

**Invitation to the Twenty-Second International Conference on Antiviral Research
Miami Beach, FL, USA, May 3–7, 2009**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 22nd International Conference on Antiviral Research (ICAR) will be held in Miami, FL at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa. The conference will begin on Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2009, and conclude on Thursday morning, May 7, 2009.

As always, the purpose of the ICAR is to provide an interdisciplinary forum at which investigators from around the globe who are involved in basic, applied and clinical research can meet to learn about and discuss recent developments in all areas of antiviral research. Specific topics that will be covered include synthesis and chemistry, biochemistry and mechanism of action studies, molecular biology, drug targeting, *in vitro* evaluation, animal models, pharmacokinetics, toxicology, and clinical trials. Within these various areas there will be plenary speakers, short oral presentations, and poster sessions.

A clinical symposium will be held during one of the sessions, and the meeting will also include another mini-symposium on a timely topic to be selected nearer to the meeting dates. This meeting is an outstanding venue to obtain current information about your own areas of research as well as a useful view of activity across the spectrum of antiviral research.

Miami is a well-known vacation destination as well as a great venue for a scientific meeting, and it is readily accessible by air from a variety of cities around the world. In addition to its celebrated beaches and water sports, Miami is both a financial and a cultural center. The climate is outstanding, with an average May temperature of 78 °F (26 °C).

There are diverse attractions for visitors to Miami, including a variety of museums, the Miami Seaquarium, and many outdoor adventure parks. Other entertainment options include shopping at any of a series of attractive destinations, deep-sea fishing, golf, a yachting tour of Miami's waterfront mansions, and many miles of paved jogging paths. Night life abounds, including a variety of clubs as well as professional dance, music and theater groups. Whether you are in Miami or Miami Beach, your choices of restaurants are plentiful, including an abundance of ethnic specialties, with a significant Latin American flavor.

Our meeting site, the Miami Beach Resort and Spa, is located directly on the Atlantic Ocean, and is within a short distance of a number of Miami's major attractions. The hotel has a series of meeting rooms that are well suited for our conference. In addition to the white sand beaches along the ocean, the hotel has a heated outdoor pool, a beachfront fitness center and spa, and a beachfront Aqua Sports Center for the rental of boats and other types of equipment. There are three on-site restaurants, and access to other restaurants at adjacent hotels. The hotel includes a fully equipped business center and high-speed Internet access.

Miami is an excellent site for the ICAR meeting, and a wonderful place to spend a few extra days if you are able to do so. We are planning an outstanding meeting experience, and hope that you will be able to join us at the 22nd ICAR in Miami, FL May 3–7, 2009!

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