12th European Congress of Endocrinology

24–28 APRIL 2010, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

The 12th European Congress of Endocrinology will take place in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Prague’s history is over a thousand years old and full of culture clashes, armies, and philosophical ideas to which worldwide travellers pay homage. The city is also known as Golden Prague and Prague of the Hundred Towers. Numerous monuments have been well preserved throughout the centuries and the Second World War. The relics of history in Prague can be easily reached by municipal transport from the Congress venue with the historical city centre 10 minutes travel by the underground.

The Programme Organising Committee has prepared an exciting programme which is interesting for both basic and clinical scientists, covering “state-of-the-art” developments in standard care as well as addressing major scientific advances that have occurred in all fields of endocrinology. These will be covered in parallel clinical, basic and translational Symposia. Plenary Lectures will provide new insights into the important role of clinical and basic endocrinology in physiology and in medicine. The topics that will be covered will provide us with the opportunity to weave our knowledge into mainstream medicine. These include:

- Twenty years’ experience with post-Chernobyl thyroid cancer
- Testicular development and endocrine disruptors
- Hypothalamic regulation of gonadotrophin secretion
- Thryonamines: Beyond T4 and T3
- Discovery and relevance of the incretin system
- Sex and SOX
- New trends in diagnosis and localisation of (neuro) endocrine tumours
- An update on the genetics of obesity

In addition to the Plenary Lectures and Symposia the Congress will also offer Meet-the-Expert sessions, Pros and Cons, Debates and Hot Topics. The full scientific programme for the meeting can be found on the website (www.ece2010.com).

The 1st ESE Clinical Update course will be held in Tartu, Estonia and the Education Sub-committee Endocrinology will be held 27-29 May 2010 in Tartu, Estonia supported by our Education Sub-committee. Postgraduate courses are a fully paid up ESE member you will be able to save up to €250 on your registration fee!

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The dedicated and commitment of our Programme Organising Committee has led to an exciting scientific and social programme – register before 12 March 2010 for the early-bird rate. If you have any questions regarding the nomination procedure then please contact the ESE Secretariat.

The ESE continues to strive to fulfill its key objective to promote for the public benefit research, education and clinical practice in endocrinology. The European Congress of Endocrinology is one of its key activities, and our aim is for ECE to become the premier annual international endocrine conference. The 12th European Congress of Endocrinology is fast approaching, with ECE 2010 taking place in Prague, Czech Republic, from 24-28 April 2010. The dedication and commitment of our Programme Organising Committee has led to an exciting scientific and social programme – register before 12 March 2010 for the early-bird rate.

In addition, our educational programme, supported by our Education Sub-Committee, now includes an expanded range of training activities. The 1st ESE Clinical Update course will be held 22-24 October in Porto, Portugal and will provide essential training for all trainees and specialist endocrinologists. The event is designed not only to give a thorough update on current clinical practice but also to encourage networking between trainees and established endocrinologists, with the majority of the faculty members attending throughout the course. Sessions will comprise didactic lectures for all delegates and a number of parallel, themed, interactive workshops.

Please demonstrate your support of our activities by attending these events if possible; we can promise continued on page 2
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an unsurpassed educational content and a great opportunity to interact with your colleagues.

Through the ESE we need to create an international driving force for endocrinology. In order to achieve this we would like to invite all European endocrinologists, who are not yet benefitting from membership of the society, to join ESE. We have kept the membership fee as low as possible to make membership accessible to all. There are numerous benefits – please see euro-endo.org for details.

EBO NIESCHLAG, ESE PRESIDENT

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception
SATURDAY 24 APRIL 2010, 17:30–22:00
Following the Opening Ceremony the attendees are invited to the Welcome Reception.

President’s Address
SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2010, 11:00–11:15
All congress delegates are invited to the ESE President’s speech.

ESE New Members Welcome Reception
MONDAY 26 APRIL 2010, 13:00–14:00
The ESE President and Executive Committee will welcome all new ESE members. Invitations will be issued before the congress with further details.

ECE Informal Social
MONDAY 26 APRIL 2010, STARTING AT 20:30
Delegates are invited to attend an informal social evening for dinner and light entertainment at the Klasterni Grand Monastery Restaurant in Prague. For full details of the evening and to book tickets, please visit the website www.ece2010.com.

EXCURSIONS & TOURS

PRAGUE INFORMATIVE TOUR
Saturday 24 April 2010 - €30 per person

ART NOUVEAU PRAGUE
Saturday 24 April 2010 - €48 per person

HULUBKA CHATEAU AND CESKY KRUMLOV
Sunday 25 April 2010 - €108 per person

OLD TOWN AND JEWISH GHETTO
Sunday 25 April 2010 - €60 per person

PRAGUE CASTLE IN DETAIL
Sunday 25 April 2010 - €45 per person

PRAGUE BY NIGHT AND JAZZ CLUB
Sunday 25 April 2010 - €68 per person

KARLOVY VARY SPA
Monday 26 April 2010 - €88 per person

INFORMATIVE OLD TOWN TOUR
Monday 26 April 2010 - €28 per person

PRAGUE BY BOAT WITH LUNCH
Monday 26 April 2010 - €62 per person

KARLSTEJN CASTLE
Tuesday 27 April 2010 - €50 per person

KUTNA HORA – UNESCO
Tuesday 27 April 2010 - €78 per person

PRAGUE’S BAROCO
Tuesday 27 April 2010 - €45 per person

KONOPITE CHATEAU
Wednesday 28 April 2010 - €45 per person

KRIVOKLAT CASTLE & NIZBOR GLASSWORKS
Wednesday 28 April 2010 - €60 per person

The Venue

Congress Venue:
Prague Congress Centre
S. kvetna 65
140 21 Prague 4
Czech Republic
http://www.kcp.cz/an

The Prague Congress Centre is one of the largest and best equipped European centres. The Centre has 20 halls and 50 meeting rooms at its disposal, with capacities from 12 to 2764 persons. The Congress Centre enjoys a unique location on one of Prague’s hills, and is one of the dominant features of the Czech Republic’s capital. From here you can view the wonderful panorama of Prague over the river Vitava and the surrounding widespread parks, reflecting the silhouette of Prague Castle and its many steeples and the towers of churches, cathedrals, palaces, and the ancient buildings of the nearby historic centre.

Where to stay

Accommodation for ECE 2010 delegates has been reserved at a number of hotels in Prague. There are accommodation options to meet every budget and in close proximity to the Prague Congress Centre. Please note that reservations will be processed on a “first come, first-served” basis. Due to heavy demand and to the fact that distribution of rooms in many hotels is limited, it is recommended that you book your accommodation as soon as possible. For a full list of accommodation options, availability and booking information, please visit the website www.ece2010.com.

How to get there

AIR TRAVEL
Prague International Ruzyne Airport is located 18 km from the city centre. The modern airport offers a range of services including travel agencies and car rental offices. Further facilities on location include a bank, an exchange office, a post office, variety of shops, restaurants and luggage storage area.

COACH LINKS
The Czech Republic has an extensive coach network which caters to almost all destinations. All transport companies operating in the area are private companies. Most of the Prague-bound international links terminate at Florence Station, which is six km from the Prague Congress Centre.

TAXI SERVICE
Like in other European cities, visitors in Prague can use taxis which are available 24 hours a day. We recommend using taxi companies which are operated via call centres.

RAILWAY LINKS
The main train station in Prague is 5 km from Prague Congress Centre.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Prague has a very sophisticated subway, tram and bus transportation system. The Prague underground is fairly new and runs efficiently. In the peak hours trains run every 1– 2 minutes, and during off-peak hours trains run at least every 10 minutes. You can find more information about Prague public transport at http://www.dpp.cz.

Further information on all of the excursions and tours can be found at http://www.ece2010.com/tours.aspx.

CONGRESS WEBSITE
www.ece2010.com

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Registration

The deadline for the early bird registration rate is 12 March 2010. On-line registration is available at www.ece2010.com.

There is a reduced rate available to ESE members, saving €250 on the registration fee. To be eligible for the ESE members’ rate you must ensure that your membership renewal payment for 2010 has been paid.

Registration rates

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*Applications received after 9 April will not be processed. Register on site after 9 April 2010.

Please note: On-site registration is available, but a place cannot be guaranteed. It is strongly recommended that you register in advance for the meeting. Payment will be required at the time of registration.

The registration fee includes:

- Access to all congress sessions and commercial exhibition
- Delegate bag including all congress materials and a name badge
- Endocrine Abstracts (either on CD or in print)
- Entrance to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- All refreshment breaks during the congress
- Registration does not include accommodation, tickets to the social events (unless stated) or optional excursions

The registration fee for an accompanying person includes:

- Entrance to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Access to the commercial exhibition
- All refreshment breaks during the congress

Economic package

(For a limited number of participants and not available on-site.
Deadline for application: 12 March 2010)

The Economic package is available to delegates who fulfill both of the following criteria:

1. Their country of residence has a GDP - per capita of below $15,000 as defined by the CIA World Factbook.
   (For further details please visit https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html)

and

2. They are non-clinically qualified research students or postdoctoral fellows, nurses who have no access to funding, or retired.

The Economic package includes:

- Access to all congress sessions and commercial exhibition
- Delegate bag including all congress materials and a name badge
- Endocrine Abstracts (either on CD or in print)
- Entrance to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- All refreshment breaks during the congress
- Bed & Breakfast accommodation for 4 nights in a 3* hotel
- Further details and the registration form are available to download at www.ece2010.com/registration.aspx

Travel Grants

The Journal of Endocrinology offers Travel Grants of €300 each to ten young scientists attending the European Congress of Endocrinology. Applicants must be a current member of ESE, under 35 years of age and be resident in a country that is not classified by the World Bank as a high-income country. The travel grants are available for attendance at the annual congress if the applicant has submitted an abstract. Full details of the eligibility criteria can be found at http://www.ece2010.com/awards.aspx.

Group registration

Special registration procedures apply for group registrations. Please use the group registration link available at http://www.ece2010.com/registration.aspx.

CME Credits

ECE 2010 will be credited with CME points from UEMS.

ESE News

MUST SEE AT ECE

Saturday 24 April 2010

17:30–19:30 OPENING CEREMONY
Geoffrey Harris Prize Lecture SUPPORTED BY IPSEN
European Journal of Endocrinology Prize Lecture

Sunday 25 April 2010

10:15–11:00 PLENARY LECTURE 1
Twenty years’ experience with post-Chernobyl thyroid cancer
D Williams (UK)

17:15–18:00 PLENARY LECTURE 2
Testicular development and Endocrine Disruptors
N Skakkebaek (Denmark)

Monday 26 April 2010

10:15–11:00 PLENARY LECTURE 3
Hypothalamic regulation of Gonadotrophin secretion
R Millar (UK)

17:15–18:00 PLENARY LECTURE 4
Thyronamines: Beyond T4 and T3
T Scanlon (USA)

Tuesday 27 April 2010

10:15–11:00 PLENARY LECTURE 5
Discovery and Relevance of Incretin System
D Drucker (Canada)

17:30–18:15 PLENARY LECTURE 6
Sex and SOX
R Lovell-Badge (UK)

Wednesday 28 April 2010

09:30–10:15 PLENARY LECTURE 7
New trends in diagnosis and localisation of (neuro) Endocrine Tumours
K Pacak (Czech Republic)

12:30–13:15 PLENARY LECTURE 8
An update on the genetics of obesity
S O’Rahilly (UK)

ESE Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the European Society of Endocrinology will be held at 18:30 on Tuesday 27 April 2010 during ECE in Prague. All ESE members are welcome!

ECE2011

30 April - 04 May 2011
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

The 13th European Congress of Endocrinology will be held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on 30 April – 4 May 2011.

If you are a member of a national endocrine society as well as an Ordinary Member of ESE you may receive this newsletter twice. If so we apologise for the duplication and ask that you pass a copy to a colleague.
Sorafenib treatment of differentiated thyroid carcinoma

HENDRIEKE HOFTIJZER, KAREN A HEEMSTRA, HANS MORREAU, MARCEL P STOKKEL, ELEONORA P CORSSMIT, HANS GELDERBLOM, KARIN WEILERS, ALBERTO M PEREIRA, MAYA HUIJBERTS, ELLEN KAPITEIJN, JOHANNES A ROMIJN AND JOHANNES W SMIT

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Radioactive iodine (RaI) is a favoured treatment for thyroid cancer, but is not always effective in patients with differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC) and there are no successful treatments available for such patients at present. In this phase II study, Hoftijzer et al. have studied the effects of sorafenib, a multi-target tyrosine inhibitor, on the re-induction of RaI uptake, and tumour progression in 31 patients with DTC. After 26 weeks of therapy with 400 mg of sorafenib twice daily, 19 patients with metastatic DTC had a clinical beneficial response, while the therapy was significantly less effective in patients with bone metastases. These results confirm the potential role of sorafenib in patients not responding to RaI and pave the way for future phase III trials of sorafenib as a treatment for DTC.