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Dear friends and colleagues,

On behalf of the IPITA Council as well as the Local Organising Committee, it is my privilege and great pleasure to cordially invite you to participate in the 13th World Congress of IPITA, which will take place in the heart of Europe, in the city of Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, on June 1–4, 2011.

Almost 50 top experts invited from all over the world will cover the most relevant topics related to clinical and experimental transplant therapy of diabetes. Specific sessions will be devoted to hot research in organ pancreas transplantation, islet transplantation, stem cell therapy, xenotransplantation and pathophysiology of type-1 diabetes mellitus. Early morning symposia will deal with practical aspects of organ and islet transplantation. State of the art lectures will be presented by such distinguished speakers as David Axelrod, Thierry Berney, Daniel Brandhorst, Riccardo Calafiore, Cynthia Drachenberg, Denis Dufrane, Luis Fernandez, Masafumi Goto, Angelika Gruessner, Bernhard Hering, Raja Kandaswamy, Jon Odorico, Marcelo Perosa, Camillo Ricordi, James Shapiro, David Sutherland, Garth Warnock and many others.



Prague, whose history spans eleven centuries, has a magnificent location on the Vltava River and many splendid sights and is recognized as one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe. While attending the IPITA 2011 congress, you will have an excellent occasion to admire the beauty of the Royal Castle of Hradčany, the picturesque Charles Bridge adorned with baroque statues, the Old Town City Hall with the Astronomical Clock and the old Jewish quarter with its synagogues and famous cemetery. The Gala evening which is included in the congress fee will take place at the neo-renaissance Žofin palace, a leading centre of Prague cultural and social life since the early 19th century which is located on a charming river island.

Looking very much forward to meet you in Prague

Prof. František Saudek, MD.

Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee

Prof. Stephen Bartlett, MD.

IPITA president

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for the on line registration and the on line abstract
submission. The deadline for early registration
and abstract submission is February 28, 2011!