



European Society of Hypertension

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

22nd

European Meeting on Hypertension and Cardiovascular Protection

LONDON,
April 26-29, 2012
ICC London

www.esh2012.org

important dates

November 18, 2011

deadline for submission of abstracts

January 23, 2012

deadline for early bird registration

February 1-28, 2012

late breaker abstract submission

February 9, 2012

deadline for accommodation grants

March 25, 2012

deadline for hotel reservation

credits

Attendance at this meeting will provide credits for Application as Hypertension Specialist of the European Society of Hypertension

Other information about credits will be available on the website: www.esh2012.org

internet

This announcement is also available on Internet www.esh2012.org

Further information will be updated on the above mentioned website

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to attend the 22nd Scientific Meeting of the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) which will take place in London, UK, from April 26 to 29, 2012.

The scientific program will continue the tradition of many previous ESH meetings. This means that a major portion of the program will be concentrate on original research with oral and poster presentations which will be selected from the large number of abstracts submitted by the participants, based on in-depth assessment by reviewers of the abstracts.

The 2012 ESH meeting will also contain a broad range of clinical and experimental research papers presented in numerous state-of-the-art lectures, Plenary Sessions, Debates, How-To and other Teaching Sessions, Breakfast Workshops, Integrated Sessions for ESH Working Groups and Satellite Symposia. The European Society of Hypertension has in various aspects developed educational activities in cooperation with the European Society of Cardiology, one of these being recognitions and accreditations of medical specialities. Thus, in London widespread EBAC accreditation for continuous medical education will be requested.

The ESH meetings attract not only investigators, researchers, clinicians and others from all European countries but also many people with interests in hypertension from the Americas, Japan and Asia, the Middle-East and the rest of the World. The scientific agenda contains the most updated researches, controversies and consensuses in the field of clinical and experimental hypertension. Over the years the ESH meetings have been steadily growing and several thousands of people are expected in London at ESH 2012 as well.

Hypertension creates an interest over a broad range of medical specialities, from family medicine and general practise to the specialist fields of cardiology, nephrology, endocrinology and further on to physiology and pharmacology. Hypertension is closely related to various cardiovascular, endocrine and renal diseases both as a cause and a consequence. Hypertension is central in not only the so-called metabolic syndrome, diabetes and in obesity, but also in stress medicine, physiology and in epidemiology. There is an armament of drugs available for treatment of hypertension and new ones are reaching the market, increasingly in combination.

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Besides all this, there is a rapid development of modern equipment and technical set-up for up-to-date ambulatory diagnostic work and non-invasive research on various aspects of the pathophysiology of hypertension, its hemodynamic profile, related conditions including obesity, diabetes and the metabolic syndrome as indicated above, and experimental research.

The ESH meeting in London will be held in the new and large ICC London, located in the heart of the Docklands area. The Congress venue is well-connected to down-town London, thanks to train and underground networks.

You are all cordially invited to London and the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) meeting in April 2012!

Yours Sincerely,



Prof. Krzysztof Narkiewicz
President ESH



Prof. Josep Redon
President Elect ESH

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the 22nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society of Hypertension (ESH) which will be held in London on April 26 - 29 2012. Europe has been a powerhouse of cardiovascular research in the last fifty years and the ESH has been in the vanguard of providing a forum for the presentation of novel data, the discussion of the modern management of hypertension and the construction of detailed guidelines for cardiovascular disease prevention. In keeping with previous meetings, a substantial amount of time will be devoted to free communications and these will be divided into oral and poster presentations of original research, selected after vigorous peer review.

10 With the eagerly anticipated release of NICE/British Hypertension Society guidelines, as well as the announcement of several new trials in the cardiovascular field, the programme will also include opinion leader analyses, debates and round table discussions as well as providing ample time for questions from the floor in order to discuss in detail these new developments in hypertension and cardiovascular disease management. Whilst there will be a clinical theme to the programme, basic scientists will be provided with the opportunity to present the most cutting edge of research which will form the basis of therapeutic innovation in the future.


In order to provide continued medical education opportunities for clinicians, a number of ESH teaching symposia will be held within the meeting as well as breakfast workshops and scientific sessions organised by the working groups of the ESH. Teaching sessions will focus on the practical aspects of cardiovascular disease management and participants will be invited to bring their clinical cases for discussions with experts.

To celebrate the Olympic year it is intended to hold a Hypertension Olympics with nations invited to submit a small team to take part in a quiz challenge.

The meeting will be held in the new ICC London Excel Centre in the section opened in April 2010. This can more than accommodate the large number of anticipated participants and the

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highly diversified scientific programme that characterises ESH meetings including a state-of-the-art exhibition space for industry. The venue is well connected with the rest of London and can be easily accessed by the Docklands Light Railway and also by road. In keeping with past meetings the ESH will provide accommodation grants to help the participation of young investigators. Lower registration fees are also planned for members of ESH. I look forward to meeting you in London in 2012.



Anthony M. Heagerty

Chairman of the Organizing Congress

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general programm

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012

HOURS	AUDITORIUM	CAPITAL HALL	HALL S15/16	CAPITAL SUITE 7/8/9
15.00		SATELLITE	SATELLITE	SATELLITE
17.00		SYMPOSIUM	SYMPOSIUM	SYMPOSIUM
17.30	OPENING			
19.00	CEREMONY			
19.00			WELCOME COCKTAIL	
20.00			(Halls S 17/23)	
20.00		SATELLITE	SATELLITE	SATELLITE
22.00		SYMPOSIUM	SYMPOSIUM	SYMPOSIUM

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FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012

HOURS	AUDITORIUM	CAPITAL HALL	HALL S15/16	CAPITAL SUITE 7/8/9
07.45				
08.45				
			(09.00-10.30)	
09.00	ORAL	ORAL	EDUCATIONAL	TOPICAL
11.00	SESSION	SESSION	SESSION	WORKSHOP
11.00	LATE	(11.30-12.30)	EDUCATIONAL	ORAL
12.30	BREAKER 1	MINISYMPOSIUM	SESSION	SESSION
12.30			WORKING BUFFET LUNCH	
14.00				
12.45	TEACHING	SATELLITE		
14.15	SEMINAR	SYMPOSIUM (BOX LUNCH)		
14.00			ATTENDED AND MODERATED POSTER SESSION	
15.30				
14.30				
15.30				
15.30	ORAL	EDUCATIONAL	TOPICAL	(15.30-16.30)
17.00	SESSION	SESSION	WORKSHOP	MINISYMPOSIUM
17.00	PLENARY SESSION			
18.30	Awards and Lectures			
18.30		SATELLITE	SATELLITE	SATELLITE
20.30		SYMPOSIUM	SYMPOSIUM	SYMPOSIUM

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012

HOURS	AUDITORIUM	CAPITAL HALL	HALL S15/16	CAPITAL SUITE 7/8/9
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07.45

08.45

09.00	ORAL SESSION	ORAL SESSION	(09.00-10.30) EDUCATIONAL SESSION	TOPICAL WORKSHOP
11.00	LATE BREAKER 2	(11.30-12.30) MINISYMPOSIUM	EDUCATIONAL SESSION	ORAL SESSION

12.30

WORKING BUFFET LUNCH

14.00

12.45	TEACHING SEMINAR	SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM (BOX LUNCH)		
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14.00

ATTENDED AND MODERATED POSTER SESSION

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14.30

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15.30	ORAL SESSION	EDUCATIONAL SESSION	TOPICAL WORKSHOP	(15.30-16.30) MINISYMPOSIUM
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17.00 PLENARY SESSION

18.30

18.30		SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM	SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM	SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
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ORAL
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CLINICAL
CASE

ORAL
SESSION

“HOW TO
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“HOW TO
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MEETING (14.15/15.00)

“MEET THE
EXPERT”

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012

HOURS	AUDITORIUM	CAPITAL HALL	HALL S15/16	CAPITAL SUITE 7/8/9
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08.45

			(09.00-10.30)	
09.00	ORAL	ORAL	EDUCATIONAL	TOPICAL
11.00	SESSION	SESSION	SESSION	WORKSHOP
11.00	LATE BREAKER	(11.30-12.30)	EDUCATIONAL	ORAL
12.30	3	MINISYMPOSIUM	SESSION	SESSION

12.30

WORKING BUFFET LUNCH

14.00

12.45	TEACHING	SATELLITE		
14.15	SEMINAR	SYMPOSIUM (BOX LUNCH)		

14.00

ATTENDED AND MODERATED POSTER SESSION

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15.30	ORAL	EDUCATIONAL	TOPICAL	(15.30-16.30)
17.00	SESSION	SESSION	WORKSHOP	MINISYMPOSIUM

17.00 PLENARY SESSION

18.30 CLOSING REMARKS

18.30

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main scientific

The main scientific programme is held during three days (April 27, 28 and 29) and consists of State-of-the-Art Lectures, Topical Workshops, Breakfast Workshops, Working Groups, Workshops, Debates and Teaching Sessions (European Hypertension Specialist Programme).

PARALLEL ORAL SESSIONS

Are selected among the abstracts submitted by participants. There will be parallel sessions in the morning and afternoon of each day. Each presentation will be given 10 minutes (8 for presentation and 2 for discussion).

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Are selected among the abstracts submitted by participants.

There will be a poster sessions on April 27, 28 and 29, 2012 from 14.00 to 15.30 hrs. During that time posters should be attended by the Authors. On each day the best ten presented posters will be recognized with a prize of € 500,00 each. The selection will be made by the Program Scientific Committee.

STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURES

Are given during some of the sessions with oral presentations and Plenary Sessions.

ESH WORKING GROUPS' WORKSHOPS

Take place during the congress, at various time, during the main meeting.

HOW TO AND MEET-THE-EXPERT SESSIONS

Take place every day. They are aimed at discussing with an expert the methods to be used for the diagnosis and assessment of efficacy of treatment in hypertension and related cardiovascular disease.

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CLINICAL CASES

Clinical Cases take place every day. They consist of discussion of clinical case with an expert.

LATE BREAKER (HOT LINE) SESSIONS

These sessions allow for submission of late-breaking experimental and clinical works. Abstract submission will be possible from February 1 to 28, 2012.

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main topics

Atherosclerosis

Atrial Fibrillation (NEW!)

Blood Pressure Measurement

Cerebrovascular Diseases, Stroke, Dementia

Clinical Aspects

Clinical Trials

Combination Treatment

Diabetes

Educational Programs

Endocrine Hypertension

Endothelium

Epidemiology of Hypertension and Metabolic Disorders (NEW!)

Experimental Hypertension

Experimental Pharmacology

Genetics, Genomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics

Heart

Heart Failure

Hemodynamics

Kidney

Imaging Modalities (NEW!)

New Hypertension Guidelines

Large Arteries

Lifestyle Changes/Lipids

Membrane Transport

Microcirculation/Small Vessels

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Molecular Biology
Neural Mechanisms
New Hypertension Guidelines (NEW!)
New Therapeutic Developments
Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome (NEW!)
Organ Damage
Peptides, Growth and Circulating Factors
Pharmacoeconomics
Pregnancy
Public Health
Receptors
Renin-Angiotensin System
Sleep Apnea
Sport and Blood Pressure (NEW!)
Therapeutics and Clinical Pharmacology
Transplantation

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awards

BJÖRN FOLKOW AWARD AND LECTURE

The Bjorn Folkow Award has been established in 1987 by the ESH with the collaboration of ASTRAZENECA in recognition of the contribution made by Björn Folkow to cardiovascular physiology and pathophysiology.

The award is given to a person or persons who have carried out important original research on pathogenesis of hypertension.

ALBERTO ZANCHETTI LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Award is given to a scientist with a lifelong high quality scientific research in the field on hypertension.

LENNART HANSSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Lennart Hansson memorial lecture has been established in 2003 to honour his memory and in recognition of his achievement in clinical hypertension research. It is to be conferred to a scientist who has obtained important results in the field of clinical hypertension and trials.

PAUL MILLIEZ AWARD

The Award is conferred to a French scientist acknowledged for his accomplishments in the field of hypertension.

JIRI WIDIMSKI SR. AWARD

It is given to three distinguished young European investigators (not older than 40 years) who have conducted promising research in the field of clinical or experimental hypertension.

ESH HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

ESH Honorary Membership is given to scientists who have made extraordinary contributions to research in hypertension or who have given exceptionally important support to the activities of ESH.

ESH RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The award is given to young scientists to support a two year period of research at an institute, university or academic centre in Europe.

EUROPEAN INVESTIGATORS' ACCOMMODATION GRANTS

The European Society of Hypertension provides a number of Accommodation Grants to participants with limited financial resources whose abstracts have been selected for either oral or poster presentation. Priority is given to participants with first authorship of an accepted abstracts.

THE ACCOMMODATION GRANT COVERS THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:

- Registration fee
- Hotel Accommodation in a non-luxury Hotel in London in a single room, for a maximum of 4 nights stay (considering the following nights: from April 26 to April 29, 2012).

The Accommodation Grant does not cover travel expenses. The accommodation grants will be given to authors without sponsorship.

The application Form for Accommodation Grants will be available on the website: **www.esh2012.org** and must be sent along with the submitted abstract. The notice of Accommodation Grant awards will be made by the Local Organizing Committee.

Deadline for submission of Accommodation Grant form is February 10, 2012.

Please note that 400 accommodation grants will be given. Requests will be accommodated on "first based - first served". The Scientific Committee reserves the right to refuse accommodation grants submissions at any time, should the number of 400 requests be reached.

abstract submission

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

ESH 2012 welcomes the submission of abstracts for original contributions to the field.

Final selection of abstracts will be done by ESH Scientific Committee by January 2012.

Before preparing and typing your abstract, please read carefully the instructions on the website:

www.esh2012.org

THE DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Abstracts received after November 18, 2011 or incorrectly drawn up will not be accepted

- Abstract can only be submitted on line through website (www.esh2012.org)
- Abstracts must be typed in English
- The deadline for abstract submission is midnight Central European Time on November 18, 2011. Abstracts will not be accepted after this date.
- The complete abstract, including one figure or one table, must not exceed the box space
- Type the text, including tables and figures, in single-line spacing and using Times New Roman 11. Do not use smaller type
- TITLE: Capitalize the entire title. Spell out words. Do not use abbreviations
- TEXT: begin the text on a new line and indent three spaces.

The text should be arranged according to the following headings: objective, design and method, results and conclusions

- The Scientific Committee will accept abstracts for the Scientific Programme (oral or poster presentation) on scientific merit
- Abstracts will not be printed unless registration documents and payment fees in full are set up

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the corresponding author by mid-February 2012.

Please note that only the corresponding author will receive information concerning the abstract.

registration information

Please enter the website www.esh2012.org and click on “registration” information to get additional information

WHAT IS COVERED BY THE FEE?

DELEGATE'S FEE

The registration fee includes admission to the Opening Ceremony and the Welcome Reception, transportation valid for three days (April 27, 28 and 29), unlimited access to all scientific sessions, access to the exhibitions, one congress bag with complete meeting materials, working standing buffet lunch from April 27 to April 29, 2012.

ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S FEE

The registration fee includes admission to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception, transportation valid for three days.

PLEASE NOTE: Accompanying persons will not be admitted to the scientific sessions, exhibition and catering area.

PRESS REGISTRATION

A Press Representative will be registered free of charge for the meeting as PRESS if he/she sends a completely filled registration form together with a copy of press-ID or similar document confirming his/her status of press representative.

Press registration includes a full set of congress materials and free entrance to all Meeting activities including scientific sessions.

Payment:

Payment should be made by one of the following methods:

1. *Bank transfer details*

Please transfer the payment to AIM Congress srl

Bank Details: Intesa Sanpaolo filiale 33, via del traforo 146, Rome - Italy

IBAN: IT80 U030 6905 0100 0000 0062 142

swift/BIC: BCITITMM

The payment transfer form should clearly state the name(s) of delegate(s) and “22nd International Meeting on Hypertension and Cardiovascular Protection”.

2. *By Credit Card*

All major credit cards are accepted (American Express, VISA, Eurocard/Master Card).

Please enter the credit card number and expiration date in the appropriate space on the registration form.

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3. *By Internet*

On www.esh2012.org is available an “on line” registration form with payment by credit card in security certificate mode “Verisign” and “SSB”.

PLEASE NOTE: All transfer charges must be prepaid by the transmitter. Personal cheques, company cheques or Euro cheques will not be accepted.

Please enter the website: www.esh2012.org and then click on “registration information” where you will find instructions for registration.

registration information

All fees are requested in EURO. Registration will be processed only if accompanied by total payment.

REGISTRATION FEES UK VAT 20% NOT INCLUDED*

REGISTRATION FEES	PAYMENT BEFORE JANUARY 23, 2012	PAYMENT FROM JANUARY 24, 2012 TO MARCH 15	PAYMENT FROM MARCH 16, 2012 AND ONSITE
ESH MEMBER **	€400,00	€510,00	€590,00
NON-MEMBER	€520,00	€630,00	€720,00
Participant Younger than 35***	€270,00	€350,00	€350,00
Accompanying Person's fee (incl. Welcome reception and three day pass transport ticket)	€75,00	€92,00	€109,00

* UK VAT 20% will be added and charged if due

** reduced fee are only for European Society of Hypertension (ESH) members. It will not be applied to members of other Hypertension Associations and to Members of National Societies

*** born after April 1st 1977. Please, send photocopy of an identity document

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

An invoice will be issued as written confirmation of your registration by the Organizing Secretariat.

NAME CHANGES (ONLY FOR INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION)

After February 27, 2012 sponsors who wish to make name changes will be charged of an handling fee of EURO 125,00 (UK VAT 20% Not included) per name change. A new registration form for each replacement participant will be required before the name change can be processed. Individuals may make name changes only in exceptional cases.

PLEASE NOTE

Deadline for pre-registration is March 15, 2012.

After this date registrations or changes to earlier registrations are still possible on-site in London.

DAILY REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Notification of cancellation must be sent in writing to AIM GROUP INTERNATIONAL. Cancellations will be accepted until February 27, 2012 with a refund of all prepaid fees except for a 30% administration charge. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after this date.

CANCELLATION BEFORE FEBRUARY 27, 2012: 30% OF THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE WITHHELD

CANCELLATION AFTER FEBRUARY 27, 2012: NO REFUND

All approved refunds will be processed and issued 60 days after the congress.

GROUP REGISTRATION

The Group Registration is offered when the number of participants therein reaches the minimum of 15 individuals and when the official Group registration form is used.

Group registration details will be available on Internet at www.esh2012.org

Please visit the website for further information and instructions.

COLLECTION OF GROUPS' CONGRESS MATERIAL

The collection of congress material for groups can be done on the 24th and 25th of April only.

An appointment is required. Please send an email with your preference (April 24th or 25th) to s.segneghi@aimgroup.eu, no later than February 27th, 2012. After this date and on-site, each request of appointment will cost € 200,00.

registration information

BADGE DELIVERY

If you require delegates' badges to be mailed out, please inform us by email, no later than February 27th, 2012, at s.segneghi@aimgroup.eu.

After this deadline, requests will be no more accepted and badges have to be collected on-site, along with the congress material.

PLEASE NOTE

Group reservation without the individual mailing addresses of the participants will not be accepted. Individual mailing addresses must be included in order to register a group

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CONGRESS VENUE: DATE AND LOCATION

The ESH 2012 congress will take place at the:

ICC LONDON

One Western Gateway

Royal Victoria Dock

London E16 1XL

United Kingdom

Phone: +44 (0) 207 0695000

Website: www.excel-london.co.uk

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The congress will start on April 26, 2012 and close on April 29, 2011.

The ESH 2012 Opening Ceremony, followed by a Welcome Cocktail, will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the congress centre itself.

CONGRESS VENUE

ICC London is located in the heart of London's Royal Docks.

The Jubilee line is the quickest route to ExCeL London and is the only line to interchange with all other tube stations, The Jubilee line connects with the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) at Canning Town, delivering visitors to the venue within 3 minutes. Tube and DLR travel time from Central London (Oxford Street) to the venue is approximately 35 minutes.

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SECRETARIAT AND REGISTRATION DESK

The pre-registration and on-site registration desk will be open during the following hours:

FOR GROUPS April 24, 2012 09.00/19.00 hrs

April 25, 2012 09.00/19.00 hrs

FOR INDIVIDUALS April 26, 2102 10.00/18.00 hrs

April 27, 2012 07.15/18.00 hrs

April 28, 2012 07.15/18.00 hrs

April 29, 2012 07.15/17.00 hrs

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ADMISSION

Participants are kindly requested to wear their badge during all congress activities and social events. The badge will admit to the scientific sessions, exhibition area, coffee breaks and lunches. Lost badges will only be replaced against the payment of an handling fee and upon proof of original registration.

OPENING CEREMONY AND WELCOME RECEPTION

The Opening Ceremony of the Congress will be held on April 26, 2012 at 17.30 in the Auditorium of the Congress Venue. At the end of the Opening Ceremony, a Welcome Reception will be held.

general information

LUNCHES

During the Meeting, on April 27, 28 and 29, 2012 working lunches will be served free of charge to participants wearing congress badges.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Meeting is English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Attendance certificates will be delivered on request to all regularly registered participants at the end of the meeting.

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VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants requiring a VISA for entry to Italy may request assistance to the Organizing Secretariat.

A customized invitation letter for VISA purposes may be downloaded from the Congress website: www.esh2012.org

Such an invitation is intended to help potential delegates to obtain a VISA. Please note, however, that this is not a commitment on the ESH behalf to provide any financial support.

INSURANCE

Congress organizers cannot accept liability form personal injuries or for loss of or damage to property belonging to congress participants, either during or as a result of the Congress. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

TRANSPORT TICKETS

All regularly registered participants will be given a transportation pass valid as free ticket for public transport system in the city of London for the time of April 27 to 29, 2012.



NO-SMOKING

Smoking in the Meeting area is not allowed



MOBILE PHONES

Delegates are kindly requested to keep their mobile phone in the off position in the Rooms where scientific sessions are being held.

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORING

An exhibition of pharmaceuticals, technical and research products will take place in the Congress venue throughout the Meeting. Additional opportunities for sponsorship are available. To receive the Sponsor Prospectus please contact the Organizing Secretariat.

PROGRAMME CHANGES

The organizers cannot assume liability for any changes in the programme due to external or unforeseen circumstances.

Please check the website for regular updates. The organizers reserve the right to cancel, postpone, relocate or change any of the sessions or to add new session.

about London

London is the capital of England and the United Kingdom. It is the UK's largest and most populous metropolitan area and the largest urban zone in the European Union. London is a leading global city and one of the world's largest financial centers with the largest obal position. It is a major tourist destination for both domestic and overseas visitors. London hosted the 1908 and 1948 Summer Olympics and will host the 2012 Summer Olympics. London contains four World Heritage Sites: the Tower of London; the historic settlement of Greenwich; the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and the site comprising the Palace of Westminster, Westminster Abbey and St. Margaret's Church. London has a diverse range of peoples, cultures, and religions, and more than 300 languages are spoken within its boundaries. In July 2007 it had an official population of 7,556,900 within the boundaries of Greater London, making it the most populous municipality in the European Union. The Greater London Urban Area (the second largest in the EU) has a population of 8,278,251. While the metropolitan area (the largest in the EU) has an estimated total population of between 12 million and 14 million. The London Underground network, administered by Transport for London, is the most extensive underground railway network in the world. London Heathrow Airport is the world's busiest airport by number of international passengers and the airspace is the busiest of any urban centre in the world.

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LANGUAGES

The United Kingdom does not have a constitutionally defined official language. English is the main language (being spoken monolingually by more than 70% of the UK population) and is thus the de facto official language.

CURRENCY

The currency of the UK is the pound sterling (£).

BANK - CREDIT CARDS

Standard banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9.00/9.30 to 15.30 or 16.00 (some remains open till 17.30). Banks in England remain open at lunchtime.

Major cards such as VISA, MASTERCARD, EUROCARD are widely accepted. AMEX is recognized, although is less common than VISA and MASTERCARD.

CLIMATE

Quite unpredictable with a good mixture of sun, rain and cloud. Temperatures average between 7°C and 15°C.

Contrary to popular belief, it DOES NOT rain every day in England or in the rest of the UK! However, it is always advisable to bring some type of waterproof clothing and an umbrella.

Electricity

United Kingdom uses 230 Volts/50Hz AC current. Plugs have three rectangular prongs that form a triangle. Bring an adapter plug with you for your personal appliances.

TELEPHONES

To call UK, please dial the international code +44. Calls from the United Kingdom follow international standard dialling rules.

TRANSPORTATION

Buses and trains

London has an extensive bus network (over 17.000 bus stops all over London). Most of the buses start at the main London railway stations (Paddington, Victoria, Waterloo, King Cross) with links to the tube.

Metro (Tube)

The London underground or tube (how the local Metro is called) is the quickest way of getting around in London.

London has one of the most comprehensive underground systems in the world (also the oldest in the world).

The tube runs from 5.30am to midnight Mon-Sat , and from 7.00am to 11.30pm Sun.

about London

TRAVELLING TO LONDON

By Air

London is one of Europe's central routing points for international air travel and has five major airports (London Heathrow, London Gatwick, London Luton, London Stanstead and London City).

From Heathrow, Gatwick and Stanstead airports there are express trains for a fare of £10-£20 connecting to the tube.

The London City Airport is a few minutes away from the ICC London Congress Centre.

By Train

United Kingdom has an efficient railway system that connects all main cities and towns. Rails connections also exist to the European continent, thanks to the "Chunnel" (tunnel under the Channel, connection UK to France).

hotel accommodation

AIM Group International has been appointed by the European Society of Hypertension as Official Housing Bureau of the 2012 ESH Congress:

For any information and/or reservation please contact us at:



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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS OR GROUPS WITH LESS THEN 8 ROOMS:

Please ensure your hotel reservation is made by 25 March 2011. After this date, room availability is not guaranteed.

A list of Congress hotels, terms and conditions of booking, as well as the online reservation system will be available soon on the Congress official website .

We have reserved a large number of hotel rooms at preferential rates in different price categories for the period of the Congress. Hotels are located in the ExCel London Area - walking distance from Congress Venue - or in the neighborhood, only 5/10 Km far from it. The ICC London is easily accessible by public transport (DLR).

Payment information

Each reservation will be processed ONLY if accompanied by credit card details/copy of bank draft. Pre-payment of the total stay is requested upon confirmation.

A reservation fee of £ 20,00 (VAT included) will also be charged upon confirmation of the booking. Aim Group International will issue an invoice for the total paid and a voucher will be sent out as confirmation.

Aim Group International will be at your disposal for any information about hotel reservations.

Cancellation

Any change or cancellation of the hotel reservation must be sent in writing to AIM Group International (by email or fax) according to the following conditions:

- AIM Group International reserves the right to charge on the given credit card the following cancellation fees:

Before January 24, 2012 only the reservation fee (£ 20) will be kept

Before March 23, 2012 one night accommodation will be kept

After March 23, 2012 100% of the total stay will be kept

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- Reimbursements will be settled within 60 days after the congress.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR GROUPS WITH 8 OR MORE ROOMS:

For group bookings, please contact **AIM Group International** Milan Office to obtain the "Terms and conditions for groups".



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