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Programme**

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Welcome to Prague



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 2 April 2012 | First deadline for early registration fee |
| 16 April 2012 | Deadline for abstract submission |
| 2 July 2012 | Second deadline for early registration fee |
| 8 September 2012 | Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception |

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Welcome Address

Dear Colleague,

The 24th European Congress of Pathology (ECP 2012) will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, from 8 to 12 September, 2012. On behalf of the European Society of Pathology and the Society of Czech Pathologists, we would like to warmly invite you to join us in Prague and to be part of the largest gathering of pathologists in Europe in 2012. It is 25 years since a European Congress of Pathology was last held in Prague, in 1987 – those of you who had the chance to visit this city before will appreciate how much has changed since those times.



Fátima Carneiro



Ales Ryska

As both the breadth and depth of information in pathology continues to grow enormously, we believe that we should devote our efforts to developing not only our routine daily practice but also our scientific activity for the overall benefit of patients. Thus, we chose the motto for ECP2012: Pathology – Science for Patients.

We believe that our meeting will attract not only pathologists, but also our clinical colleagues with whom we will discuss many burning questions.

The organisers will do their best to guarantee a valuable educational experience for all participants. You can expect a lot of new information and breakthrough results as well as a kind and friendly welcome by the organisers, chance to spend time in informal meetings and discussions with both your old friends and new colleagues.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and spending a great time in Prague.

Prof. Fátima Carneiro
*President of the European Society of
Pathology*

Prof. Ales Ryska
*Chair of the Local Organising Committee
of ECP 2012*



ESP is happy to announce that Slide Seminars are INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE OF THE CONGRESS and don't have to be preregistered for.

Committees and Organisers

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▶ WORKING GROUPS OF THE ESP

Chairman of the ESP Working Groups: M. Wells (UK)

1. Breast Pathology

Chair: T. Tot, Sweden
Secretary: G. Cserni, Hungary

2. Cytopathology

Chair: P. Zeppa, Italy

3. Dermatopathology

Chair: T. Brenn, UK

4. Digestive Diseases Pathology

Chair: C. Langner, Austria
Secretary: V. Paradis, France

5. Electron Microscopy

Chair: J. Lloreta-Trull, Spain
Secretary: A. Franchi, Italy

6. Endocrine Pathology

Chairs: A. Couvelard, France
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7. Gynaecological Pathology

Chair: H. Hollema, The Netherlands
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8. Head and Neck Pathology

Chair: R. H. W. Simpson, UK
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9. History of Pathology

Chair: J. van den Tweel, The Netherlands

10. Infectious Diseases Pathology

Chair: G. Cathomas, Switzerland

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Chair: K. Kayser, Germany

12. Molecular Pathology

Chair: G. Bevilacqua, Italy

13. Nephropathology

Chair: M. J. Mihatsch, Switzerland
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14. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology

Chair: M. Cohen, UK
Secretary: P. Borralho Nunes, Portugal

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16. Pulmonary Pathology

Chair: W. Timens, The Netherlands
Vice Chair: R. Attanoos, UK
Secretary: L. Carvalho, Portugal

17. Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology

Chair: P. C. W. Hogendoorn, The Netherlands

18. Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology

Chair: A. Marx, Germany

19. Uropathology

Chair: G. Mikuz, Austria

▶ ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

- ▶ The Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology
- ▶ The European Association for Haematopathology
- ▶ The Paediatric Pathology Society

About ESP Acknowledgements

► BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ESP

The European Society of Pathology (ESP) was established in 1963 in Brussels and is a leading force in European pathology and, as such, is pivotal to the future of the specialty in Europe and beyond. As a scientific society, the ESP has, as its primary aim, the promotion of high quality diagnostic practice, applied and translational research and under- and postgraduate education in the field of human pathology. This is achieved through its congresses, its journal *Virchows Archiv* and various other activities. The ESP interacts with national pathology societies in Europe and has developed links with other EU bodies in close collaboration with UEMS (Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes) and EAPCP (European Association of Pathology Chairs and Programme Directors). The European School of Pathology under the auspices of the ESP and with the support of 19 Working Groups re-

presenting different fields of pathology is involved in the organisation of courses to meet the needs of young pathologists. The ESP also provides an infrastructure for quality assurance projects in diagnostic molecular pathology, such as the ESP QA KRAS project for testing of colorectal cancer. The aim of the ESP is that its new permanent headquarters in Brussels (capable of holding meetings for up to forty people) will become the “hub” of European pathology.

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► COLOUR, NUMBER AND ABBREVIATION CODE OF SESSIONS

Breast pathology	Free papers	Joint symposium	Pulmonary pathology
Cardiovascular pathology	Gynaecological pathology	Keynote lecture	Soft tissue pathology
Cytopathology	Haematopathology	Molecular pathology	Special session
Dermatopathology	Head and neck pathology	Nephropathology	Uropathology
Digestive diseases pathology	History of pathology	Neuropathology	
Electron microscopy	Infectious diseases	Pathologists in favour of developing countries	
Endocrine pathology	IT in pathology	Perinatal and paediatric pathology	

OFP ⇨ Oral Free Papers
SC ⇨ Short Course
SPEC ⇨ Special Session
SS ⇨ Slide Seminar
SY ⇨ Symposium
Video ⇨ Videomicroscopy

Programme Schedule ► SATURDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

16:00 – 19:00 Registration
19:00 – 21:00 OPENING CEREMONY and WELCOME RECEPTION
19:30 – 21:30 Technical Exhibition

► ECP 2012 APP



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Programme Schedule ► MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

Time	MOLE	SY ENDO	SY H&N	SS H&N	SS CYTO	SC	JOINT DERM+BREAST	SY DIGE	SY CARDIO	SY	OFFP
08:00 – 19:00	Registration										
08:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break & Poster Viewing (presenters to be present at their posters)										
12:00 – 12:45	KEYNOTE 2										
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Luncheon Industry Symposia										
14:15 – 16:15	EM	SS ENDO	SS H&N	SC H&N	SS HIST	SY HAEMA	SS DIGE	SC	OFFP	OFFP	OFFP
17:00 – 19:00	MOLE	BM	DERM	VIDEO	OFFP	OFFP	OFFP	OFFP	OFFP	OFFP	OFFP
20:00	Congress Opera Performance Don Giovanni · Estates Theatre										

Programme Schedule ► TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

08:00 – 19:00 Registration												
09:00 – 17:00 Technical Exhibition												
	PAED	SC GYNAE	SC BREAST	SC SPEC	SY DIGE	SY HAEMA	SC SO-TI	BM SPEC	SY			
08:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break & Poster Viewing (presenters to be present at their posters)											
12:00 – 12:45	KEYNOTE 3											
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Luncheon Industry Symposia											
	NEPH	SY GYNAE	BREAST	SS	CARDIO	VIDEO	DEVEL	SY DERM	SS	SO-TI	SC URO	BM/SS
14:15 – 16:15	Coffee Break & Poster Viewing											
	PAED	BM DIGE	VIDEO	INFE	BM	OFP	OFP	OFP	OFP	OFP	OFP	OFP
17:00 – 19:00	Coffee Break & Poster Viewing											

Programme Schedule ▶ WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER

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08:30 – 12:00																
09:30 – 10:30 Coffee Break & Poster Viewing (presenters to be present at their posters)																
12:00 – 13:00																
ESP General Assembly																
13:00 – 14:00																
Lunch Luncheon Industry Symposia																
14:00 – 16:00	INFE	BM/SY	PAED	SS	BREAST	BM	GYNAE	VIDEO	URO	SY	SO-TI	SY		OFP	NEPH	SS
16:00 – 16:30																
Coffee Break & Poster Viewing																
16:30 – 17:15																
KEYNOTE 4																
17:15 – 18:00																
Plenary Oral Free Paper																
18:00 – 19:00																
Plenary ESP /IAP																
19:00 – 19:15																
Closing Ceremony																
19:00 – 20:00																
Congress Party St. Agnes Monastery																

Call for Abstracts

► SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee invites you to participate actively in this conference which will be an extraordinary occasion for the exchange of thoughts and experiences. We look forward to receiving abstracts online for consideration and inclusion in the scientific programme as oral or poster presentation.

The submitted abstracts should give a brief description of the title and topic. All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee. The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the relevance to ESP, standard of English, objectivity of statement, description of what was done, suitability of methods to aims, conclusions confirmed by objective results, ethics, scientific value, potential clinical value, originality of work and overall impression.

All accepted abstracts will be published in an abstract book which is a supplement to Virchows Archiv, and online on the congress website www.esp-congress.org.

Detailed instructions regarding the electronic submission procedure can be found on the website.

The deadline for abstract submission is 16 April 2012.

► GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- Abstracts are to be submitted in English, the official language of the 24th European Congress of Pathology and should not exceed 200 words and structured in the following four specified subtitles: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusion(s).
- The abstract submission constitutes a formal commitment by the author to present the corresponding presentation in the session and time slot assigned by the Scientific Committee.
- Changes in authorship should be communicated to the Scientific Committee in order to ensure correct appearance in the printed programme.
- If the original presenting author is unable to present, one of the co-authors should take over this responsibility.
- Registration to the Congress and payment of the registration fee is compulsory to be able to present the abstract and to get it published in the abstract book – and must be completed by **11 June 2012**.
- If a delegate has registered upon the condition that his/her abstract is accepted and the abstract is rejected, the registration fee will be refunded. The acceptance of abstracts by the Scientific Committee does not imply any financial assistance or fee reduction.

Notification of acceptance or rejection by the Scientific Committee will be mailed to the presenting author. Detailed information in which format the abstract is accepted

(poster presentation or oral presentation), guidelines and recommendations for poster presentation, oral presentation as well as time allotment, date, hour, and venue will be sent in due time to registered presenting authors.

► GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

Please choose a title that clearly indicates the content of the contribution.

- Please avoid abbreviations in the title. Abbreviations may be used in the text if they are defined when used first.
- The author's name (full first name, family name) and place of work (institution, city, country) should be indicated. Degrees, titles, street addresses and acknowledgements of support should be omitted, however.

To provide maximum information in the abstract please

- state the specific **objective** of the study
- state the **methods** used, if pertinent
- summarise the **results** obtained
- state the **conclusions** reached
- Please ensure that the abstract does not contain spelling, grammar or scientific errors, as it will be reproduced exactly as submitted.

► TOPICS

When submitting an abstract, please choose one of the following topics:

1. Breast Pathology
2. Cardiovascular Pathology
3. Cytopathology
4. Dermatopathology
5. Digestive Diseases Pathology
6. Electron Microscopy
7. Endocrine Pathology
8. Gynaecological Pathology
9. Haematopathology
10. Head and Neck Pathology
11. History of Pathology
12. Infectious Diseases Pathology
13. IT in Pathology
14. Molecular Pathology
15. Nephropathology
16. Neuropathology
17. Ophthalmic Pathology
18. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology
19. Pulmonary Pathology
20. Soft Tissue Pathology
21. Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology
22. Uropathology
23. Other Topics

Poster Sessions Continuing Medical Education (CME)

▶ POSTER SESSIONS

Poster sessions will be held from Sunday, 9 September to Wednesday, 12 September 2012 in the Congress Hall Foyer A on the 2nd floor of the Prague Congress Centre. These sessions offer an effective forum for the exchange of information and a means to communicate ideas, research, and programs. Poster authors will be required to be available for questions and further information at their poster board during the session breaks (09:30 – 10:30, 16:15 – 17:00). At this congress, posters will be grouped by topics for the convenience of those attending the sessions.

▶ CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The ESP is seeking approval from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide CME credits for the scientific programme of the congress. These credits are recognised by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). More detailed information will become available prior to the congress on the congress website:

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Congress Registration

► REGISTRATION FEES

Registration and payment received	by 2 April 2012 EUR	by 2 July 2012 EUR	after 2 July 2012 EUR
ESP Members	420,00	530,00	640,00
Non-Members	580,00	680,00	790,00
Residents*	180,00	240,00	350,00
Accompanying person			
► of an ESP Member	60,00	60,00	60,00
► of a Non-Member	80,00	80,00	80,00

* Residents must submit a formal declaration from the Head of Department or the person responsible for the training programme.

Please register online for the 24th European Congress of Pathology. You may also use the enclosed registration form. Please return the completed registration form as soon as possible in order to benefit from the lower registration fee by mail or by fax to:

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Registration Fee for ESP Members, Non-Members and Residents includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Admission to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Admission to poster exhibition and technical exhibition
- Coffee breaks and lunches from Sunday to Wednesday
- Congress materials (delegate bag, final programme, abstract book etc.)
- Public transportation ticket

Registration Fee for Accompanying Persons includes:

- Admission to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Half day city sightseeing tour of Prague
- Public transportation ticket

Registrations received after 2 July 2012 will be processed as on-site registrations. Scientists sponsored by companies will receive their invitation and a registration voucher directly from the sponsoring company. We kindly ask to return the registration voucher to the congress office.

► CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of the registration and the corresponding payment, the congress office will send a confirmation to the participant which also serves as an invoice. Please

present this confirmation of registration at the congress counter when picking up your congress material.

► WHO IS WHO

Their consent provided, delegates will be given the possibility to have their name, institution, city and country listed in the list of participants published on the internet. Upon request a direct link to the homepage of the participant or his/her institution can be installed.

► PAYMENT

When registering for 24th European Congress of Pathology, please arrange payment of the registration fee. All payments must be made in EUR. You can choose between two forms of payment. We strongly recommend credit card payment as charges for bank transfers may apply twice, once in the country of origin and a second time in the target country.

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Congress Information

► CONGRESS VENUE

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► CONGRESS COUNTER

The Congress Counter will be located in the Forum Hall Foyer on the 1st floor of the Prague Congress Centre.

Opening hours

Saturday, 8 Sept 2012	► 16:00 – 19:00
Sunday, 9 Sept 2012	► 07:30 – 19:00
Monday, 10 Sept 2012	► 08:00 – 19:00
Tuesday, 11 Sept 2012	► 08:00 – 19:00
Wednesday, 12 Sept 2012	► 08:00 – 19:00

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► TECHNICAL EXHIBITION

The 24th ECP will be accompanied by a major technical exhibition taking place in the Congress Hall Foyer B and C on the 2nd floor of the Prague Congress Centre. Potential exhibitors can request an exhibition/sponsoring brochure from the exhibition office, CPO HANSER SERVICE GmbH. E-mail: ecp-prague@cpo-hanser.de

Exhibition hours

Saturday, 8 Sept 2012	► 19:30 – 21:30
Sunday, 9 Sept 2012	► 09:00 – 17:00
Monday, 10 Sept 2012	► 09:00 – 17:00
Tuesday, 11 Sept 2012	► 09:00 – 17:00

► CONGRESS INFORMATION SYSTEM

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- Preparation of the congress
- List of topics
- Call for abstracts
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- Satellite symposia
- List of participants
- List of exhibitors
- Social programme
- Supporting programme
- Congress venue
- City of Prague
- Hotel accommodation
- Travel to Prague
- Special news

► FINAL PROGRAMME AND ABSTRACTS

The final programme and abstracts will be published on the Internet at CO CONGRESS ONLINE[®] prior to the congress. This enables each participant to create her/his personal congress programme schedule. CO CONGRESS ONLINE[®] offers an extensive congress service. Abstracts will also be published in an abstract book which is a supplement to Virchows Archiv. Participants will receive a copy of the final programme and the abstract book with the congress material.

Congress Information

► CONGRESS WEBSITE

Further and updated information will be available on the internet at www.esp-congress.org.

► CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official language of the 24th European Congress of Pathology is English.

► LETTER OF INVITATION

The congress organisation will be pleased to send a formal letter of invitation to delegates requesting an invitation letter for Visa purposes. You can apply for an invitation letter online during the registration process on the congress website. The letters will be sent as e-mail attachments. It is understood that such an invitation is intended to help potential delegates to raise funds or to obtain a visa. This does not imply a commitment from the congress to provide any financial support.

► VISA

The entry formalities for the Czech Republic vary according to the country of origin. Congress delegates are asked to address enquiries about entry and vaccination requirements to the travel agent or to the local Czech Republic consulate in the home country.

► INSURANCE

The congress fee does not include insurance. All participants should arrange for their own insurance. Health and accident insurance is recommended and has to be purchased in your country of origin.

► CURRENCY

The official currency of the Czech Republic is the Czech koruna. The international abbreviation is CZK. Congress payments will be accepted in EURO.

► CLIMATE IN PRAGUE

Prague has a temperate continental climate. Summers usually bring fine sunny days with highs being around 25°C. Nights can be quite cool even in summer. Precipitation in Prague is rather low. In September it is still relatively warm and there is less precipitation than in the previous months.

Average temperatures in September are:

High: 20°C/68°F

Low: 9°C/49°F

► CITY OF PRAGUE

The city of 100 spires, "Golden Prague" is a jewel in the heart of Europe. Culture, tradition and a lively atmosphere present themselves in beautifully restored cultural monuments and former aristocratic palaces. The awe-inspiring panorama of the castle and St. Vitus Cathedral capture the heart of every visitor, a walk across Charles Bridge is a must. Although the narrow lanes of the Old Town and Lesser Town invite visitors to romantic walks, Prague also has its modern facets.

The city suffered considerably less damage during World War II than some other major cities in the region, allowing most of its historic architecture to stay true to form. It contains one of the world's most pristine and varied collections of architecture, from Art Nouveau to Baroque, Renaissance, Cubist, Gothic, Neo-Classical and ultra-modern. Thus, since the fall of the Iron Curtain, Prague has become one of Europe's (and the world's) most popular tourist destinations. It is the sixth most-visited European city after London, Paris, Rome, Madrid and Berlin.

Prague boasts more than ten major museums, along with countless theatres, galleries, cinemas, and other historical exhibits. Also, Prague is home to a wide range of public and private schools, including the famous Charles University. Its rich history makes it a popular tourist destination, and the city receives more than 4 million international visitors annually.



Travel to Prague/Hotels in Prague

► AIR TRAVEL TO PRAGUE

The Praha Ruzyně airport is located in the northwest outskirts of Prague, some 20 kilometres from the city centre. The airport is well connected by all the major, as well as budget airlines. 53 airlines fly to 130 destinations in 52 countries. The journey between the airport and the city should take roughly 30 minutes.

► JOURNEY TO PRAGUE BY CAR

Prague has highway connections from five major directions and links it to other significant European destinations. When entering the Czech Republic by car you will need a vignette, which can be purchased at the border.

Relying on car in Prague is not advisable, as it is very difficult to find a suitable parking place and break-ins are very common. If you happen to visit Prague by car, the best places to leave your car are guarded parking lots.

► TRAVEL TO PRAGUE BY RAIL AND BUS

Prague has three international railway stations and a bus station, all are connected to the metro stations.

Prague's main international railway station is Hlavní nádraží. Prague is well connected to European EC train network and links Prague with major European cities, including Munich (Germany); Berlin (Germany), Warsaw (Poland), Budapest (Hungary), and Vienna (Austria). Rail services are also available from the main stations Praha-Smíchov and Praha-Holešovice, in addition to selected suburban stations.

The city's main bus terminal is Florenc situated in the eastern part of the New Town easily accessible by Metro Line B and C, and trams.

► HOW TO GET FROM THE CITY CENTRE TO THE CONVENTION CENTRE

Public transport in Prague is well organised, efficient and very easy to use. The Prague underground is comprised of 3 lines and 41 stops and is a very efficient means of transport. The operating hours are from 05:00 until midnight. The tram is also a convenient mode of transport for sightseeing and it operates until after midnight. The bus system operates widely in areas that are not covered by the tram and in suburban areas, where some lines run past midnight.

The Prague Congress Centre is right next to Vyšehrad metro station (line C). The nearest tram stop is Svatoplukova. It is in Nusle, directly underneath the Nusle Bridge (Nuselský most). Trams numbers 7, 18 and 24 stop here. After getting off the tram walk under the railway line and up the steps through the park straight to the Congress Centre, which you will be able to see above you.

From Florenc bus station travel 4 stops by metro in the direction of Háje (line C).

► HOTELS IN PRAGUE



CPO HANSER SERVICE and its local partner AIM GROUP INTERNATIONAL have reserved a large number of hotel rooms in various hotels in different price categories near the congress venue. The majority of these hotels are located in the city centre. The Prague Congress Centre can be comfortably reached from all hotels by foot or public transportation. Reservations can be made online at www.esp-congress.org.

Local agency for Prague

The officially appointed local partner AIM GROUP INTERNATIONAL is pleased to assist you with any kind of local services such as transportation, hotels, hostesses and restaurants on the basis of the pharmaceutical code of conduct.

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Social Programme

► OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME RECEPTION

Saturday, 8 Sept 2012 ▶ 19:00
Prague Congress Centre

Join the official Opening Ceremony of the 24th ECP in the Forum Hall of the Prague Congress Centre.

During the ceremony, there will be words of welcome by the ESP President and performances of Czech entertainment to get the ECP participants in the mood for the congress in Golden Prague. The Opening Ceremony will be followed by a Welcome Reception at the Congress Centre, in the exhibition in the Foyers on the 2nd Floor, with local food.

► CONGRESS OPERA PERFORMANCE DON GIOVANNI

Monday, 10 Sept 2012 ▶ 20:00
Estates Theatre

The Estates Theatre, centrally located between the Old Town Square and the Wenceslas Square, is regarded as one of the most beautiful historic theatre buildings in Europe and dates from 1783. It was designed by Anton Haffenecker and built in little less than two years for the aristocrat František Antonín Count Nostitz Rieneck. The building itself was constructed in a Neoclassical style and remains one of the few European theatres to be preserved in its almost original state to the present day.

The name of W. A. Mozart is forever linked to the building. The musical genius, whose fortunes of life, art inspirations and work had such a dramatic impact on the city of Prague, personally conducted the premiere of Don Giovanni in 1787 at the Estates Theater to a packed house. Mozart operas – Don Giovanni, The Magic Flute, Così fan tutte and Le nozze di Figaro – are still in the repertoire. You will get to enjoy Mozart's opera Don Giovanni during an **exclusive ECP performance**, which you can book tickets for.

Cost contribution per person (ESP Member): EUR 25
Cost contribution per person (Non-ESP Member): EUR 50



Estates Theatre

► CONGRESS PARTY

Wednesday, 12 Sept 2012 ▶ 20:00
St. Agnes Monastery

Join the Grand Finale of the 24th ECP – the Congress Party at the impressive St. Agnes Monastery. This convent, together with neighbouring St. Francis Church, is probably one of the most ancient Gothic buildings and significant convents in Bohemia. It is located in the Old Town of Prague. St. Agnes of Bohemia Convent is a complex of two main buildings – the convent of Poor Clares and a small Franciscan monastery. You can find there also St. Francis Church, the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene, St. Agnes's private oratory, St. Barbora's Chapel and Premyslid's mausoleum of Holy Saviour.

The convent and the church were built between 1231 and 1234. The King Wenceslas I. and later on the Pope, took the convent under their protection and gave it many privileges. At that time, the convent was of the most modern buildings in Prague. The nuns left the convent during the Hussite's movement. The convent, as many others, was abolished in 1782 and since then the building decayed.

St. Agnes Convent was restored in the 20th century and belongs to the National Gallery in Prague. An exhibition of medieval Central European, especially Czech, art is placed there nowadays. During the party, you will enjoy a buffet dinner and DJ music will get people in the mood for dancing.

Cost contribution per person (ESP Member): EUR 10
Cost contribution per person (Non-ESP Member): EUR 50



Charles Bridge by night

Tours

▶ OLD TOWN TOUR

Sunday, 9 Sept 2012 ▶ 09:00 – 12:00
 Monday, 10 Sept 2012 ▶ 09:00 – 12:00

Follow your guide and let the city enchant you during this walking tour. There is a secret to discover behind every single corner. Visit the Old Town Square providing a dazzling panorama. Stand in the centre and turn in a slow circle: It's as if all the most charming city streets of Europe were stretched around you. Every building is different in every detail – roof, windows, doors and colours. The history of the Old Town Hall began in the 14th century and has developed in slow bounds to match the municipality's growth in size and importance. A highlight of the Old Town Hall is its 15th century Astronomical Clock, where you can observe the procession of the Twelve Apostles on the hour, every hour.

Afterwards, the city walk continues to the Estates Theatre, the theatre where Mozart's "Don Giovanni" was performed the first time. It was Mozart who said: "My Praguers understand me". A few steps from here you will enter the New Town with its popular centre: Wenceslas Square. More a gardened boulevard than a wide open plaza, Wenceslas Square is Prague's answer to the Champs Elysees. Almost all the buildings were designed or renovated in the 20th century and demonstrate some examples of Art Nouveau and Constructivism.

Transfer from the congress centre to the city centre and back will be arranged.

Price per person: EUR 21,00



Wenceslas Square

▶ PRAGUE CASTLE HRADCANY TOUR

Sunday, 9 Sept 2012 ▶ 14:00 – 18:00
 Monday, 10 Sept 2012 ▶ 14:00 – 18:00
 Wednesday, 12 Sept 2012 ▶ 09:00 – 13:00

For registered accompanying persons this tour is included in the registration fee. Please note that advance registration is required.

The Prague Castle is devoted to gardens and fountains, towers and churches, palaces and summer-houses. Today the castle is primarily the residence of the President of the Czech Republic. It also includes a magnificent gallery and a treasury.

During the walking tour of the castle you will enjoy several courtyards and will pass the main building and the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral before you continue to the so-called Golden Lane. The tour will take you to Little Quarter (Mala Strana), which was founded in 1257 and is located by the Prague Castle. Mala Strana still reflects its ancient image and can be proud of its impressive baroque palaces and old houses. Via Nerudova is a picturesque narrow street that leads up to the Prague Castle as a part of the Royal Way. There is a splendid selection of heraldic beasts and emblems on the houses. Finally, you will walk over the famous Charles Bridge, a stone Gothic bridge connecting the Old Town and Mala Strana in The Lesser Town.

Transfer from the congress centre to the city centre and back will be arranged.

Price per person: EUR 22,00



Charles Bridge

Tours

► KARLOVY VARY

Monday, 10 Sept 2012 ▶ 09:00 – 18:00

Karlovy Vary (“Carlsbad”) is the oldest, largest and most important spa in the Czech Republic, also renowned for the famous “Moser” crystal, as well as for the “Becherovka” factory. The transfer time is approximately 2 hours each way. The foundation of Karlovy Vary was laid by the Czech king Charles IV mid of the 14th century. Its origin and development was always connected with beneficial effects of the hot mineral springs. The history of the spa is characterized by ups and downs. The town was afflicted by catastrophic disasters several times. Thanks to the spa sector it always recovered. Beside the world known spa tradition, Karlovy Vary is also famous for its cultural tradition. The most significant visitors at the turn of the 18th and 19th century were J. W. Goethe, F. Schiller, T. Korner, Ludwig van Beethoven and N. Paganini.

Dependant on availability, you will visit and tour the Becherovka factory or the Moser museum and glass factory. “Becherovka” from Karlovy Vary is a liqueur specialty which was originally produced as a “medicine” as long ago as 1805 in the small pharmacy of Mr. J. Becher based on a recipe of the English physician Dr. Frobrig. Due to the growing industrial demand for it, the production was started in 1807. The oak wood of the barrels, the atmosphere, and the temperature of the cellars guarantee the high quality. The history of the “Moser” crystal is inextricably linked with the name of its founder, Ludwig Moser (1833 – 1916). In 1857, this skilful engraver and talented businessman gained recognition for establishing the company that bears his name. From its beginning, Moser focused on the production of blown, hand-cut, engraved and painted glass. Moser glass soon gained a worldwide reputation for the quality of its glass, perfection of workmanship and artistry, because the products are outstanding in their purity, brilliance, elegance and classical proportions. Due to this tradition, Moser is referred to as “The Glass of Kings” to this very day.

Price per person: EUR 86,00 (incl. lunch)



Karlovy Vary

► JOSEFOV – THE JEWISH QUARTER AND THE OLD TOWN

Tuesday, 11 Sept 2012 ▶ 09:00 – 13:00

During this tour you will explore the Jewish history of Prague. The present shape of the Prague Jewish Ghetto is the result of an extensive reconstruction carried out at the turn of the century, in which only a few significant architectural relicts of the thousand-year-long history of the Prague Jews have been preserved. The visit to the Jewish Quarter includes the Jewish Cemetery and National Jewish Museum, situated in the Pinkas, Klausen and Spanish Synagogue.

Price per person: EUR 33,00

► CESKY KRUMLOV

Tuesday, 11 Sept 2012 ▶ 08:00 – 18:00

According to a legend, the name Krumlov is derived from the German “Krumme Aue”, which may be translated as “crooked meadow”. The name comes from the natural topography of the town, especially from the tightly crooked meander of the Vltava River. The word Český simply means Czech in Bohemian as opposed to Moravian or Silesian. The town was first mentioned in documents from 1253. The Castle of Český Krumlov, with its architecture, cultural tradition, and expanse, ranks among the most important historic sights in the central European region. The construction development from the 14th to 19th centuries is well-preserved in the original layout, material structure, interior installation and architectural detail. A worthy assessment of the area, by both domestic and foreign experts, resulted in the acquisition of the historic monument preservation status. In 1992 the entire complex was included in the list of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Monuments.

Price per person: EUR 86,00 (incl. lunch)



Český Krumlov

Tours

▶ DINNER CRUISE

Tuesday, 11 Sept 2012 ▶ 19:30 – 22:30

A bus will bring you to the landing pier. Enjoy a wonderful evening on the Moldau River with colleagues and friends. Discover Prague from a different perspective and take in the beautiful scenery of the city with unparalleled views of the well-known sights. During the 2.5-hour cruise you will enjoy a buffet dinner on the boat.

Afterwards you will have the opportunity to explore Prague's nightlife on your own.

Price per person: EUR 65,00 (incl. buffet dinner and beverages)

▶ KARLSTEJN

Wednesday, 12 Sept 2012 ▶ 13:00 – 17:00

You will be taken along the rivers Moldau and Berounka to the most impressive Bohemian gothic castle of Karlstejn. Situated on a dominating rock, surrounded by deep forests, you will walk about 20 minutes to reach the Royal Palace. The Karlstejn Castle was founded in 1348 by the Czech King and Roman Emperor, Charles IV, in gothic style. It was not intended to be an emperor's residency, but rather a fortress for keeping imperial crown jewels and holy relicts. During the Husit wars, the Czech crown jewels and the most important documents of the Czech kingdom were kept here. The castle was renovated in the 19th century.

Price per person: EUR 60,00 (incl. lunch)

▶ GENERAL CONDITIONS

- ▶ Full payment in advance is required.
- ▶ All tours will be conducted in English.
- ▶ All tours are based on a minimum of 20 participants. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the tours if the minimum number of participants is not reached. Full refunds will be granted for tours which will not take place.
- ▶ You will receive your tour tickets at the Accommodation & Tour Desk at the Congress Centre.
- ▶ All tours start and end at the congress venue, Prague Congress Centre, if not otherwise mentioned.
- ▶ Meeting point will be the Accommodation & Tour Desk.



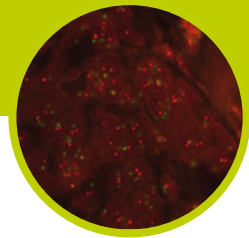
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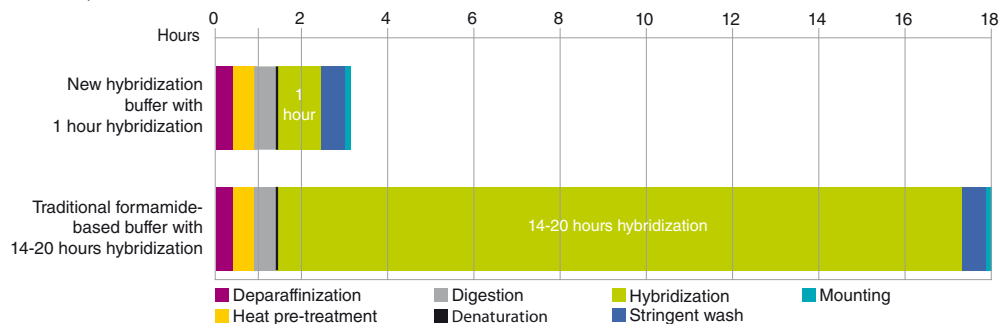
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For registered accompanying persons a **Prague Castle Hradcany Tour** is included.

Please indicate if you would like to participate: 9 Sept 2012 [50] // 10 Sept 2012 [51] // 12 Sept 2012 [52]

C Registration Fees (EUR)

Registration and Payment received	by 2 April 2012 EUR	by 2 July 2012 EUR	after 2 July 2012 EUR	EUR
ESP Member	[20] 420	[21] 530	[22] 640	_____
Non-Member	[23] 580	[24] 680	[25] 790	_____
Resident*	[26] 180	[27] 240	[28] 350	_____
Accompanying person				
► of an ESP Member	[29] 60	[29] 60	[29] 60	_____
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* Residents must submit a formal declaration from the head of department or responsible for the training programme.

		Number of persons	EUR	EUR
Congress Opera Performance on 10 September 2012	Member (cost contribution)	_____	[40] 25	_____
	Non-Member (cost contribution)	_____	[41] 50	_____
Congress Party on 12 September 2012	Member (cost contribution)	_____	[42] 10	_____
	Non-Member (cost contribution)	_____	[43] 50	_____

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B Tours

Sunday, 9 September 2012			Number of persons	EUR
Old Town Tour	09:00 - 12:00	EUR 21,00	_____	x EUR 21,00 = _____
Prague Castle Hradcany Tour	14:00 - 18:00	EUR 22,00	_____	x EUR 22,00 = _____
Monday, 10 September 2012			Number of persons	EUR
Old Town Tour	09:00 - 12:00	EUR 21,00	_____	x EUR 21,00 = _____
Karlovy Vary	09:00 - 18:00	EUR 86,00	_____	x EUR 86,00 = _____
Prague Castle Hradcany Tour	14:00 - 18:00	EUR 22,00	_____	x EUR 22,00 = _____
Tuesday, 11 September 2012			Number of persons	EUR
Cesky Krumlov	08:00 - 18:00	EUR 86,00	_____	x EUR 86,00 = _____
Josefov – The Jewish Quarter and the Old Town	09:00 - 13:00	EUR 33,00	_____	x EUR 33,00 = _____
Dinner Cruise	19:30 - 22:30	EUR 65,00	_____	x EUR 65,00 = _____
Wednesday, 31 September 2012			Number of persons	EUR
Prague Castle Hradcany Tour	09:00 - 13:00	EUR 22,00	_____	x EUR 22,00 = _____
Karlstejn	13:00 - 17:00	EUR 60,00	_____	x EUR 60,00 = _____

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