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The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the European Association of Echocardiography was held in Lisbon, Portugal, December 5-8, 2007. EUROECHO is the major educational and research meeting in cardiovascular ultrasound in Europe. It has grown from strength to strength over the years to become the most important scientific gathering in echocardiography attracting participants from around the world. This year meeting joint together 3237 delegates and in terms of absolute figures this year's participation has exceeded the American Society of Echocardiography 2007 participation.

Once again, new perspectives and up to date techniques were presented during scientific sessions. MRI remains for the moment the most

accurate tool for the evaluation of cardiac function and heart disease, new tools like 3D echocardiography, Tissue Doppler Imaging, contrast echocardiography being used in current practice and for research purposes in comparison with cardiac MRI.

Special sessions for recent advances (2D array for real time 3 D echocardiography, advances for blood flow measurement, harmonic intravascular imaging), teaching courses, dice sessions of national societies, hands-on sessions, live cases, satellite symposia, debates and main sessions made a full-time programme for the audience in the Congress Center of Lisbon.

There have been a total number of 1222 abstracts submitted, 62 among them from Romania. In the final four Young Investigator

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Award contest, which this year included all the abstracts submitted by authors younger than 35 years old, two were from Romania, one from Timisoara, "Victor Babes" University of Medicine and one from Bucharest, "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy. Both research works were highly appreciated.

Apart from scientific work held in the capital of Portugal, the historic atmosphere of one of the most important cities of the modern World is following us.

Next year, in December 2008, the Euroecho 12 will be held in Lyon, France, the capital of light and French gastronomy.

