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Hawai'i Convention Center to Host International Stroke Conference from Feb. 6-8

The world's premier meeting on cerebrovascular disease is returning to the Center for the second time

Honolulu, Hawai'i, January 15, 2019 – The Hawai'i Convention Center is hosting the <u>American Stroke Association's</u> International Stroke Conference from Feb. 6-8, 2019.

The International Stroke Conference is the world's premier meeting dedicated to the science and treatment of cerebrovascular disease. The conference will include a multi-faceted lineup of events, including a pre-conference nursing symposium, clinical sessions, exhibitors, and more than 1,500 presentations from world-renowned researchers and industry professionals spanning 21 categories that emphasize basic, clinical and translational sciences.

"Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the second leading global cause of death. We are working toward a better understanding of stroke with the goal of developing more effective therapies to help patients," said Miguel Perez-Pinzon, PhD, chair of the International Stroke Conference and professor of neurology at the University of Miami. "This conference provides the opportunity to network with more than 4,500 colleagues in the stroke field from around the world with wide-ranging expertise and experience."

Clinical sessions will focus on community risk factors; emergency care; acute neuroimaging; acute endovascular and acute nonendovascular treatment; diagnosis of stroke etiology; cerebral large artery disease; in-hospital treatment; clinical rehabilitation and recovery; and health services, quality improvement, and patient-centered outcomes.

Presentations on these topics attract a wide range of healthcare professionals and investigators including adult and pediatric neurologists; neurosurgeons; neuroradiologists and interventional radiologists; physiatrists; emergency medicine specialists; primary care physicians; hospitalists; nurses and nurse practitioners; rehabilitation specialists; physical, occupational, and speech therapists; pharmacists; and basic researchers spanning the fields of cerebrovascular function and disease.

"The Center first hosted the International Stroke Conference in 2013, and we are looking forward to welcoming this world-class meeting back to Hawai'i, kicking off a year of major medical and scientific gatherings here," said Teri Orton, general manager, Hawai'i Convention Center, managed by AEG Facilities.

The conference is drawing registrants from 50 countries and generating an estimated \$14.1 million in statewide visitor spending. Other major medical and scientific meetings at the Center in 2019 include the Society of Gynecologic Oncology's 50th Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer in March, the American Roentgen Ray Society's annual meeting and the Health Span Hawaii Summit in May; the National Medical Association's 2019 Annual Convention & Scientific Assembly and the 15th International Congress of Toxicology in July, and OceanObs'19 in September.

About the American Stroke Association

Stroke is the No. 2 cause of death worldwide and a leading cause of disability. The American Stroke Association is a relentless force for a healthier world with fewer strokes. We team with millions of volunteers to prevent, treat and beat stroke by funding innovative research, fighting for stronger public health policies, and providing lifesaving tools and information. The Dallas-based association was created in 1998 as a division of the American Heart Association. To learn more or to get involved, call 1-888-4STROKE or visit strokeassociation.org. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

About the Hawai'i Convention Center

"Where Business and Aloha Meet," the 1.1 million-square-foot Hawai'i Convention Center provides a spacious, modern and flexible meeting space in the heart of Honolulu – all with an award-winning team and renowned aloha spirit. Conveniently located between East and West, the Center is a global leader for a diverse array of meetings and events, just steps from 30,000 hotel rooms in iconic Waikiki. The Center is a state-owned facility opened in 1998, and is managed by AEG Facilities. For more, visit <u>HawaiiConvention.com</u>.

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