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16th Congress of the ASEAN Federation of Endocrine Societies

*Translating endocrinology research
into clinical care.*

17 – 20 November 2011

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the ASEAN Federation of Endocrinology Societies and the Local Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the 16th AFES Conference, which will be held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 17 to 20 November 2011. This Conference will continue the success of the preceding conferences in Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur, and will provide a legacy for those to come. The Conference will be organized by the AFES and the Vietnamese Association of Diabetes and Endocrinology.

The theme of this year Conference is "Translating endocrinology research into clinical care". With this theme as a guiding principle, the Conference will have several official and satellite sessions on basic and applied research, where the most up-to-date information regarding the science and advances in endocrinology (including diabetes and osteoporosis), and particularly, clinical care will be presented by leading ASEAN and international scientists. It is expected that the Conference will attract more than 1000 participants from ASEAN countries. Participants will have the opportunity to refresh their knowledge and to meet and interact with leading scientists and physicians of endocrinology.

Ho Chi Minh City or Saigon, also known as the Pearl of the Orient, is an economic hub and cultural center of Vietnam. Saigonese are well-known for their hospitality and friendly people. In addition to the great Scientific Program, participants will be able to enjoy the impressive sights, wonderful Saigonese cuisine, and unique Vietnamese culture. From Ho Chi Minh City, participants can visit great places in northern, central and southern parts of the country.

We hope you will join us for a great Conference of outstanding science, and take a little extra time to enjoy the unique beauty of Vietnam.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ho Chi Minh City.

Nguyen Thy Khue
President, Vietnamese Association of Diabetes and Endocrinology
Chair, Local Organizing Committee



THE ASEAN FEDERATION
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VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATION
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ENDOCRINOLOGY

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CONGRESS INFORMATION

Congress Date
17-20 November 2011

Congress Venue
White Palace Convention Centre
194 Hoang Van Thu Street, Phu Nhuan Dist.,
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

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Vietnamese Association of
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Official Language
English

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PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP: 17 NOVEMBER 2011

WORKSHOP 1: OSTEOPOROSIS

Time	Topic
09.00– 09.20	REGISTRATION
09.20– 09.30	OPENING REMARKS <i>Van-Tuan Nguyen, Australia</i>
09.30– 10.15	BONE STRENGTH AND BONE QUALITY <i>Dieter Felsenberg, Germany</i>
10.15– 11.00	TREATMENT OPTIONS <i>John Eisman, Australia</i>
11.00– 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30– 12.00	OSTEOPOROSIS IN VIETNAM. PREVALENCE AND RISK FACTORS <i>Ho-Pham T Lan, Vietnam</i>
12.00– 12.30	PREDICTION OF FRACTURE RISK AND ADVERSE OUTCOMES <i>Van-Tuan Nguyen, Australia</i>
12.30– 13.00	TREATMENT OPTIONS
17.30	Opening Ceremony

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WORKSHOP 2: DIABETIC FOOT PROBLEM – AMPUTATION PREVENTION

Time	Topic
09.30–10.00	INTRODUCTION <i>David R Campbell, USA</i> 1. A Burgeoning Epidemic 2. Huge Incidence Of Limb Loss 3. Infection Neuropathy And Arterial Insufficiency 4. Team Approach
10.00–10.30	REFLECTION OF CURRENT AND EMERGING DRUGS IN MANAGEMENT OF DM <i>Om Ganda, USA</i>
10.30–11.00	TREATMENT OF INFECTION <i>David R Campbell, USA</i> 1. Antibiotic Therapy 2. MRSA 3. Treatment Of Osteomyelitis 4. Role Of Minor Amputations In Limb Salvage
11.00–11.30	Coffee Break
11.30–12.00	NEUROPATHY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE DIABETIC FOOT <i>Thomas Lyons, USA</i> 1. Protecting The Insensate Foot 2. Offloading The Foot With Ulceration VS Offloading/ Protecting The Ulcer Free Foot At Risk
12.00–12.30	ARTERIAL INSUFFICIENCY <i>David R Campbell, USA</i> 1. Risk Factor Modifications 2. Statins BP Control 3. Diagnosis And Treatment 4. Endovascular Options
12.30–13.00	BASIC FOOT CARE <i>Thomas Lyons, USA</i> 1. Examination And Diagnosis 2. Role Of The Podiatrist Or Podiatrist Equivalent 3. Technique Of Incision And Drainage And Debridement 4. Caring For A Wound After Incision And Drainage 5. Dehiscence After Delayed Primary Closure
13.00–14.30	Lunch

Time	Topic
14.30–15.15	THE CHARCOT FOOT <i>Thomas Lyons, USA</i> 1. When To Treat Conservatively VS. Surgically 2. Conservative Therapy – Immobilization, Role Of Bisphosphonates, Calcitonin? 3. Charcot Stabilization Surgery – What Have We Learned 4. When Is A Bk Amputation A Better Option 5. Role Of Plastic Surgery
15.15–15.45	ACUTE AND CHRONIC VENOUS DISEASE – DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT <i>David R Campbell, USA</i>
15.45–16.15	WOUND CARE PRODUCTS <i>Thomas Lyons, USA</i> 1. Which Work And Which Don't 2. Categories Of Wound Care Products 3. Practical Suggestions Based On Experience 4. Vac Dressing
16.15–16.45	EXPERIENCE AT HOSPITAL 115 <i>Tran-Quang Nam, Vietnam</i>
16.45–17.00	WRAP UP PANEL If I Don't Have Podiatry What Do I Have To Learn To Do
17.30	Opening Ceremony

MAIN CONGRESS**Translating Endocrinology Research Into Clinical Care****DAY 1: 18 NOVEMBER 2011, FRIDAY**

Time	Topic			
07.00–08.15	MERCK SERONO BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM: Thyroid Welcome And Introduction: Epidemiology Of Thyroid Disorders In Asia 1. To Screen Or Not To Screen For Thyroid Disorders During Pregnancy? <i>Zhong-Yan Shan, China</i> 2. Treating Patients With Levothyroxine — A Case Based Approach <i>David S Cooper, USA</i>			
08.45–09.30	PLENARY LECTURE 1: Effective And Cost Effective Treatment Of Diabetes Mellitus <i>Edwin Gale, UK</i>			
09.30–10.15	PLENARY LECTURE 2: Risk-Benefit Ratio Of Fibrate And Statin Combination: Are All Fibrates Equal? <i>Alberto Zambon, Italy</i>			
10.15–10.45	Coffee Break			
10.45–12.15	CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA			
	SYMPOSIUM 1: Diabetes In Asean Countries 1. Diabetes Care in Malaysia <i>Mafauzy Mohamed, Malaysia</i> 2. Diabetes and Prediabetes in the Philippines <i>Cecilia A Jimeno, Philippines</i> 3. Diabetes Care In Indonesia: Increasing Prevalence And The Need Of A National Plan <i>Pradana Soewondo, Indonesia</i>	SYMPOSIUM 2: Hormones And Pregnancy 1. GDM Gestational Diabetes <i>Iris Thiele Isip-Tan, Philippines</i> 2. Management Of Diabetes During Pregnancy <i>Chaicharn Deerochanawong, Thailand</i> 3. Postpartum Thyroiditis <i>Joselynna A Quimpo, Philippines</i>	SYMPOSIUM 3: Thyroid 1. Hypothyroidism And Pregnancy <i>David S Cooper, USA</i> 2. Thyroid Nodules And Cancer <i>Ian D Hay, USA</i> 3. Thyroid Hormone And Fracture Risk <i>Siok-Bee Chionh, Singapore</i>	SYMPOSIUM 4: Osteoporosis 1. Vitamin D Update <i>John Eisman, Australia</i> 2. What Is The Goal Of Anti-Osteoporotic Therapy: Improve Bone Health Or Only Prevent Fractures <i>Dieter Felsenberg, Germany</i> 3. Osteoporosis In Asia: Knowns And Unknowns <i>Van-Tuan Nguyen, Australia</i>

DAY 1: 18 NOVEMBER 2011, FRIDAY (continued)

Time	Topic			
	CONCURRENT LUNCH SYMPOSIA			
12.15–13.30	<p>ABBOTT LUNCH SYMPOSIUM 1: Going Beyond Current Standards Of Care In Patients With Type 2 Diabetes</p> <p><i>Chairperson</i> <i>Nguyen Thy Khue, Vietnam</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Type 2 Diabetes Treatment, Have We Reached The Limit? <i>Tran-Quang Khanh, Vietnam</i> The Place Of Fibrates In The Treatment Of Type 2 Diabetic Patients <i>Alberto Zambon, Italy</i> 	<p>ASTRAZENECA LUNCH SYMPOSIUM 2:</p> <p>How To Achieve Comprehensive Glycemic Control For Uncontrolled T2D Patients: The Emerging Role Of DPP4-I And Saxagliptin <i>Luc Van Gaal, Belgium</i></p>	<p>NOVO NORDISK LUNCH SYMPOSIUM 3: Can Newer GLP-1 Agonists Improve Our Ability To Treat Diabetes?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction To GLP-1 And Proof Of Concept <i>Chung-Horn Lee, Singapore</i> Liraglutide – Clinical Evidence And Place In Therapy <i>Om Ganda, USA</i> 	<p>SERVIER LUNCH SYMPOSIUM 4: Let's Make The LATEST ADVANCES For Our Type 2 Diabetic Patients</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ADVANCEs For Better Survival For Our Type 2 Diabetic Patients <i>Jean-Francois Gautier, France</i> Evidence Based Therapeutics: Role Of SUs In The New Millennium <i>S P Chan, Malaysia</i>
13.30–14.15	<p>PLENARY LECTURE 3: Prevention And Treatment Of Vascular Disease In Diabetes <i>Hans-Henrik Parving, Denmark</i></p>			
14.15–14.45	<p>FREE PAPER SESSIONS</p>			
14.45–15.30	<p>MEET THE EXPERT SESSIONS</p>			
	<p>Thyroid Disorders And Pregnancy <i>David S Cooper, USA</i></p>	<p>Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma <i>Ian D Hay, USA</i></p>	<p>Postprandial Lipidemia <i>Leilani-Mercado Asis, Phillipines</i></p>	
15.30–16.00	<p>Coffee Break</p>			
16.00–17.00	<p>PLENARY LECTURE 4: Adipose Tissue As An Endocrine Organ <i>Luc Van Gaal, Belgium</i></p>		<p>PLENARY LECTURE 5: Advance Risk Engine <i>Jean-Francois Luc Gautier, France</i></p>	

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DAY 2: 19 NOVEMBER 2011, SATURDAY

Time	Topic			
07.00–08.15	MERCK SERONO BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM: Diabetic Neuropathy 1. Diabetic Neuropathy, Pathophysiology And Early Diagnosis <i>Behram Pardiwalla, India</i> 2. Thiamine Deficiency In Diabetic Patients <i>Paul Thornalley, UK</i> 3. B6 And B12 Deficiency In Diabetic Patients <i>Naila Rabbani, UK</i>			
08.30–09.15	PLENARY LECTURE 6: Diabetes And Cancer <i>Edwin Gale, UK</i>			
09.15–10.00	PLENARY LECTURE 7: Benefits Of Diabetes Treatment Beyond Glycaemic Control <i>Ian Campbell, UK</i>			
10.00–10.30	Coffee Break			
10.30–12.00	CONCURRENT SYMPOSIA			
	SYMPOSIUM 5: Pituitary Hormone 1. Update On Growth Hormone In Adults-Dose And Safety <i>Jens Sandahl Christiansen, Denmark</i> 2. Update On Growth Hormone In Children-Dose And Safety <i>Pinchas Cohen, USA</i> 3. Use And Misuse Of Pituitary Hormones <i>Kok-Onn Lee, Singapore</i>	SYMPOSIUM 6: Obesity 1. Obesity 2011: Aiming Actions and Shaping Solutions. <i>Gabriel V Jasul, Jr, Philippines</i> 2. Obesity In Indonesia <i>Ahmad Rudianto, Indonesia</i> 3. Neuromarkers In The Pathophysiology Of Obesity <i>Le Nguyen T D Son, Vietnam</i>	SYMPOSIUM 7: Endocrines Tumor 1. Neuroendocrine Tumors <i>Ashley Grossman, UK</i> 2. Adrenal Nodules And Carcinoma <i>Felix Beuschlein, Germany</i> 3. New Therapies For Pituitary Tumours <i>Aart J Van der Lely, Netherlands</i> Supported by ISE	SYMPOSIUM 8 Type 2 Diabetes Risk And Diabetes Care 1. Who Is At Risk Of Type 2 Diabetes – What Can We Learn From Epidemiology And Biomarkers? <i>Claes-Goran Ostensson, Sweden</i> 2. A1chieve: Study Overview And Baseline Glycemic Control 3. Profile Of Hypoglycaemia And Long Term Complications In A1chieve

DAY 2: 19 NOVEMBER 2011, SATURDAY (continued)

Time	Topic		
	CONCURRENT LUNCH SATELLITE SYMPOSIA		
12.15–13.30	SANOFI AVENTIS LUNCH SYMPOSIUM 5: Start Early, Stay Longer And Succeed Better With Insulin <i>Richard Maclsaac, Australia</i>	SERVIER LUNCH SYMPOSIUM 6: 1. Bone Quality In The Treatment Of Osteoporosis: New Approaches <i>Dieter Felsenberg, Germany</i> 2. Protelos: From Early To Longterm Efficacy Against Fracture <i>S P Chan, Malaysia</i> 3. Mapping Clinical Controlled Trial Results Into Individualized Patient Care <i>Van-Tuan Nguyen, Australia</i>	MSD LUNCH SYMPOSIUM 7: The Evolution Of Incretin Based Therapies In Type 2 Diabetes: New Developments And Insights The Emerging Role Of Incretin Based Therapy For T2DM <i>Greaorv Fulcher, Australia</i>
13.30–14.15	PLENARY LECTURE 8: Pheochromocytoma Update 2011 <i>Karel Pacak, USA</i> Supported by NIH		PLENARY LECTURE 9: The Growth Hormone IGF Axis and Human Longevity <i>Pinchas Cohen, USA</i>
14.15–14.50	FREE PAPER SESSIONS		
15.00–15.45	MEET THE EXPERT SESSIONS		
	Dyslipidemia Management In Diabetes-Following Guidelines Or Common Sense <i>Om Ganda, USA</i>	Mineralocorticoid Excess <i>Paul M Stewart, UK</i>	Adrenal Incidentaloma <i>Xavier Bertagna, France</i>
15.45–16.15	Coffee Break		
16.15–17.00	PLENARY LECTURE 10: Management Of Cushing Syndrome, Case Based Approach <i>Xavier Bertagna, France</i>		
18.30–22.00	CONGRESS BANQUET Sheraton Saigon Hotel & Towers		



MAIN CONGRESS

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DAY 2: 19 NOVEMBER 2011, SATURDAY (continued)

Time	Topic
	ASIAN ALLIANCE FOR THE STUDY OF NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS Supported by NIH
14.15–14.30	MESSAGES <i>Wayne P Zandbergen</i> <i>Vice Chairman, USA Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma</i> <i>Allen Wilson</i> <i>President, USA Pheo Para Troopers</i> <i>Leilani-Mercado Asis</i> <i>President, Asian Alliance for the Study of Neuroendocrine Tumors</i> Oath Taking Of The Officers And Board Members Of The Asian Alliance For The Study Of Neuroendocrine Tumors And Formalizing The Collaboration Between Asian Alliance And Pheopara Alliance USA
14.30–14.50	Molecular Data Of Pheochromocytoma And Paraganglioma In Asia <i>Thiti Snabboon, Thailand</i>
14.50–15.10	Asian Data Report On Neuroendocrine Tumors <i>Zanariah Hussein, Malaysia</i>
15.10–15.30	Philippines PRESSOR DATA And NIH Collaboration <i>Leilani-Mercado Asis, Philippines</i>
15.30–15.45	Details Of NIH Collaboration <i>Karen Adams, USA</i>

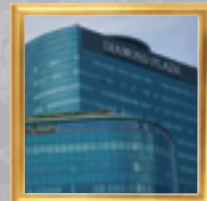
DAY 3: 20 NOVEMBER 2011, SUNDAY

Time	Topic	
08.30–09.15	PLENARY LECTURE 11: Endocrine Hypertension <i>Paul M Stewart, UK</i>	
09.15–10.00	PLENARY LECTURE 12: Thyroid And Obesity <i>David S Cooper, USA</i>	
10.00–10.30	Coffee Break	
10.30–12.00	SYMPOSIUM 9: Endocrinology Of Cancer Survivals Endocrinopathy After Childhood Cancer Therapy <i>Kah-Yin Loke, Singapore</i>	SYMPOSIUM 10: Endocrine Emergencies 1. Hypoglycemia <i>Ashley Grossman, UK</i> 2. Pituitary Apoplexy <i>Aart J Van der Lely, Netherlands</i> 3. Thyrotoxic Crisis
12.00–12.30	CLOSING CEREMONY	



INVITED FACULTY

- Karen Adams (USA)
- Leilani-Mercado Asis (Philippines)
- Xavier Bertagna (France)
- Felix Beuschlein (Germany)
- David R Campbell (USA)
- Ian Campbell (UK)
- S P Chan (Malaysia)
- Siok-Bee Chionh (Singapore)
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- Zanariah Hussein (Malaysia)
- Iris Thiele Isip-Tan (Philippines)
- Gabriel V Jasul, Jr (Philippines)
- Cecilia A Jimeno (Philippines)
- Tran-Quang Khanh (Vietnam)
- Ho-Pham T Lan (Vietnam)
- Le Nguyen T D Son (Vietnam)
- Chung-Horn Lee (Singapore)
- Kok-Onn Lee (Singapore)
- Kah-Yin Loke (Singapore)
- Thomas Lyons (USA)
- Richard Maclsaac (Australia)
- Mohamed Mafauzy (Malaysia)
- Claes-Goran Ostensson (Sweden)
- Karel Pacak (USA)
- Behram Pardiwalla (India)
- Hans-Henrik Parving (Denmark)
- Joselynna A Quimpo (Philippines)
- Tran-Quang Nam (Vietnam)
- Van-Tuan Nguyen (Australia)
- Naila Rabbani (UK)
- Ahmad Rudianto (Indonesia)
- Zhong-Yan Shan (China)
- Thiti Snabboon (Thailand)
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- Paul Thornalley (Vietnam)
- Aart J Van der Lely (Netherlands)
- Luc Van Gaal (Belgium)
- Troels Wolthers (USA)
- Alberto Zambon (Italy)





CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The AFES Organizing Committee welcomes your scientific abstract submission to the 16th Congress. Abstract must be submitted by **30 September 2011, Friday at 1700 hours**, Hanoi time. It is your responsibility to ensure that the abstract is entered online by the deadline. All abstracts must be submitted using the Congress website www.afes2011.org. Technical support can be obtained from the conference secretariat (e-mail: info@afes2011.org).

Abstracts will be reviewed and scored by the scientific committee and experts in the field. Based on the score, abstracts will be selected for either oral or poster presentation. Authors will be notified of the type of presentation via email by **14 October 2011, Friday**.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT

Format

- All abstracts must be written in English and Times New Roman 12 point font.
- Single space all text. Do NOT place blank lines between paragraphs.
- To enter abstract text, you can begin typing or paste your text from Microsoft Word.
- All abstracts should follow the below structured format:
 - ◆ Title in bold-faced letters
 - ◆ Authors' names, underline presenting author
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 - ◆ Results
 - ◆ Conclusion
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- Do NOT underline, bold, or use capitals for emphasis in the abstract text.
- Do NOT place hard returns at the end of each line; use hard returns only to start a new paragraph.
- Organize the content of the abstract by first stating the purpose, describe the methods used, summarize the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusions and state the conclusions reached. (It is not satisfactory to state, "The results will be discussed" or "Other data will be presented.")

Abstract

- If you are submitting more than one abstract, the abstracts may NOT overlap significantly in content.
- Your abstract may have up to 250 words. This does not include the title and authors.

Keywords

Please enter a comma-separated list of key terms that apply to your abstract.

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Young doctors are invited to enter the Young Investigator Award. The Award is in recognition of outstanding original work. The winner will receive a prize money of **USD500**.

The award is open to doctors below 35 years and younger (as of the date of presentation) and working in Asia. Only original work of related field carried out in region and not previously published will be considered.

Finalists will present their papers at the Congress to the Panel of Judges appointed by the Organizing Committee. In the event that no entry of sufficient merit is received, the panel of judges may recommend to the Organizing Committee that no award to be made. The decision of the judges shall be final.

Applicants must submit their abstracts before **30 September 2011, Friday**.



CONGRESS FEES

Category	Early Fee	Standard Fee	
	Before 30 Sep	Before 5 Nov	From 5 Nov
Full Registration 18 - 20 November 2011			
International Delegate	500 USD	550 USD	650 USD
Local Delegate	400 USD	450 USD	550 USD
Resident/Nurse	250 USD	300 USD	400 USD
Pre-Congress Workshop* 17 November 2011			
Osteoporosis	200 USD	200 USD	250 USD
Diabetic Foot Care	200 USD	200 USD	250 USD
Social Program			
Congress Banquet	80 USD	80 USD	-
Sponsor and Exhibitor			
Exhibitor Day Pass	200 USD	200 USD	200 USD

Fully registered participants are entitled

- To participate in all Scientific Sessions of the Main Congress
- Coffee/tea break, lunch
- Admission to the Exhibition Hall
- Transportation ticket (only hotel reservation through the congress)
- To attend the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception and Closing Ceremony
- Congress materials
- Certificate of Attendance

**Only fully registered participants can register for the pre-congress workshops*

Exhibitor Day Pass Entitlements

- Coffee/tea break on the registered day
- Admission to the Exhibition Hall on the registered day

Method of Registration

Please register online at <http://www.afes2011.org/>

Changes and Cancellation Policy

1. You may edit your personal details or book additional services/courses online till **4 November 2011, Friday** while cancellation is accepted by e-mail only. Changes and cancellation are not accepted by telephone."
2. Changes after **4 November 2011, Friday** will be subject to an administrative fee of 50 USD/ participant.

Refund Policy

1. Notification in writing to registration@afes2011.org by **31 August 2011, Wednesday**, full refund with 50 USD administrative fee.
2. Notification in writing to registration@afes2011.org by **30 September 2011, Friday**, a refund of 50% with 50 USD administrative fee.
3. Please note that if you cancel after **30 September 2011, Friday**, no refund will be possible.
4. Please note that the refund shall be processed after **1 December 2011, Thursday**.

Liability

The Organizing Committee reserves the right and its Congress Secretariat are not liable for personal accidents, loss or damage to private properties of the registered participants during the Congress. Participants are recommended to make with own arrangements to personal and travel insurance.

Disclaimer

Whilst every attempt will be made to ensure that all aspects of the Congress mentioned in this announcement will take place as scheduled, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to make changes should the need arise.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels in the City	Single Room Rates per night with breakfast for one (USD)	Double Room Rates per night with breakfast for two (USD)
Headquarter Hotel		
Sheraton Saigon Hotel & Towers – Congress Banquet and Evening Symposium will be held in this hotel	175++	195++
Intercontinental Asiana Saigon	175++	175++
Supporting Hotel		
Caravelle Hotel	170++	190++
Rex Hotel	110++	120++
Hotel Continental Saigon	105++	105++
Catina Saigon Hotel	72++	88++
Bong Sen Hotel Saigon	65++	75++
Asian Ruby Hotel	62++	62++
Oscar Saigon Hotel	58++	58++
Blue Diamond Hotel	45++	45++
Lan Lan Hotel 2	44++	44++
Kingston Hotel	43++	43++

Note: The above rates are subjected to 5% service charge and 10% VAT.

Room Reservation

- In order to benefit from the special rates, please make your reservation through the Congress' official website – www.afes2011.org.
- If any government tax are introduced or raised within this period, the Organizing Committee reserves rights to adjust the rates according to reflect the change.
- Reservation will be processed on a "First come, First serve" basis.
- Transfers to the Congress Venue will be arranged from these hotels if the accommodations are booked through the Housing Bureau.

Deadline

Please indicate your preferred hotel before **15 September 2011, Thursday**. The AFES2011 secretariat will recommend hotel of similar price range if your preferred hotel is not available at the time of reservation.

Hotel Guarantee

- Credit Card is required to confirm your reservation.
- Hotel and appointed agency is authorized to charge the credit card for bookings, cancellation and no show.

Cancellations

- Requests for cancellation of reservation must be made in writing to the 16th Congress of AFES2011 secretariat.
- Cancellation of room accommodation received after **31 July 2011, Sunday**, one night penalty will be charged.
- Cancellation of room accommodation received after **15 September 2011, Thursday**, and No Show, full duration of the accommodation will be charged.

Amendments

Requests for amendment of reservation must be made in writing to the 16th Congress of AFES2011 secretariat.

DISCOVER HO CHI MINH CITY

REUNIFICATION PALACE

Reunification Palace – formerly Independence Palace – is one of the city most recognizable landmarks. Designed by the flamboyant and renowned Vietnamese architect Ngo Viet Thu, the Palace is the official residence and workplace of the President of South Vietnam during the Vietnam war and the site of the official handover of power during the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, when a North Vietnamese Army tank crashed through its gates, symbolically marking the end of the war.



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL & POST OFFICE

The Notre Dame Cathedral, also known as “Saigon Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica”, was built between 1863-1880 and officially inaugurated on October 7, 1877. All building materials were imported from France. The Cathedral has two bell towers, reaching a height of 58 meters. Today, the Notre Dame Cathedral is not only a religious place but also ideal area where visitors can come, take photos and hang out. The Cathedral is closed to visitors except during Sunday services, which are held in Vietnamese and English.



Beside the Cathedral is Saigon Central Post Office, an iconic architecture of Ho Chi Minh City. The Saigon Central Post Office was designed and built between 1886 and 1891, by the renowned French engineer and architect Gustave Eiffel, who also designed the world famous Eiffel Tower. The Central Post Office has a Gothic architectural style, and is considered one of the most elegant and beautiful piece of colonial architecture in Asia.

BEN THANH MARKET

Ben Thanh Market to Vietnamese, or Les Halles Centrales to French, is one of the the City’s earliest surviving structures.



The Market was built in January 1913 and went into operation in March 1914. It was called “Ben Thanh”, because at the time of

building, the market was adjacent to the river bank (Ben) and backed by a fortress (Thanh). The architecture is characterized by a central cupola of 28m in diameter, a belfry and clock in its main entrance, which has become a symbol of Ho Chi Minh City. Covering 13,062 square meter, the Market has 2,000 stalls and counters selling a variety of goods, including souvenir items.

DONG KHOI STREET

Dong Khoi Street, once known as Rue Catinat (which was named after Nicolas Catinat, the 17th and 18th century French marshal), is the setting in Graham Greene’s *The Quiet American*. The historic street is home to some famous colonial buildings, historic hotels such as the Continental (1880) and Majestic (1925), and colorful café and shopping malls.



Visit the congress website www.afes2011.org for more interesting sights and sound of the city.

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