

### Aims of the School

To enable young scientists and clinicians to understand, develop and implement research questions in the field of atherosclerosis.

To provide training by international experts at eye level in a communicative atmosphere and to establish a scientific network among upcoming researchers.



This year, the International Atherosclerosis Research School (iARS) will be held in the beautiful City of Prague, Czech Republic, from August 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. The site of the meeting will be the Holiday Park Hotel in Benice, located in the picturesque southern surroundings of Prague and adjacent to the charming and delightful natural park Botič Milíčov.

For a group of about 20 postgraduate researchers the iARS will offer – embedded in a well-balanced scientific programme – opportunities to locate themselves in the field of atherosclerosis research and take home new perspectives and stimuli for their own projects. Furthermore, the iARS offers the chance for an intensive dialogue between participants and teachers and for establishing new networks for future collaborations. Applicants should have finished at least the first year of their laboratory training (MD or PhD).

The programme will cover basic research as well as clinical aspects of atherosclerosis and use a mixture of lectures, tutorial groups, journal clubs and working groups, all designed to be as interactive as possible.

The topics for this year will include: CVD and Atherosclerosis, Risk Factors and Assessment, Risk Reduction Strategies, Genetics, Lipid Metabolism, Good Scientific Practice, Presentation and Grant Writing Skills.



There is a registration fee of 150 Euros. Accommodation and food will be covered by the iARS. Participants are expected to cover their own travel costs and to attend the School for the whole time. Applicants should fill out the attached application form and include a brief CV and a short statement about their research interests. Additionally, a letter of recommendation from a senior scientist has to be provided along with the application. The complete application documents should be sent to Katrin Schmidt, [iARS@ks-katrinschmidt.de](mailto:iARS@ks-katrinschmidt.de).

The closing date for applications is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The successful applicants will be informed by June 10<sup>th</sup> latest.

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