CONGRESS INFORMATION

CONGRESS VENUE
Prague Congress Centre
5. kvetna 65
140 21 Prague 4
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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.

TECHNICAL EXHIBITION
The 24th ECP will be accompanied by a major technical exhibition. Potential exhibitors can request an exhibition/sponsorship brochure from the exhibition office, CPO HANSER SERVICE GmbH at ecp-prague@cpo-hanser.de.

CME – CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
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 www.esp-congress.org.

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 will be possible online at www.esp-congress.org shortly.

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.

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
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.

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. We can expect a lot of new information and breakthrough results as well as on close clinico-pathological cooperation. The aim of the organisers is to provide an up-to-date scientific programme covering all the major areas of cellular and molecular pathology. Special emphasis will be put both on the recent discoveries as well as on close clinico-pathological cooperation.

You can look forward to discussions related – among others – to the following topics:

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- Native and transplant kidney pathology

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- Melanoma – new insights in pathogenesis, new options for treatment

In addition, the following topics will be discussed:
- Quality control in pathology
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- Stem cells and their role in pathogenesis of various diseases
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Prof. Fátima Carneiro
President of the European Society of Pathology

Prof. Ales Ryska
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**
- 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