.artery.uk.net) two weeks prior to the start of the conference.

CANCELLATION

Cancellation of individual registration bookings received in writing by the Secretariat will be refunded after the conference at the following rates:

Before 20 th July 2008:	Full fee, less an administration fee of €30.00
Between 21 st July and 10 th August 2008:	50% of the registration fee
Between 11 th August and 31 st August 2008:	25% of the registration fee
After 31 st August 2008:	We regret no refunds can be made

Name substitutions will be permitted at any time.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Secretariat has negotiated special rates with a range of hotels close to 'Het Pand'. Rates quoted (in Euros) are per room per night and include a buffet breakfast and tax at the prevailing rate. (N.B. Prices are correct at time of printing.)



Marriott Hotel - www.marriottghent.be

The Marriott Hotel is situated on the Korenlei on the banks of the river Lys. It offers a magnificent panorama of the famous historical sites of the city and brings modern design to this charming canal-side location. Ghent Marriott's 150 luxurious rooms include high speed internet access, a fitness room, three restaurant/lounges and 24 hour room service. It is a smoke-free hotel. This hotel is approximately 5 minutes walk from 'Het Pand'.



Hotel de Flandre – www.hoteldeflandre.be

Hotel de Flandre offers all the grandeur of a classical 19th century building with all modern conveniences. It is ideally located in the heart of Ghent and is within walking distance of the Koren- and Graslei, the 900 year old Gravensteen, the Museum of Modern Art, the historic Town Hall, the Opera House, the three towers of Ghent - St Baafs cathedral, Sint Niklaas church and Belfort. Moreover, just around the corner the guest will find a wealth of trendsetting shops, antique quarter, bars and fine restaurants. The 47 rooms have a style of their own which has been achieved by blending the old with the new. The Hotel de Flandre is located 5 minutes walk from 'Het Pand'.



Ibis Centrum Opéra Hotel - www.hotels-belgium.com/Ghent/ibis-opera.htm

The Ibis Ghent Centrum Opera hotel is in the historic city centre of Ghent, within the immediate proximity of the historical monuments of the city (opera house, museum, abbey, castle). The hotel has 134 rooms (including 3 adapted for guests with limited mobility), 24 hour bar, WiFi Internet access and undercover pay parking. It is located approximately 5 minutes walk from 'Het Pand'.



Novotel Ghent Centrum – www.novotel.com

In the heart of the historic part of the city, close to the town hall, the belfry, St Bavo Cathedral, museums and shops, the hotel offers 107 superior Novation rooms and 10 Junior suites. All rooms have air conditioning, television, minibar, safe, coffee and tea facilities and WiFi access. The hotel also offers a sauna, a fitness centre, terrace and an unheated outdoor swimming pool as well as a restaurant and a bar. Located approximately 10 minutes walk from 'Het Pand'.



NH Ghent Belfort – www.nh-hotels.com

Tucked away in the heart of Ghent, in the shadows of the town hall, NH Ghent Belfort is close to exclusive shopping areas, museums and galleries. Enjoy delicious Ghent cuisine in the restaurant "De Drake". Sauna and Fitness (recently renovated) are free of charge for the hotel's guests. Located approximately 10 minutes walk from 'Het Pand'.



Eden Hotel – www.edenonline.be

The hotel, situated in the centre of Ghent, next to the 'Zuidcentrum' is a family hotel with 29 rooms. All the bedrooms are single. Located approximately 15 minutes walk from 'Het Pand'.

Hotel	Distance to 'Het Pand'	Location	Single Occupancy	Twin/Double Occupancy
			Rates are per room per night (standard room) and include breakfast and taxes	
Marriott Hotel****	5 minutes walk	In the heart of Ghent	€185	€200
Hotel de Flandre****	5 minutes walk	In the heart of Ghent	€140	€160
Ibis Ghent Centrum Opéra**	5 minutes walk	In the centre of Ghent	Weekday rates (Monday to Thursday) €101 Weekend rates (Friday to Sunday) €91	Weekday rates (Monday to Thursday) €113 Weekend rates (Friday to Sunday) €103
Novotel Ghent Centrum***	10 minutes walk	In the heart of the historic part of the city	€153	€168
NH Ghent Belfort****	10 minutes walk	In the centre of Ghent	€159	€159
Hotel Eden***	15 minutes walk	In the centre of Ghent	€85	N/A

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION BOOKING AND PAYMENT

The full hotel room cost is payable at the time of booking in order to reserve hotel accommodation. On receipt of your booking, confirmation of your reservation will be sent to you. Subsequent changes to accommodation requirements should be directed to the Secretariat, **not** the hotel. The cost of room extras, e.g. telephone calls, laundry etc. should be paid by the individual to the hotel on departure. You will find a map of Ghent with the location of each hotel overleaf.

Please book early, as room availability cannot be guaranteed.

The Secretariat has negotiated special rates with the official conference hotels and these rates were the best available to the Secretariat at the time of placing the booking. The Secretariat will not increase the rates listed in the conference announcement. Delegates are free to book accommodation directly through the Internet, it is possible that a lower rate will be advertised. In many cases, only a small number of rooms are available at the reduced rate and, unfortunately, the Secretariat cannot match these lower rates offered by other agencies on the Internet. The Secretariat will not be responsible for any bookings that are made through external organizations or directly with any hotel.

HOTEL CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Hotel payments will be refunded in full if written notice is received before **Friday 20th June 2008**. There will be NO refunds for cancellations received after this date. Named substitutions will be permitted at any time. Payment of any refunds due will be made by the secretariat *after* the conference.

GHENT – GENERAL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION



Ghent is centrally located in Europe, at the crossroads of major roads between Amsterdam, Paris and London. The city is easily accessible by air, car and train. Ghent (in Dutch, Gent) is the fourth largest city of Belgium with about 250,000 inhabitants. It is not as big as Antwerp but bigger than Bruges. It can be no coincidence that Ghent, the capital of East Flanders, was given several pretty names: historic heart of Flanders, a city of all times, one of the most beautiful historic cities in Europe. The city combines an impressive past with a vivid present. Numerous tourists visit Ghent of which the citizens carry the nickname "stroppendragers" or noose-bearers. The historic heart of the city offers a lot of places of interest. From St Michael's bridge there is a wonderful view on the skyline of Ghent with the three impressive towers of St Nicholas' Church, the Belfry with its bell tower and St Bavo's cathedral with the world famous painting "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" by Jan van Eyck. Traces of the Middle Ages are preserved in a lot of places. The old port with its guild halls on the Graslei and Korenlei is merely one example of the beautiful views this town has to offer. Not far from the Graslei arises the Castle of the Counts, once the medieval fortress of the Count of Flanders. Nowadays it is a major tourist attraction. Ghent also has several museums, abbeys, beguinages, dozens of churches and historical buildings. Not only art lovers but everyone can find something here to suit their taste. Ghent offers a lot of shops, restaurants and an exciting nightlife. The city can be discovered by boat, carriage, bicycle or on foot. The people of Ghent guarantee you a warm and pleasant welcome!

By Air

Ghent is only 45 minutes away from Brussels Airport, which serves over 70 international destinations, operated by more than 140 international and regional airline companies. The other Belgian Airports (Charleroi/Brussels South and Antwerp) and Aéroport de Lille (France) serve several European destinations and have easy and direct connections to Ghent. There are direct rail links from Brussels Airport station to Ghent Saint-Peters. Travel assistance will be given at Brussels Airport on Thursday 25th September 2008. For further information on Brussels Airport, please visit the website: www.brusselsairport.be

By Car

Ghent is situated at the intersection of two major European motorways: the E17 that connects Northern Europe

with the Southern Countries, and the E40 which goes from the North Sea up to Eastern Europe.

By Train

Ghent is easily accessible from all Belgian and European cities. Due to the high speed trains – Thalys, Eurostar and ICE– Ghent is only two hours from Paris on the train and less than three hours from London, Amsterdam and Cologne. Ghent Saint-Peters railway station (Gent-Sint-Pieters) can be reached from Brussels South ('Brussel-Zuid / Bruxelles-Midi') in only half an hour. Travel assistance will be given at Brussels South on Thursday 25th September 2008. For detailed information on rail travel, please visit the website: www.b-rail.be



Currency

The official currency is the Euro (€). Most credit cards including American Express, Diners Club, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Please note that banks are closed on weekends.

Communication

The international access code for Belgium is +32 and the local area code for Ghent is 9. The outgoing code is 00 followed by the relevant country code (e.g. 00 44 for the United Kingdom). Please note there are high surcharges on international calls from hotels.

Climate

Flanders weather is known to be rather changeable (and wet) so be prepared. Rain is frequent in spring and autumn but wait a while and it'll probably change.

Electricity

Electricity is 230 volts, 50Hz and round pin plugs with a hole for a male grounding pin are standard. Most sockets also take the standard European two-pin plugs.

Language

The official language in Ghent is Dutch, but most people also speak French, English and/or German.

MEMBERSHIP OF ARTERY, THE SOCIETY

Membership of ARTERY is open to anyone active in the field of haemodynamics and large artery structure and function and who usually have had experience in the field of arterial structure and physiology. The Society promotes the advancement of knowledge and dissemination of information concerning the pathophysiology, pharmacology, epidemiology, detection, investigation and treatment of arterial structure and function. The membership subscription fee is €50.00 for full members and free of charge to student members. The annual subscription fee includes a subscription to **ARTERY RESEARCH** and a reduced registration fee at the annual meeting.

Our annual meetings cover fully the expanding list of topics relating to large artery structure and function through keynote lectures, lively debates, presentations of peer-reviewed abstracts and practical demonstrations. The meetings offer plenty of opportunities for scientific interaction and discussions with dedicated scientists in the field. For more information and to download a membership application form visit, www.artery.uk.net click on membership.

EDUCATIONAL BURSARIES FOR STUDENTS

The Scientific Organisers are very pleased to be able to offer a small number of educational bursaries to assist students with their attendance at the meeting. Each bursary will be offered to a maximum value of €500.

Bursary applications will be accepted from students who are **presenting an abstract as first author**. They should submit a CV and a letter of recommendation from their institute or organisation stating clearly why they cannot meet the conference costs from other resources.

All applications will be reviewed by the Scientific Organisers who will award bursaries to the best applicants. Bursary applicants will be notified by 15th August 2008.

Successful applicants will be required to pay a registration fee to attend the conference. Bursary payments will be made **after the conference**. The cost of the registration fee may be reclaimed and the balance of the bursary payment may be used to cover travel and accommodation up to a total value of €500 (including registration fee). Claimants must provide proof of payment for any travel and accommodation which is being claimed. The Organisers' decision will be final.

Bursary applications should be sent to:

Bursary Application
Artery 8
Hampton Medical Conferences Ltd
113-119 High Street,
Hampton Hill,
Middlesex TW12 1NJ, U.K.
Email: artery@hamptonmedical.com

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS - FRIDAY 20th JUNE 2008

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In the event that the Conference is cancelled by the organisers, or cannot take place for any reason outside the control of the organisers, the registration fee shall be refunded in full. The liability of the organisers shall be limited to that refund and the organisers shall not be liable for any other loss, cost or expense, howsoever caused, incurred or arising.

The Secretariat will hold and process your personal details on our database. This information is necessary for the legitimate management of this conference, which may include it being available to any organising/sponsoring company. We may also use these details to provide you with details of other conferences or events that we are organising. Please advise us should any of your details change. You may of course remove your details from our database by advising us in writing, at any time.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

All accepted abstracts will be published in the journal, Artery Research, the official journal of Artery the Society.

ON-LINE SUBMISSION ONLY

Only abstracts submitted on-line will be accepted. **All abstracts must be submitted electronically before Friday 20th June 2008.**



ACCESSING THE ON-LINE SYSTEM

- Access the website at www.artery.uk.net, click on 'Meeting', then 'Abstracts'
- Follow the instructions provided for First Time Users to register your email address and correspondence details, and to create your own password.
- Once you have registered, you will receive an automatic email confirmation of your password. You will also receive guidance notes for the preparation of abstracts, and the official Microsoft Word abstract template. These can also be downloaded from the on-line system at any time.

COMPLETING THE ABSTRACT TEMPLATE

- **Save the template to your computer** before you start to work on your abstract. **If you try to fill this in on-line you will not be able to submit your abstract successfully.**
- The only data you should enter into the template are the title of the abstract and the abstract content.
- Enter **only** the abstract title in the title box (**not** the author's names or addresses). The abstract title should reflect the main contents of the abstract. Do not use abbreviations.
- You will be prompted for all other information (e.g. author and co-author names, contact details, oral/poster presentation preference, areas of interest) during the submission process.
- Please include the names of all co-authors and confirm their acceptance of the submission of the abstract by clicking on the relevant tick box. Please do not forget to enter your own name here too.
- Please note that you must answer all questions marked 'mandatory' in order to successfully submit your abstract.

ABSTRACT SIZE AND PRESENTATION

- The maximum number of words is 250 including references (if you add a table or graphics to your abstract, please be aware that this will reduce the number of words you can submit). **Do not alter the size of the template** to enable you to submit a longer abstract. Abstracts are checked for size and rejected if too long.
- Abstracts may be reduced in size for printing, so all lettering/symbols/lines should be clear and distinct.
- Abstracts should be typed single-spaced – minimum type size 11 point. Please use Arial, Times New Roman and Symbol fonts only. If you think you may need to use other fonts please contact the Secretariat **before submitting your abstract.**
- Abstracts must be submitted in English.

ABSTRACT CONTENT

- Abstracts should refer to completed work and not work in progress, should include details of the results to be presented, and should not include phrases such as 'the findings will be described'.
- Use standard abbreviations only and place any unusual abbreviation in parenthesis after the full word the first time it appears.
- Use generic names of drugs. References should be kept to a minimum and, ideally, should be consistently presented in Vancouver (numbered) style.
- Tables should be kept simple and should be inserted as tab-spaced text or Word tables, not pasted from other applications.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS -
FRIDAY 20th JUNE 2008**

REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

Artery 8 – Het Pand, Ghent University, Belgium 25th - 27th September 2008

Please complete clearly and in BLOCK CAPITALS

Family Name: First Names:

Prof/Dr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc: Male Female

Speciality: Grade:

Work Address*:

Post/Zip Code: E-mail**:

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*Your work address will be used for correspondence. If it is not appropriate please advise us, in a covering letter, of an alternative address.
**Note: It is important that you provide an e-mail address, so that notification can be sent to you when the final details of the conference are available on the conference website.

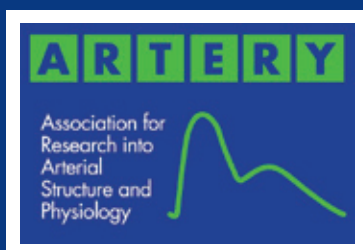
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