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18th IFCC-EFCC European Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
Congress of the Austrian Society of Laboratory Medicine and Clinical Chemistry
Innsbruck, Congress Innsbruck
7 - 11 June 2009

Bursaries

A bursary project has been set up to aid young scientists from developing countries who wish to participate in the Congress. Candidates will have to submit an application form available on the website www.innsbruck2009.org. Application must be addressed to the Organising Secretariat (info@innsbruck2009.org) **before January 1, 2009**.

The application must be accompanied by:

- the abstract submitted at the EuromedLab Innsbruck 2009 Congress
- a scientific CV
- the list of publications
- an identity document

The selection of bursary recipients will be conducted by the Bursary Committee, on the basis of information provided on the bursary form.

The bursary project will provide 30 bursaries of **free full registration** plus **€ 500** (to be cashed at the congress).

Abstract Book

The abstract of the congress will be published in the journal *Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (CCLM)* and the abstracts will be included in the Index Services such as regular CCLM issues (CAS, BIOBASE, EMBASE, MEDLINE)

USB

A pen stick containing all the abstracts presented at the congress will be produced by RANDOX and provided to all delegates.

**DEADLINE FOR
ABSTRACT
SUBMISSION**

15 January 2009

DO NOT MISS IT !!!

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Merry
Christmas

Hotel Reservation



Officially appointed by the EUROMEDLAB Innsbruck 2009 organisation, **Innsbruck Reservierung** has carefully selected hotels in Innsbruck and in the surrounding village resorts. So, in Seefeld, a renowned holiday resort, a large number of rooms have been pre-reserved for EUROMEDLAB participants.

A shuttle service (by bus or by train) from the hotels to the Congress Centre and the Social Events venues will be provided.

Demand for hotels rooms is high during the events ... So please consider early booking!

For individual room reservation ...

- 1 Visit the official website www.innsbruck2009.org, and choose your hotel
- 2 Click the appropriate link and follow the instructions
- 3 Relax! You have just booked your room at a special low rate

For group reservation ...

- 1 Visit the official website www.innsbruck2009.org
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Beside a wide range of luxurious five and four star hotels, most of them with health centres, and located amid breathtaking scenery ...

... Seefeld offers suitable entertainment for all age groups with many different restaurants and shops.



Social Events

Informal Get-Together Party

Included in the FULL REGISTRATION FEE and ACCOMPANYING PERSON FEE

After the Opening Ceremony, you are kindly invited to take part in the informal *get-together party*. Traditional groups will accompany the guests from the Congress Centre to the old town. In front of the Golden Roof a brass band will play on a stage a concert and a Brauchtumsgruppe will show traditional dances (Schuhplattler).

Entrance to the party will be allowed to all delegates and accompanying persons who are registered to the congress.

Sunday 7 June 2009 - Starting at 19.30



Organ and Symphony Concerts

Included in the FULL REGISTRATION FEE and ACCOMPANYING PERSON FEE

The Dome St. Jakob, one of the city's premier churches, will host an **Organ Concert**. An outstanding programme consisting of master compositions by J.S. Bach ("toccata et fuga in d-moll"), W. Mitterer ("organ & electronics") and O. Messiaen ("sortie") will especially be performed for EUROMEDLAB Innsbruck 2009 participants.

Monday 8 June 2009 - Starting at 19.00

The **Symphony Concert** will be held at the Innsbruck Congress Centre, in the Tyrol Hall, and will be specially performed by the Haydn Orchestra.

Tuesday 9 June 2009 - Starting at 20.00

Because of limited availability of seats, we would appreciate if all delegates indicate on their registration form whether or not they would like to attend the concerts. Tickets (free of charge) will be distributed based on a "first come, first served" basis.



Summer Ball - Salzlager Hall

For FULL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS and ACCOMPANYING PERSONS - € 45 per person

In its absolutely unique style and character, the Salzlager Hall presents itself as one of the largest and most impressive indoor event halls in western Austria.

We invite you for an evening full of surprises in a great atmosphere.

Tickets for the party (€ 45 per person) can be booked by those who register to the congress (full registration fee and accompanying person fee) on the registration form.

Thursday 11 June 2009 - Starting at 21.00



Christmas Season in Innsbruck ...

With the beginning of the Christmas season, the Advent, Innsbruck is being turned into a warmly illuminated Christmas town. To announce the coming of Christ and to compensate for the "disappearance" of the sun and for the freezing temperatures of the winter season, candles of different colours are lit far and wide during this period. There are Christmas (Christkindl) markets in every major city in Austria. Innsbruck has set up one of its several Christmas market in the heart of the medieval town in the square below the golden roof, the famous and richly decorated Renaissance gallery. There, a giant Christmas tree was set up sparkling with ornamentations. Neatly decorated stalls and booths are grouped around with shelves crammed with Tyrolean handicrafts, wooden toys, and Christmas decoration such as straw ornaments, glass balls and Advent wreaths. Other booths present a wide range of local culinary delights. To warm up body and soul in the snowy Innsbruck hot punch (mulled wine) prepared from heated red wine spiced with clove, cinnamon, oranges and sugar is offered at many booths. The mulled wine goes very well together with the great variety of Tyrolean Christmas cookies including but not limited to ginger cookies, fruit bread and Christmas stollen. There is also the tradition to roast chestnuts, and the smell of them wonderfully intermingles with the aromas of mulled wine and other spices, thus building up this unique soothing scent of Christmas markets. Traditional Christmas tunes are sounded from the Golden Roof by a brass choir every afternoon, and from early evening on the whole town is greatly illuminated by its beautiful Christmas decoration with fascinating light compositions here and there. Beyond the city the Karwendel mountains are glistening with snow like the icing on a Christmas cake. The Christmas atmosphere is



not limited to Innsbruck's Christmas markets. Many choral concerts are performed at various places within the city and its churches. So, the beautifully Baroque styled cathedral Saint Jacob usually hosts a series of lovely Advent concerts. Also, the imperial court church, which hosts the marble grave of Emperor



Maximilian I with the larger-than-life bronze statues flanking his grave, shows itself in wonderful Christmas decoration.

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www.innsbruck2009.org