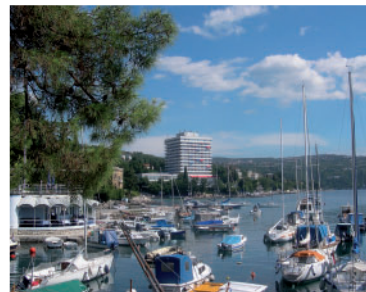
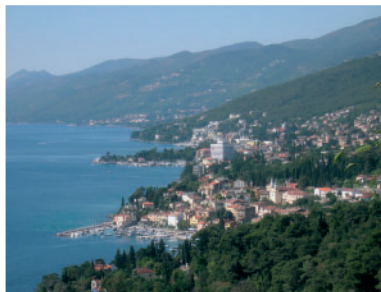


# MACCS 2007



19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mediterranean  
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September 27 - 30, 2007  
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**Dear Colleagues,**

We would like to share with you the great privilege of having the occasion to host the 19th Annual Meeting of the Mediterranean Association of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery - MACCS 2007 in Opatija, Croatia from 27th to 30th September 2007.

We are doing our best to welcome all of you in our country with an outstanding overall programme, a high standard scientific programme divided into parallel sessions on specific topics dedicated to cardiology and cardiac surgery, a faculty being led by some of the world-renowned cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, who will present the latest advances in research and clinical practice.

Among this, time will be spent to discuss topics and subjects that are part of our daily practice, especially those related to the peculiarities of our region. We cannot forget that we work in three different continents but we are connected and united by the Mediterranean, the most beautiful Sea of the world.

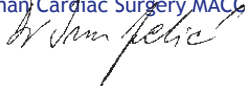
Let us then invite you to Opatija, Croatia's pearl, where Central Europe merges with Adriatic and Mediterranean seas and cultures.

Whether you are visiting our Country for the first time or you are an experienced international traveller, your stay in Opatija will prove to be an enriching and unique experience!

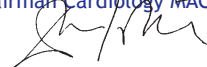
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Best regards.**



**Prof. Dr. Ivan Jelić, FETCS**  
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## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

<b>Thursday</b>	September 27, 2007	14.00	Registration of Participants
		15.00 - 18.00	Plenary Scientific Sessions
		18.00	Opening Address and Introduction
		20.00	Welcome Get-together Evening
<b>Friday</b>	September 28, 2007	8.30 - 19.00	Plenary Scientific Sessions
			Poster Sessions
			Satellite Symposia
			Selected Papers
<b>Saturday</b>	September 29, 2007	8.30 - 19.00	Plenary Scientific Sessions
			Poster Sessions
			Satellite Symposia
			Selected Papers
		20.00	Gala Dinner
<b>Sunday</b>	September 30, 2007	9.00 - 13.00	Plenary Scientific Sessions
			Poster Sessions
			Satellite Symposia
			Selected Papers
		13.00	Farewell Drink

## MAIN TOPICS

### CARDIOLOGY

- Acute Coronary Syndromes
- Heart Failure and Transplantation
- Peripheral Vascular Diseases
- Genetics in Cardiology
- Arrhythmology and Cardiac Pacing
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Cardiac Imaging
- Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation
- Free Topics

### CARDIAC SURGERY

- Surgical Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation
- Mitral Valve Repair
- Did we forget about the Tricuspid Valve?
- Coronary Artery Bypass Reoperations
- Surgery of the Aortic Root, Aortic Arch and Descending Thoracic Aorta
- Controversies in Cardiac Surgery
- Surgical Options in the Treatment of End-stage Heart Disease
- Surgical Treatment of Congenital Heart Disease
- Advances in Cardiac Anaesthesiology
- Free Topics

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts for the 19th Annual Meeting of the Mediterranean Association of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery (MACCS 2007) can be submitted to the Conference Secretariat ([maccs2007@alphastudio.it](mailto:maccs2007@alphastudio.it)) only by e-mail as an MS Word attachment.

An acknowledgement of receipt of your submission will be sent to your e-mail address after the submission. Please consider that only abstracts corresponding to the editorial guidelines will enter the review process.

*The material must not have been published or presented at any major meeting before. Abstract submissions will be accepted from January 31, 2007. Original contributions on any of the topics of the congress are welcome.*

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FROM	JANUARY 31, 2007
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE	MAY 15, 2007
NOTIFICATION OF ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE / REJECTION	JUNE 30, 2007
LOW FEE PRE-REGISTRATION UNTIL	MAY 15, 2007

## EDITORIAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

- The abstract language is English
- Abstracts must be submitted by e-mail as Word (.doc) attachment
- Type the abstracts in small letters (Arial 10)
- Type the title of the abstract in capital bold letters
- The text should not exceed 400 words. The use of tables or figures is not allowed
- The title of the abstract must be printed in CAPITAL LETTERS; the name(s) of the author(s) should be preceded by the initials (omit titles).
- Underline the name of the presenting author(s) only.
- The abstract must consist of four paragraphs labelled OBJECTIVE, METHODS, RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS. This does not apply to "Case reports".
- Mark the category which best describes the subject of your abstract on the basis of the topics listed (Categories: Cardiac Surgery, Cardiology).
- Indicate the preferred form of the presentation: oral or poster presentation.



## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORAL PRESENTATION**

Only presentation in Power Point will be allowed. Be sure to bring your presentation on a CD-rom or memory stick; floppy disks are not allowed; the use of personal lap-tops for presentation is discouraged.

The time for presentation will be 7 minutes + 3 minutes of discussion.

Material for presentation will be uploaded in the Speaker's Centre at least 2 hours before the presentation. We encourage you to check your presentation in the Speaker's Media Centre well in advance.

For the early morning sessions, please present your CD-rom at Speaker's Media Centre the day before.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTER PRESENTATION**

Posters must be brought in person by the author and should not be mailed in advance. The required size is 90 cm (width) x 140 cm (height). Illustrations must be produced heavily and clearly, so that all posters can be readable from a distance of 1.5 metres. At the top of the poster, in bold lettering of about 2.5 to 3 cm size, please provide the title of the paper, name(s) of the author (s), and affiliation.

The best posters will be selected for an oral mini presentation (5 minutes, 5 slides with the first reproducing the poster).



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DATE

September 27-30 2007

### VENUE

Congress Centre of the Hotel Ambassador,  
F. Peršića 1, 51410 Opatija, Croatia

### CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official language of the Congress is English.



## REGISTRATION

**On-line registration is strongly recommended on the website [www.maccs2007.org](http://www.maccs2007.org)**  
In case you do not have internet access, fill in the enclosed form and return it by mail or fax to:

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## REGISTRATION FEES

All fees include 20% VAT	Early Bird Fee Before June 30, 2007	Regular Fee After June 30, 2007
PARTICIPANTS	€ 350,00	€ 450,00
ACCOMPANYING PERSONS	€ 150,00	€ 150,00

The registration fee for participants includes:

Admission to scientific sessions, congress kit, certificate of attendance, coffee breaks and working lunch, welcome reception, gala dinner

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

welcome reception, gala dinner

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## PAYMENT

Payment of registration fees should be made in Euros by:

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## HOTEL RESERVATION

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If you wish to make a hotel reservation, fill in the proper spaces on the registration form. Rooms will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. The number of pre-booked rooms is limited. Thereafter, delegates shall have to arrange their reservation on their own.

Should the preferred hotel category be full, you will be contacted for the best available alternative. Please note that all the hotels are located within only a 10-minute walking distance from the Congress venue.

To process and guarantee your reservation always forward your credit card details.

No reservation can be accepted unless credit card details have been supplied.

**Please note that the accommodation will be paid directly to the hotel.**

Category	Hotel	Single Room	Double Room
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*****	ADRIATIC	€ 81,00	€ 112,00
****	MIRAMAR	€ 214,92	€ 230,92
****	MOZART	€ 110,00	€ 164,00
****	GRAND	€ 92,00	€ 136,00
****	BRISTOL	€ 76,00	€ 122,00
****	ADMIRAL	€ 76,00	€ 102,00
****	KRISTAL	€ 76,00	€ 102,00
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***	GALEB	€ 76,00	€ 120,00
***	IMPERIAL	€ 52,00	€ 74,00

Above prices are per room on Bed & Breakfast basis and include taxes.

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A written notification must be sent to Alpha Studio before August 31, 2007. If cancellation is received after this date, an amount equivalent to a one-night cost will be charged on your credit card.

In the event of non-arrival after h 22.00, the reservation will automatically be released by the hotel and one-night cost will be charged on your credit card.

However, if you know you will be arriving later than 22.00, please remember to tick the proper box on the form.

## PRE AND POST-CONGRESS TOURS

We are preparing a very stimulating pre and post-congress programme as well as one-day sightseeing tours.

All information will be soon available on [www.maccs2007.org](http://www.maccs2007.org)

## IMPORTANT DATES

• DEADLINE FOR HOTEL BOOKING	AUGUST 1, 2007
• DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE	JUNE 30, 2007
• DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	MAY 15, 2007

## HOW TO ARRIVE

### By plane:

Zagreb International Airport (Croatia) - distance from Opatija: 165 km - [www.zagreb-airport.hr](http://www.zagreb-airport.hr)

Pula Airport (Croatia) - distance from Opatija: 100 km - [www.airport-pula.com](http://www.airport-pula.com)

Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari International Airport (Italy) - distance from Opatija: 105 km  
[www.aeroporto.fvg.it](http://www.aeroporto.fvg.it)

Venice Marco Polo International Airport (Italy) - distance from Opatija: 220 km  
[www.veniceairport.it](http://www.veniceairport.it)

### By train:

Station of Rijeka. The Congress Centre is easily reachable either by bus (bus n. 32) or taxi.

### By sea:

Port of Rijeka. The Congress Centre is easily reachable either by bus (bus n. 32) or taxi.

## OFFICIAL CARRIER

The official carrier for MACCS 2007 is Croatia Airlines.

For more information see [www.maccs2007.org](http://www.maccs2007.org)



## TECHNOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

The medical industry exhibits will take place and can be visited during the Congress. Access is free to all registered participants.

## NAME BADGES/ADMISSION

Name badges will be distributed at the registration desk. Participants without name badges will not be admitted to the Congress activities.

## SUGGESTED DRESS CODE

Scientific sessions: Business casual  
Gala dinner: Formal

## VISA

Participants needing a visa for entry to Croatia are strongly advised to make their application in their home country in useful time before the intended date of travel. If in doubt, please contact your nearest Croatian diplomatic mission or consular office, or check on

[www.mfa.hr/MVP.asp?pcpid=1615](http://www.mfa.hr/MVP.asp?pcpid=1615)

Upon request, the Organizing Committee will be pleased to send a Letter of invitation to all participants who should need it, in order to facilitate visa and other formalities.

Please note that this letter is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support.



## BANK AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The currency is the Croatian Kuna; 1 Kuna corresponds to USD 0,1791 and to Euro 0,1361 (exchange rate updated December 21, 2006).

Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport or the front desk of your hotel.

Local banks are open from Monday to Friday from 8.00 to 14.30.

## CREDIT CARDS

All major credit cards are accepted in Croatia by restaurants, hotels and shops.

Please note that:

- for the payment of the registration fee and for the hotel booking guarantee only VISA and MASTERCAD are accepted
- the on site Secretariat will not be able to accept any payment by credit cards. Only cash payments will be accepted.

## INSURANCE

The meeting organizers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained or for loss or damage to property belonging to Congress participants (or their accompanying persons) either during or as a result of the meeting. Please obtain proper travel and health insurance prior to your trip.

## TIPPING

Tipping is not mandatory in Croatia. However it is customary to add 10% in restaurants if you are satisfied with the service.

## TELEPHONES

The international dialling code for Croatia is +385, and the code for Opatija is (0)51. International calls: 00 + country code + city code + telephone number. International and National calls can be easily made at public payphones. Phone cards are widely available in shops. In Opatija there is a good GSM coverage for Mobile Phones.

## ELECTRICITY

The electricity in Croatia is 220 volts.

## INTERNET ZONE INFORMATION CENTRE

Internet Zone and Information Centre will be available.

## WEB SITE

The Congress website is

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I grant permission to use my data for the above-mentioned purposes. I understand that, without my consent, Alpha Studio cannot process my registration for the Congress.

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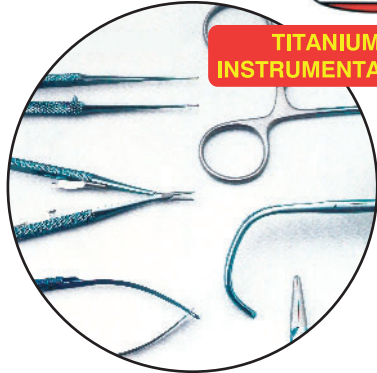


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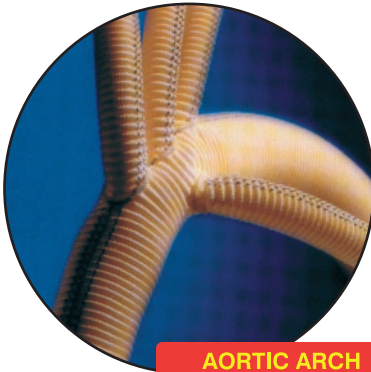
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# History

*Opatija, often called the Nice of the Adriatic, is one of the most popular tourist resorts in Croatia and a place with the longest touristic tradition on the eastern coast of the Adriatic.*

*In 1844, Higinio Scarpa, a wealthy merchant and patrician from Rijeka, ordered a villa to be built for his wife Angiolina.*

*This signed the beginning of fame and fortune for this area where, according to the oldest written document, a Benedictine monastery was erected in 1453.*

*Opatija was so attractive that, at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries, it was visited by the most prominent personalities of the European noble rank.*

*The royal families and the most distinguished members of the European upper class used to winter; Isadora Duncan was known to have here her 'secret shelter'.*

*In the 19th century several admirable buildings were erected, all of them echoing the Renaissance, Baroque and Neo-classicism architecture.*

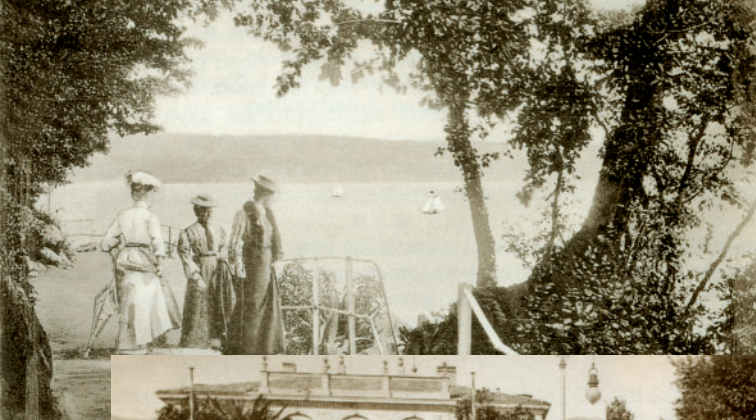
*This made Opatija become the 'little Vienna' of tourism.*

*In 1858 doctor G.J.M. Sporer undertook an intense activity for Opatija to be recognized as a health and seaside resort.*

*His efforts were shared by Professor L. Schrötter-Kristelli (a distinguished representative of Vienna's School of Medicine who discovered a high concentration of aerosols in Opatija's air) and by an expert in balneotherapy, K. Carr; both praised the therapeutic properties of Opatija's climate, with the purpose of setting up a sanatorium and other health institutions.*

*A world-renowned surgeon from Vienna, Theodor Billroth (1828-1894), who used to spend his holidays in Opatija, confirmed the results of Professor Schrötter-Kristelli's studies, and predicted a brilliant future of therapeutic and seaside resort for Opatija.*





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## CLIMATE

The Opatija's riviera is a unique combination of climatic opposites.

The average temperature in Opatija is some degrees higher than in the neighboring places, thus allowing successful growth of subtropic plants and camelias in its parks (the camelia has been chosen as the symbol of the town).

In Opatija you can swim until mid-October, the average temperature in early Autumn ranging between 23-25 °C during the day.

At night the temperature is slightly lower, therefore warmer clothes are recommended.

## WHAT TO DO IN OPATIJA

The Opatija riviera (25 km. long) is spread along the coast: you can rest on the beach or swim, take long walks along the seafront (20 km) or make excursions to the nearby mountains (up to 1400 m), going through the Mediterranean underbrush, evergreen and coniferous trees.

Tennis courts surrounded by a rich vegetation can be found all over the town.

In the numerous restaurants along the riviera one can taste both Mediterranean and Central-European cooking.

For more information

[www.opatija-tourism.hr](http://www.opatija-tourism.hr).



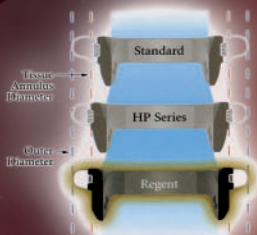
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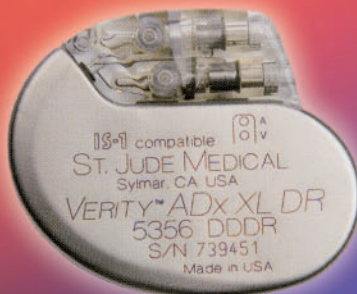


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