Dear colleagues,

We are very pleased to invite you to attend the forthcoming 2009 GOLDEN HELIX Symposium: "Pharmacogenomics: Paving the path to personalized medicine" that will be held in Athens, Greece, October 15th-17th, 2009.

Pharmacogenomics is gaining momentum in modern medical practice. Recognizing the challenges that currently emerge for molecular medicine in the post-genomic era, the GOLDEN HELIX Symposium on Pharmacogenomics includes lectures by more than 20 international leading scientists in the field and covers all aspects of this exciting new field, including wunderkind, cancer pharmacogenomics, pharmacogenomics in neuropsychiatric (e.g., bipolar, schizophrenia) and other disorders (e.g., blood disorders, cardiovascular and connective tissue disorders), adverse effects, databases, etc.

GOLDEN HELIX Symposia (http://www.goldenhelixsymposia.org) aim to advance biomedical and life sciences by bringing together postgraduate and biomedical scientists across disciplines in human genomics and personalized medicine.

The symposia series are organized by a non-profit organization named after the house of Francis Crick - "The Golden Helix". 192/0 Portugal Place, Cambridge, UK. The first meeting was organized in Athens last year on Copy Number Variation and array-CGH technology (http://www.goldenhelixsymposia.org/pastmeetings/).

The meeting venue will be the DIVANI Apollon Palace and Spa hotel, a member of the Leading Hotels of the World (http://www.divaniapollonpalace.gr/Default.aspx) and of the Leading Spa, one of Europe’s most redefined and luxurious Thalassotherapy centres.

Extra-curricular activities will feature a special visit to the new Acropolis museum on October 16th, 2009 (http://www.theacropolismuseum.gr/?page_id=2) and a stroll in Plaka, Athens oldest and most picturesque suburb.

We sincerely hope that this meeting will meet your expectations and, as the previous one, will set a precedent for future high-standard symposia in this and other disciplines in the field of human genomics and personalized medicine.

We look forward to welcoming you in Athens this October.

With best regards

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PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Day 1: October 15th, 2009
Session 1: Introduction to Pharmacogenomics: The Future of Personalized Medicine
1st keynote speaker: Pharmacogenomic-guided drug therapy: where do we stand in 2005
Welcome cocktail

Day 2: October 16th, 2009
Session 2: Genomic Pharmacogenomics
Session 3: Pharmacogenomics of neuropsychiatric disorders
2nd keynote speech: Level of evidence to validate pharmacogenomic biomarkers
AFTERNOON: Visit to the new Acropolis Museum

Day 3: October 17th, 2009
Session 4: Pharmacogenomics of other diseases
Session 5: Advances in Pharmacogenomics
3rd keynote speech: TBA
Closing remarks - Future meetings

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