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**Foreign Delegates to Participate in Sports Medicine Congress in Cuba**

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Delegates from 23 countries have already confirmed their participation in the International Congress on Sports Medicine and Science Applied from October 12th to 15th in Cuba, Ediunys Carrazana, executive-secretary of the event announced today. In a press conference, Carrazana said that 114 foreign experts have confirmed their attendance to the 7th edition of the congress that will be held at the Plaza America Convention Center in the Varadero resort, 130 km east of Havana, exceeding the number of participants in 2012.

Among the nations with the greatest number of participant are Venezuela, Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Panama.

Delegations from Peru, Puerto Rico, Namibia, Russia, Spain, Italy, Canada, Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, Haiti, Ecuador and the United States will also attend the Congress, the last with a at least 12 members. The Cuban delegation could reach one hundred members.

The Congress is held every three years and includes all the areas of the Sports Medicine Institute (IMD) and its applied sciences. The event will open with a master lecture by Antonio Becalli, president of the Cuban Sports Institute, said doctor Jorge Pavel Pino, IMD director and chair of the Congress.

The forms of presentation include free topics, round tables, symposiums, workshops, and others, with topics like biomedical control of sport training, rehabilitation of injuries, promotion of health care for the disabled, healthy aging and quality of life, anti-doping education and control, social communication and physical activity.

Pino describes the Congress as "vital and extraordinarily important" for the Cuban sports movement, in order to obtain greater results and prolong athletes' career, with the less possible amount of injuries and quality physical and mental health.

