Dear Dr. de la Hoz,

We are pleased to inform you that your abstract entitled: "Snoring and obstructive sleep apnea among former World Trade Center (WTC) rescue workers and volunteers" has been selected for presentation in Thematic Poster Session entitled "Work, the environment and respiratory disease" at the ERS Amsterdam 2011 Congress. The session will be held on Tuesday, 27.09.2011 from 12:50 to 14:40 in "Hall 2-33".

Read carefully the instructions on how to prepare your abstract presentation on our website: www.ersnet.org/instructions-A2011

In order to increase the visibility of your abstract during the congress, authors of an accepted abstract will be encouraged to create an electronic version of their work, called E-Poster. A database with all E-Posters will be accessible throughout the congress at the E-Poster area onsite. A personal password and login (that will be sent to Rafael.delaHoz@mssm.edu) to access the link and create your E-Poster online will be sent to you in July as well as E-Poster creation guidelines and poster models to help you in the process. Every delegate can access the platform, consult and comment your E-Poster during the Congress. N.B. the creation of E-Poster is mandatory for author presenting their abstract in a Poster Discussion session.

We would like to point out that:
1. At least one of the authors (the presenting author) must be a registered participant at the Congress. In order to register, please go to: www.erscongress2011.org/index.php/home/registration.html.
2. No changes can be made to the abstracts.
3. Real or perceived conflicts of interest that relate to your presentation have to be disclosed when presenting your abstract (on poster or on slide presentation) and on your E-Poster.
4. If, for any reason, you have to cancel your presentation, it is important that you notify us immediately. Please use the following contact details:
   - To cancel your abstract presentation both in the Final Programme and the Abstract Book: ERS Scientific Dept. in Lausanne, by fax: +41 21 213 01 03; or by e-mail: scientific@ersnet.org
   - To cancel your registration to the Congress: KIT Group by e-mail: ers2011registration@kit-group.org

If you will not be the one presenting the abstract, we would be grateful if you could pass on the information in this letter to the person concerned.

Yours sincerely,
ERS Scientific Activities department on behalf of

Laurent-Pierre Nicod, Scientific Committee Chair

N.B. No-shows:
Every year, a number of authors with accepted abstracts fail to attend the Congress or to present their work. We wish to remind you that if you do not show up, or do not have a co-author present in your place, you may not be invited to present your work at future ERS meetings.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The European Respiratory Society (ERS) is the largest respiratory organisation in Europe. It has more than 11,000 members drawn from over 125 countries. It is a non-profit organisation which aims to optimise and develop respiratory medicine by stimulating the actions of its members, facilitating scientific exchange and lobbying governments. Its main purposes are research, training and education in the respiratory field of medicine.

The ERS is organising its 21st Annual Congress in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from 24 to 28 September 2011 at the Amsterdam RAI Exhibition & Convention Center.

We are delighted to formally invite the person named below to attend the congress:
First Name: Rafael E.
Last Name: de la Hoz

The purpose of her/his visit is to attend the 21st ERS 2011 Congress from September 24 to September 28, 2011.

Dr. Rafael E. de la Hoz’s participation is compulsory as presenting author of an/several abstract(s).

This letter is intended to assist Dr. Rafael E. de la Hoz in obtaining a visa for entering The Netherlands.

We look forward to greeting Dr. Rafael E. de la Hoz in Amsterdam and for any further information regarding Dr. Rafael E. de la Hoz’s participation in the ERS Congress please contact K.I.T. Group GmbH either by fax at +49 (0) 30 246 032 00 or by e-mail at ers2011registration@kit-group.org.

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Bel
Congress Chair

Peter Sterk
Congress Co-Chair

www.erscongress2011.org