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BiomMedD'2006 to Be Held in November 2006

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The 2nd International Conference on Biomaterials and Medical Devices (BiomMedD'2006) will be held at the "Grigore T. Popa" University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iasi, Romania, November 9–11, 2006. The event will also host the 5th General Assembly of the Romanian Society for Biomaterials.

The conference aims to bring together scientists, clinicians, and manufacturers interested in fundamental and applied research in biomaterials and medical devices. The organizing committee, chaired by Poeata Ion, vice president of the Romanian Society for Biomaterials, expects participants representing medicine and materials science, physics,

chemistry, mechanics, and biology from universities, research institutions, hospitals, and companies involved in biomaterials, tissue engineering, and medical devices. Application of biomaterials in surgery and regenerative medicine will represent one of the main topics of BiomMedD'2006.

The conference will include invited lectures, oral and poster sessions, three seminars, and an equipment exhibit. The official language of the conference will be English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Among the invited speakers are **C. James Kirkpatrick**, director of the Institute of Pathology at Johannes Gutenberg Univer-

sity in Mainz, Germany, and president of both the European and German Society of Biomaterials; **Zhang Xingdong**, director of the Engineering Research Center in Biomaterials, Sichuan University, China and vice chair and secretary general of the Chinese Committee for Biomaterials; **Joost de Bruijn**, professor in the Department of Materials at Queen Mary University of London and secretary of the European Society of Biomaterials; and **Luigi Ambrosio**, director of the Institute of Composite Materials Technology at the University of Naples Federico II, Italy.

The abstract deadline is July 20, 2006. For more information, access Web site www.srb.ro/conference/biommedd2006. □