Announcements of major meetings and other significant activities must be received at least 8 weeks before the desired month of publication. Information will be limited to title of meeting, date, place, and an address to obtain further information. Send announcements to Ryan Walther, Managing Editor, The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 (E-mail: rwalther@prri.com).

June 2008

Society For Vascular Surgery: 2008 Annual Meeting
Meeting: June 5-8, 2008, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California. For information, contact: Society for Vascular Surgery, 633 N. Saint Clair Street, 24th floor, Chicago, IL 60611 (telephone: +1 800 258-7188; E-mail: vascular@vascularsociety.org).

34th Annual Toronto Thoracic Surgery Conference: June 6-7, 2008, Sutton Place Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For more information, contact: Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto (Telephone: 1-416-978-2719; Toll Free: 1-888-12-8173; Fax: 1-416-946-7028; E-mail: help-SUR0807@cmetoronto.ca; Conference Website: www.cme.utoronto.ca.

Innovations in Treatment of Cardiac Structural Disease: The Mediterranean Meeting
Meeting: June 6-7, 2008, Hilton Villa Igiea Palermo, Palermo, Sicily, Italy. For additional information, contact: Gina Esposito O’Malley, Project Specialist, Division of Cardiac Surgery, UPMC Presbyterian, The Heart, Lung and Esophageal Surgery Institute (telephone: +1-412-802-6591; fax: +1-412-648-6358; e-mail: espositogm@upmc.edu).

ISMICS 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting
Meeting: June 11-14, 2008, Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. For further information see: www.ismics.org

Surgery-based Multimodality Therapy for Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma
Meeting: June 13-14, 2008, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Dallas, Texas. The meeting is sponsored by the International Mesothelioma Program, the Division of Thoracic Surgery, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS). It is under the direction of David J. Sugarbaker, MD, Richard E. Wilson Professor of Surgical Oncology, Harvard Medical School. For further information, contact Harvard Medical School Continuing Education Department (telephone: (617) 384-8600, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST); E-mail: hms-cme@hms.harvard.edu).

Western Thoracic Surgical Association 34th Annual Meeting
Meeting: June 25-28, 2008, Sheraton Keahou Bay Resort & Spa, Kona, HI USA. For information, contact: Western Thoracic Surgical Association, 900 Cummings Center Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 (telephone: 1-978-927-8330; fax: 1-978-524-8890; E-mail: wtsa@prri.com).

Association of Physician Assistants in Cardiovascular Surgery 9th Annual Summer Educational Meeting
Meeting: June 30-July 2, 2008, Keahou Bay Hotel, Kailua Kona, Hawaii USA. For information, contact: APACVS, P. O. Box 4834, Englewood, CO 80155 (telephone: 1-877-221-5651; fax: 1-303-771-2550. For further information, contact: www.apacvs.net
July 2008

International Academy of Cardiology:
14th World Congress on Heart Disease
Annual Scientific Sessions, July 26-29, 2008, The Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, ON, Canada. For more information, contact: Asher Kimchi, M.D., Chairman, International Academy of Cardiology, PO Box 17659, Beverly Hills, CA 90209, USA (telephone: +1-310-657-8777; fax: +1-310-659-4781; E-mail: klimedco@ucla.edu).

August 2008

Scandinavian Association for Thoracic Surgery and Scandinavian Society for Extracorporeal Technology 57th Annual Meeting
The 57th Annual Meeting of Scandinavian Association for Thoracic Surgery and 28th Scandinavian Society for Extracorporeal Technology will be held August 21-23, 2008 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Abstract submission deadline: May 5, 2008. For information, contact: ICS A/S, Strandvejen 169-171, P.O. Box 41, DK-2900 Hellerup, Denmark (telephone: +45-7023-7823; fax: +45 7023 7888; E-mail: sats2008@ics.dk; Website: www.scandinavianats.org).

September 2008

XI World Congress of International Society for Diseases of Esophagus (ISDE)
Meeting: September 10-13, 2008, Novotel Budapest Congress Center, Budapest, Hungary. For information, contact: Peter Horvath, MD (telephone: +36-72536126; fax: +36 72536127; E-mail: peter.o.horvath@aok.pte.hu; Website: www.isdecongress2008.com).

Canadian Association of Thoracic Surgeons 11th Annual Meeting
Meeting: September 11-14, 2008, World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax, NS Canada. For information, contact: Joanne Clifton, MSc (telephone: +1-604-875-5355; fax: +1 604-875-4036; E-mail: joanne.clifton@vch.ca; Website: www.canats.org).

European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery 22nd Annual Meeting
Meeting: September 13-17, 2008, Lisbon Congress Centre, Lisbon, Portugal. For information, contact: EACTS Executive Secretariat, 3 Park Street, Berkshire, SL4 1LU, UK (telephone: +44-1753-832166; fax: +44-1753-620407; E-mail: info@eacts.co.uk; Website: www.eacts.org).

October 2008

10th National Congress of the Turkish Cardiovascular Surgery Society
Meeting: October 17-21, 2008, Sheraton Hotel and Congress Center, Cesme Izmir Turkey, Abstract deadline: July 1, 2008. For information, contact: Interium Organization/United Expo (telephone: +90 212 292 88 08/+90 232 465 00 85; fax: +90 212 292 88 07/+90 232 465 00 86; E-mail: info@interium.com.tr, serapaykutaka@gmail.com, info@tkdcd2008.org; Additional information: http://www.turkishcvs.org/).

6th Triennial Brigham Cardiac Valve Symposium
Course: October 23-24, 2008, Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. For information, contact: R. Morton Bolman, III, M.D., Brigham and Women’s Hospital, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA, 02115 (telephone: 1-617-732-6964; fax: 1-617-732-6559; E-mail: ljaffe1@partners.org; Website: http://www.b Brighamandwomens.org/cardiacsurgery/events.aspx).

CHEST 2008
Annual Meeting: October 25-30, 2008, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information contact: ACCP Customer Relations (telephone: 847-498-8387; E-mail: accp@chestnet.org).

November 2008

Southern Thoracic Surgical Association 55th Annual Meeting
Meeting: November 6-8, 2008, Los Pines Resort, Austin, Texas. For information, contact: Nancy Gray Puckett, 633 North St. Clair, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611 (telephone: +1-800-685-7872; fax: +1-312-202-5801; E-mail: stsa@stsa.org; Website: www.stsa.org).

June 2009

Fifth Biennial Meeting of The Society for Heart Valve Disease
Meeting: June 2009, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Berlin Germany. For information, contact: SHVD Executive Secretariat, Heart Science Centre, Harefield Hospital, Harefield Middlesex, UB9 6H, UK (telephone: +44 (0)1895-828977; Fax: +44 (0)1895-828902; Email: secretariat@shvd.org; Website: www.shvd.org).