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WELCOME

Invitation to participate in the 13th World Congress of the International Photodynamic Association in Innsbruck, Austria

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to organize the 13th World Congress of IPA in Innsbruck - 10th – 14th May 2011.

The scientific program selected by the international scientific committee will incorporate all photodynamic aspects including oncological and non-oncological applications as well as novel developments and future perspectives regarding chemical, biological, molecular, biophysical and medical aspects with the focus on their translation into the daily clinical practice. Specially designed platforms and workshops will be put on for practical information and clinical applications. Clinical studies will receive particular attention.

For the first time the world congress will be held in association with EPPM (European Platform for Photodynamic Medicine) and HNODS (Head and Neck Optical Diagnostics Society) to enhance the interdisciplinary aspects of photodynamic applications.

While the various topics will be presented by internationally acknowledged experts, broad space will be given to short communications and poster discussions. Students and young researchers are especially welcome.

Industry plays an important role in supporting basic and clinical research and its translation to patient care. Therefore, hands-on workshops promoted by the industrial partners will be integrated in the program.

The structure of the 13th IPA congress will allow for an in-depth, yet relaxed discussion of state-of-the-art knowledge in our field. The atmosphere of the congress in the beautiful city of Innsbruck with its exciting surroundings will be an ideal platform to establish new contacts and refresh friendships.
You are invited to actively participate and interact with this congress to make it a successful one and ensure that photodynamic medicine is promoted and acknowledged even further.

Innsbruck has a lot to offer and its numerous sights are almost all in walking distance. This alpine city is settled amidst impressive mountains famous for whole season skiing and hiking activities. It is the place where the Olympic winter games were held twice. During May Innsbruck weather is usually very pleasant and visitors enjoy the picturesque Alpine scenery with its large variety of flora and fauna. We promise to organize an exciting social program combining gastronomical, cultural and mountain highlights but also a visit to the famous Swarovski Crystal Worlds or to the glass factory of Riedl.

The organizing committees, the Medical University of Innsbruck and myself are looking forward to welcoming you to Innsbruck in May 2011!

Prof. Dr. Herwig Kostron
President of the IPA 2011
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IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

IPA 2011 Website
For updated information on the congress, to submit an abstract or register online, please refer to the conference website on:
www.ipa2011.at

Conference Venue
Congress Innsbruck
Rennweg 3, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria
I: www.come-innsbruck.at

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12. Gastro Intestinal
13. Gynaecology
14. Neurosurgery
15. Lung
16. Urology
17. Antimicrobial
18. Veterinary PDT
19. Photodynamic Cell Purging
20. Hands on laser
21. Stem cells
22. Varia
PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

10 May, 2011
09:00-12:00  Fundamental Principles of Photodynamic Therapy and Strategies for Optimization
Head: Tayyaba Hasan
Sponsored by IPA

13:30-17:30  PDT Laser application and safety course
Head: Colin Hopper
Registration fee € 70,- (incl. coffeebreak), limited number of attendees, the participation requires a registration for the whole conference

Venue
Medical University Innsbruck
Frauen und Kopfklinik Building
Lecture hall 2
Anichstraße 35
6020 Innsbruck

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for abstract submission: December 20, 2010
Abstracts can be submitted via Internet only on: www.ipa2011.at
REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION

Registration:
To attend the Meeting, please register online. The online registration will open at September 2010. The final deadline for conference registration is May 5, 2011 to allow for administration of these items. After this date, no pre-registrations can be accepted. It will be possible to register at the meeting, but the Congress Organisers recommend pre-book-ings to prevent waiting times at the registration desk.

Contact address for registrations, abstract submission and hotel reservations:
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Registration fees:
Registration will be possible from the beginning of September.

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* IPA membership costs $50 for one year and can be simply arranged by completing the form found on the IPA website at http://sites.pcmd.ac.uk/ipa/membership.php

A special ticket will be available for the Clinical Consensus Session on Saturday, May 14, 2011 (see website).

The registration fee includes access to all sessions, coffee breaks and welcome reception.
Terms of Payment
Payment has to be done immediately along with the registration and be made in Euros.
Please do not forget to indicate the delegate’s name and “IPA 2011” for all payments. Two modes of payment are possible:

1) **By bank transfer:** arrange bank remittance (in €) to:
Raiffeisen Landesbank Tirol
Account no.: 650-03.808 888
Account name: IPA 2011 c/o Congress und Messe Innsbruck GmbH
Branch code: 36000
IBAN: AT97 3600 0650 0380 8888
BIC: RZTIAT22

Please note: all bank charges, i.e. also foreign ones, have to be borne by the participant. Do not forget to instruct your bank to process the remittance “free of all charges for the beneficiary”. For transfers within the European Union, bank charges will be considerably lower if you indicate the IBAN and SWIFT codes.

2) **By credit card** (Visa, Mastercard and Diners accepted): please clearly specify your credit card details in the appropriate section of the registration form.

Upon receipt of the completed registration form and remittance of the appropriate fees, delegates will be sent a confirmation letter, which should be presented at the registration desk in Innsbruck.
To qualify for reduced registration fees all IPA members will be required to submit a copy of their valid IPA Membership Certificate with their registration form.

Cancellations and Refunds:
Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to PCO TYROL CONGRESS. If cancellation is received by March 1, 2011 payments will be refunded minus bank charges and a handling fee of € 50.- Refunds for cancellations received after March 1, 2011 will be made in exceptional circumstances only. Please note that due to organisational reasons, all refunds will only be processed after the meeting.
Hotel Reservation
Hotel rooms at advantageous rates can be reserved through the congress office. Categories and rates are listed on the online registration form. To reserve hotel accommodation, please go through the online hotel booking. Please note that only a limited number of rooms are available at this time of the year and early reservations are therefore strongly recommended.

The reservation deadline is March 1, 2011. Accommodation bookings received after this date cannot be guaranteed and the published rate may not apply.

Important, please note: No accommodation booking can be made unless guaranteed by a valid credit card. Your card will not be charged, the information is needed to secure your room only! All payments have to be settled directly with the hotel.

For cancellations after April 15, 2011. Your reservation can be changed or cancelled free of charge up to April 15, 2011. After this date we retain the right to debit cancellation fees to your credit card respectively pass on your credit card details to the hotel (minimum cancellation fee is 1 night).

Check in time in most hotels is 14:00. In case you will arrive at your hotel after 18:00, please indicate. Failure to do so might mean that your room will be released.

Any change to a reservation must be made in writing to PCO TYROL CONGRESS, NOT directly to the hotel.
COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION/ SPONSORING

The exhibition on instrumentation, analytical services, and scientific literature will form an integral part of the conference. It will provide a unique opportunity for contacts between conference participants and exhibitors. Companies interested in presenting their products are invited to contact the exhibition organisers:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

About Austria
Austria has been a member of the European Union since 1995, the population is 8,169,929 (official estimate 2002), the capital city being Vienna (Wien). Politically, Austria is a democratic republic with the prime minister as the head of the government and parliament elections every four years. The formal head of state is the president, who has more representative duties than political power. The country is divided into nine federal states, Innsbruck is the capital of the state of Tyrol. The language spoken in Austria is German, but most Austrians speak English, and many some French or Italian, too and are happy to be of service to visitors.
LOCAL TIME: GMT + 1
About Innsbruck

Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol, is located in the Alpine region of Austria, in the valley of the river Inn, at 580 metres above sea level. It is surrounded by mountain ranges and numerous peaks which reach an altitude of approx. 2,700 metres above sea level. The city has 140,000 inhabitants and hosts one of the oldest universities in Europe, founded in the year 1562. Today, over 30,000 students attend the university in Innsbruck. Due to its location, Innsbruck has an excellent tourist infrastructure and is best known for its rich cultural heritage, as well as for its endless opportunities in sports and recreation that include golf, hiking, climbing, rafting, paragliding, canyoning, swimming in lakes, skiing and snowboarding not only in winter time, but also in summer at one of the glaciers nearby. Innsbruck has been the host for Olympic Winter Games twice, in 1964 and 1976. In the town, some 160 restaurants, cafes and bars, most of them in walking distance to the convention center, offer traditional Tyrolean and Austrian specialities as well as international dishes.

Weather/ Climate

With a mountain chain to protect it from the cold northern winds, Innsbruck enjoys an alpine climate. The weather in Innsbruck during May is usually pleasant with temperatures varying between 16 and 22 degrees celcius. However rain showers are possible and it is advisable to bring a raincoat with you.

Language

The official language of the congress is English. No simultaneous interpretation facilities will be provided during the conference.
HOW TO GET TO INNSBRUCK

By Plane:
Innsbruck has an international airport that is primarily served by Austrian Airlines or partner airlines. Several daily flights connect Innsbruck to European airports such as Vienna, Frankfurt or Amsterdam. Direct international flights at certain days from London, Göteborg, Rotterdam, and Stavanger. Please check your travel agent for options or check http://www.innsbruck-airport.com/index.html/_lang/en for more information.
Intercontinental travellers normally connect via Frankfurt, Vienna or Amsterdam. As many intercontinental non stop flights arrive in Munich, this airport may also be considered as final destination. Transfer from Munich to Innsbruck is convenient by airport shuttle service or train (approx. 2 hrs transfer time) or you may rent a car at Munich and drive to Innsbruck (2 hrs drive time).
For airport shuttles please see http://www.airport-transfer.com/
By Train:
Innsbruck is connected to the dense European Inter-City railway network. Therefore, fast and convenient daily trains reach Innsbruck from all over Europe.

By Car:
Innsbruck is centrally located and connected to major European motorways arriving from the North (Western Europe and Germany via Munich), from the South (Italy via Verona), from the West (Switzerland via Zurich) and from the East (Hungary via Vienna).

Travel within Innsbruck:
Airport transfer is short, cheap and convenient (10-15 minutes to city centre by public bus; 5-10 minutes to city centre by taxi). Within the city, a dense network of frequently running public buses and streetcars can be found. It is important to note that the Old Town, the congress venue, the major tourist attractions, and most hotels are within walking distance.