## Invitation to the Twenty-Third International Conference on Antiviral Research, San Francisco, USA, 25–28th April, 2010

Dear Friends and Colleagues

The 23rd International Conference on Antiviral Research (ICAR) will be held in San Francisco, California, at the Hyatt Hotel, on the waterfront.

The conference will begin on Sunday 25th April and conclude with the Conference Banquet in the evening of Wednesday 28th April.



ICAR is a unique interdisciplinary multi-national meeting which covers all virus types and brings together those involved in basic virology, drug design and synthesis, mechanistic and structural studies, animal models and clinical trials. Within each of the areas there will be invited world leading plenary speakers who will deliver definitive overview lectures. There will also be oral presentations selected by our expert panel, from submitted abstracts and two poster sessions. We will repeat the very popular 'Shotgun Poster' session during which a few handpicked very highly rated posters will be selected for a short oral presentation. This often gives junior researchers their first opportunity to speak from the podium at a major international meeting. A clinical symposium will be held during the meeting program and will feature a small selection of key updates on the progress of antiviral agents in clinical development from a number of sponsor companies which have been selected to span viral interests. We will also hold one or two mini-symposia, the subject of which will be selected nearer the time of the conference to be sure to be of timely interest.

As we have done at previous ICARS, the prestigious 'Elion' and 'Prusoff' Awards from ISAR will be given to individuals in recognition of their major contributions in the field. Additionally, we will also make several Poster Awards, to graduate students and junior researchers.

San Francisco is an outstanding venue for our conference and is a popular tourist destination for visitors from all over the world.

The average April/May temperatures of the San Francisco Bay Area are 65 °F/18 °C. Our conference hotel is the only 4 Star hotel on the waterfront in San Francisco – see the attached photograph from the hotel!

We hope you will join us for a memorable 23rd ICAR in San Francisco in April 2010.

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