Cardiology Update Davos, 16–20 February 2019

The 23rd edition of the Cardiology Update course will be hosted in Davos, Switzerland from 16 to 20 February 2019. This important meeting in the field of cardiology represents a joint educational programme organised by the Zurich Heart House, the University of Zurich and the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), in collaboration with the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston and the University of Michigan School of Medicine. As such, it is a truly transatlantic exchange of knowledge, highlighting both European and US cardiology practice and treatment modalities.

A distinguished international teaching faculty will contribute to an outstanding programme on the latest scientific and therapeutic developments, as well as on new intervention and treatment strategies in cardiology. Special emphasis is being placed on the presentation and clinical implementation of the new ESC guidelines published at the ESC Congress 2018 in Munich. Cardiology Update was founded in 1975 by the two renowned cardiologists, Bertram Pitt from Ann Arbor and the deceased Paul Lichtlen, former chairman of Hannover. The number of participants has grown substantially since then, to 600 individuals from 46 countries in 2017. Bertram Pitt and Thomas F. Lüscher, the European course directors for more than 20 years, recently welcomed two world-class opinion leaders from Boston to the board: Peter Libby and Marc Pfeffer. In addition, two outstanding Swiss cardiologists and experts in the field of preventive and interventional cardiology, namely François Mach from the University Hospital Geneva and Stephan Windecker from the University Hospital Bern, will join the team to conduct the course in 2019. The highly acclaimed CME-accredited programme provides four days of comprehensive education in all major areas of cardiovascular medicine. The educational objectives are to review and disseminate the latest knowledge about advances in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Cardiology Update is designed for clinicians specialised in cardiology, but is also worthwhile for internal and general medicine specialists with an interest in cardiovascular disease. The main features of the course are state-of-the-art lectures, interactive case presentations and clinical decision seminars. In addition, video live cases, “Meet the Expert” sessions, and poster sessions further complement the programme. In order to foster participation of young cardiologists, a dedicated session designed by SCOT, Swiss Cardiologists of Tomorrow, will be organised. The spirit of the course is a stimulating working and learning environment, combined with many opportunities for networking among faculty members and participants.

Programme and registration: www.cardiologyupdate.ch

Figure 1: Celebrating the inaugural session in 2017 (from left): Wilhelm Rutishauser, Thomas Lüscher, Bertram Pitt, Patrick Aebischer, Christian Müller, Christian Matter and Ruth Amstein.

Figure 2: Clinical seminar with Lorenz Räber, Christian Schmied and Stephan Windecker.

Figure 3: Echo session with Otto Smiseth from Oslo and Felix Tanner from Zurich.

Figure 4: State of the art lecture with John Deanfield from London.