

Welcome address

Dear Participants in the 12th European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology in Sofia,

Dear Guests,

It is my pleasure and a great honor on behalf of the Bulgarian Society of Biorheology to welcome you in Sofia to the 12th European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, organized by the European Society of Clinical Hemorheology – the federation of the European Societies.

A very fruitful cooperation between the specialists from different branches in this field, organized in the Bulgarian Society of Biorheology, with the important support of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, realizes this meeting. The Conference aims to give the achievements of so prominent speakers and to pay more attention at the new generation of scientists dealing with the problems of clinical hemorheology.

The 120 presentations scheduled, for a pity, not all of them to be presented, reflect a breadth of interests on the clinical impact of hemorheology, in the wide range of vascular and related diseases. A special attention on the molecular phenomena and the importance of hemorheology for some diagnostic and therapeutic approaches is paid. Furthermore fundamental investigations and current theoretical considerations are discussed. We believe that the Conference will promote a very fruitful academic exchange and will encourage further clinical applications.

Being a small, but a very beautiful country, with a more than 13 thousand years history, Bulgaria has its role in the new reality of the united Europe.

We do believe that you will enjoy not only the scientific program, but also the social side of the meeting and the ambience of the beautiful capital city Sofia. We wish you a warm welcome and some fruitful days of scientific and social interaction.

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Sofia

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