

Dear Colleagues,

Tuberculosis and leprosy in early Egyptian cities, quorum sensing, and insuring a global influenza vaccine supply are a few of the fascinating yet disparate areas that make up the field of infectious diseases today. They also are a small sample of the diverse and thought-provoking presentations that will be part of the 12th International Congress on Infectious Diseases. From community-acquired MRSA to hemorrhagic fever outbreaks in low resource areas, and with internationally recognized speakers from every region of the world, the ICID provides a breadth of infectious diseases updates not found in any other Congress. The 12th ICID will be any especially exciting occasion, as it marks the 20th anniversary of the ISID. Lisbon, a beautiful and dynamic city on the edge of the Atlantic, will host the Congress in June, 2006.

Attached is a copy of the Preliminary Program that highlights some of the many interesting symposia, plenary talks and other sessions that will take place. Please visit the ISID web site at www.isid.org for the latest program updates, to submit an abstract for the scientific program, and to register for the meeting.

The ISID would like to thank the many colleagues who have already contributed to this Program as well as those who continue working to make this Congress the most stimulating infectious diseases meeting in 2006. We look forward to your contributions, and hope you will join us next June for the 12th ICID in the lovely city of Lisbon.

Best Regards,

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