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## **82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congress of the European Atherosclerosis Society (EAS) May 31-June 3, Madrid, Spain**

### **New Educational Initiative from the European Atherosclerosis Society**

The European Atherosclerosis Society is pleased to announce a new educational initiative: the **EAS Certificate in Clinical Lipidology**. This initiative is scheduled to launch later this year.

#### **About the Certificate in Clinical Lipidology**

The Certificate in Clinical Lipidology is an accredited educational programme which offers essential training for clinicians with a specialist interest in lipidology. The Certificate is being offered as part of the **EAS Academy**, the Society's E-Learning platform, which was launched in June 2013. The EAS Academy is an important online educational resource open to clinicians worldwide, offering webcasts, podcasts, technical videos, guidelines, consensus papers, and other learning tools.

The clinician will be eligible for certification in Clinical Lipidology after compulsory online modules from the EAS Academy which form the core of the Certificate, AND two of three options, which include either attendance at EAS Congress or an EAS Clinical Advanced Course, or completion of supplementary modules from the EAS Academy with correct answers to associated multiple choice questions.

*'The EAS Academy is the official e-learning portal of the EAS. It brings together all of our educational material together in a streamlined and searchable format. Recordings from our congresses, advanced courses, recordings of utilised techniques, as well as printed material such as Consensus papers and Guidelines are all available in the Academy. The Academy can be reached via computers as well as mobile devices. Importantly, the Academy is free to all our members'*

– Professor S. Lale Tokgözüglü, Coordinator of the EAS educational activities, (Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey).

For further information, refer to: <http://www.eas-society.org/eas-academy.aspx>

#### **Other EAS Initiatives**

The EAS Certificate in Clinical Lipidology, together with the EAS Academy, form a growing number of important initiatives by the EAS which offer high-quality education to general practitioners and clinicians. These include:

- **EAS Advanced Courses**, which highlight key aspects of basic science research or clinical prevention, diagnosis and treatment. These courses are run by leading experts and are held in established centres of excellence throughout Europe. Teaching in small groups offers advantages for discussion and networking.
- **Consensus Panel Statements**, which focus on key areas of controversy, with the aim of providing clinical guidance to clinicians to improve patient care. The Panel is co-chaired by

Professor M. John Chapman, EAS Past-President (INSERM U939, Pitié-Salpêtrière University Hospital, Paris, France) and Professor Henry N. Ginsberg (Columbia University, New York, USA). The underdiagnosis and undertreatment of familial hypercholesterolaemia has been the focus of one of the latest Consensus Panel statements.<sup>1</sup>

*“The mission of the EAS is to advance and exchange knowledge concerning the causes, natural history, treatment and prevention of atherosclerotic disease. Now more than ever, education is crucial to this role. With the development of the EAS Certificate in Clinical Lipidology, the Society has clearly listened and responded to the needs of our members.”*

- EAS President Professor Alberico L. Catapano (University of Milan, Italy).

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