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MEDIA ALERT

International Society of Mechanical Circulatory Support Hosts Milestone 25th Anniversary 2017 Congress

*200+ Cardiologists, Cardiac Surgeons, Health Professionals, Engineers, Scientists, Students
as well as Medical Device and Pharmaceutical Companies, & Venture Capitalists
Convene to Define, Dissect, Ideate, & Innovate*

The International Society of Mechanical Circulatory Support (ISMCS) hosts the 24+ 1 = 25th Anniversary Scientific Congress October 16 – 18th at Loews Ventana Canyon, Tucson, Arizona. The 2017 Congress title and theme is: Limitations, Controversies and Gaps in Mechanical Circulatory Support: Pathways to Solutions.

The 2017 International Society brings together 200+ field leading clinical thought leaders, industry representatives, and investigators to discuss, rethink, and challenge the precepts and obstacles surrounding mechanical circulatory support devices. Mechanical Circulatory Support – the use of assist pumps known as ventricular assist devices (VADs) or replacement pumps – e.g. the total artificial heart, has emerged as a mainstay lifesaving therapy for patients with advanced and end-stage heart failure. “Only in squarely addressing and tackling limitations that remain with these systems will this promising field advance, which has the potential to help so many with advanced heart failure, said Dr. Marvin J. Slepian, Immediate Past-President of the Society and this year’s Congress president. In addition to a world class faculty from six continents, noted attendees include University of Arizona President, Robert C. Robbins, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Dean Charles B. Cairns MD, FACEP, FAHA and University of Arizona College of Engineering Dean Jeffrey B. Goldberg, PhD along with Tucson Mayor, Jonathan Rothschild. The Congress program includes a Young Investigator Symposium, an Opening Ceremony, and four Keynote Speakers: Jeff Teuteberg MD, Stanford University, Stanford, CA; Doris Taylor PhD, Texas Heart Institute, Houston, TX; Richard Wampler MD, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, OR; and Robert Kormos MD, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

The Congress features an Innovation Challenge /Hackathon which presents the opportunity to work with student/faculty Innovators from around the world to tackle “Unmet Needs” in Mechanical Circulatory Support. The Best Solutions will be presented at the Congress and prizes will be awarded. Over 140 Abstracts have been submitted for the Congress as well.

The 2017 ISMCS Congress is hosting attendees from 15 countries that will share cutting edge research, findings and will discuss innovative solutions to mechanical circulatory challenges. In addition to all the science, presentations, and forums, the ISMCS Congress features social and sport events, including a Soccer Tournament – between the ISMCS team and the U of A Men’s Soccer Club team to be held at the William David Sitton Field on Monday October 16 at 6 PM at the University of Arizona.; as well as Mixers at Ventana Canyon, and a Dinner and Gala program.

*The 25th ISBRP conference, is now recognized formally as the International Society of Mechanical Circulatory Support (ISMCS). This small but very prestigious and impactful Society holds a niche within the different medical and scientific societies and is particularly notable as a proactive hybrid platform for engineers and clinicians, developers and users.

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