

Letter of Invitation

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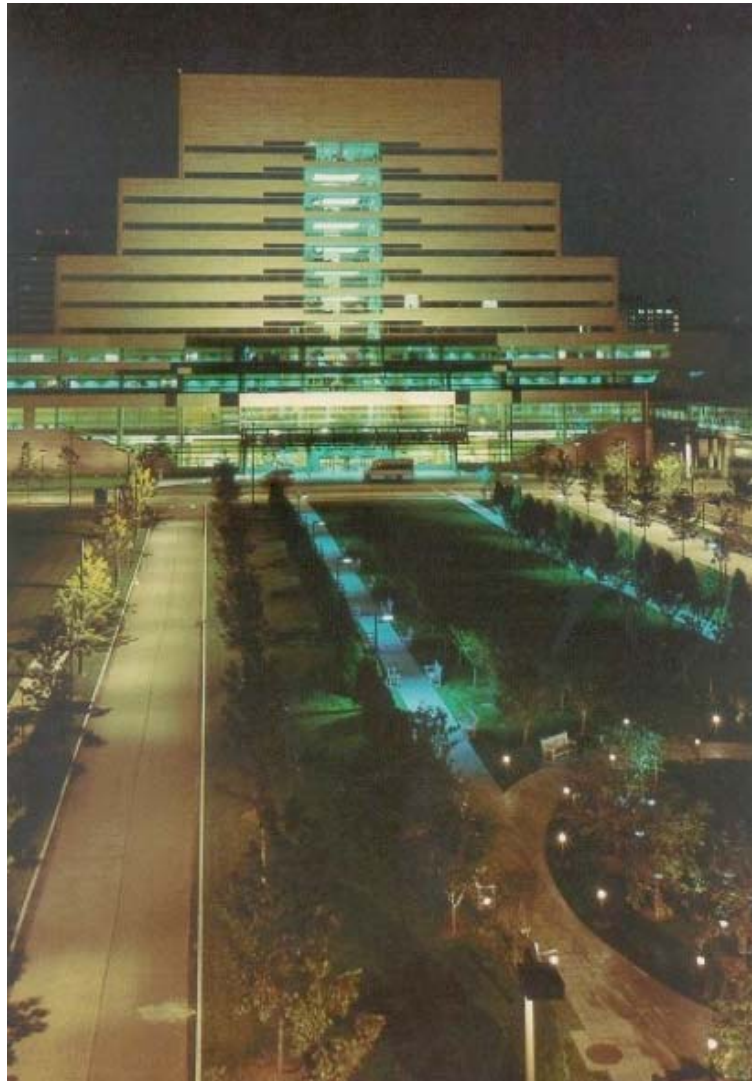
It is our pleasure to invite you to join us for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE) to be held in Cleveland, Ohio on July 21-24, 2007. This event, which is being hosted and joint-sponsored by "The School of Medicine and the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University", will explore strategies for teaching and learning the fundamental sciences of medicine, with particular focus on the preclinical curriculum. It is directed toward course and clinical clerkship directors; basic scientists and academic physicians; rectors and deans; deans for medical education, academic affairs, faculty development, and CME; educational psychologists; and all those who have interest in more appropriately integrating science within the medical curriculum.



The IAMSE meeting offers you these attractions:

- **A practical program for educators:** The program focuses on issues directly relevant to teaching science within the professional health curriculum. As in previous IAMSE annual association meetings, internationally recognized speakers will set the stage with topics for numerous interactive small group focus sessions and hands-on workshops. Our plenary sessions feature a mix of conceptual background (motivating and rewarding teaching, strategies for teaching communication skills) and practical classroom technique (team-based and case-based learning, integrative strategies for student assessment). Education poster sessions and theme-based poster discussion sessions have been expanded. Twenty small group sessions allow you to interactively share your educational resources and focus on particular topics in education, facilitated by expert faculty. Six Saturday day-long courses in faculty development will address topics such as evaluating educational manuscripts, hands-on use of simulators in teaching basic science, and designing and facilitating team-based learning sessions. The anticipated IAMSE Debate returns to consider the relevance and changing role of the basic scientist in teaching professional health students.
- **Networking:** As global interdisciplinary events, IAMSE annual association meetings attract student and faculty participants from over 30 countries, representing all subject disciplines throughout human, veterinary, and dental medicine. The usual 250-300 participant size is manageable and allows you to get to know your colleagues in a friendly environment. The opening reception, poster sessions and Monday evening IAMSE Gala offer great opportunities to share ideas.
- **Outstanding amenities:** Our sessions will be held in the ultramodern facilities of the Intercontinental Hotel directly adjacent to the Cleveland Clinic. Direct proximity to the teaching facilities will allow opportunities for viewing student research and interacting with Case Western Reserve medical students. The adjacent University Park area is rich in educational and cultural sites, and is the home for some of the best of Cleveland's fine pre-1900 architecture.
- **Cultural opportunities:** Visitors will find that Cleveland has many diverse opportunities for sightseeing, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Lake Erie, and the renowned Cleveland Museum of Art, newly renovated and

located less than a mile from the meeting site. The summer season of the exceptional Cleveland Orchestra at the outdoor Blossom Festival is also possible.



We cordially invite you to join us this coming July for a professional development experience in the true style of the International Association of Medical Science Educators. Plan your travel schedule to leave on an evening flight or stay overnight on Tuesday, July 24, since we plan a full day of sessions that day. Register before April 15, 2007 to qualify for the reduced rates and remember this year, the Poster Abstract Submission deadline is March 15, 2007.