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the 7th Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Association of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatics

the Meeting of the European Society of Dermatology and Psychiatry

the Meeting of the European Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology

and the 4th Baltic Sea Conference



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WELCOMING MESSAGE



Hans-Christian Deter President of the Local Organzing Commitee



Carl Scheidt Scientific Secretary

Dear Colleagues,

Fifty years after the first conference, the 25th European Conference of Psychosomatic Research 2004 will take place in Berlin, in the heart of Europe. The German College of Psychosomatic Medicine is proud to host this renowned international meeting of European psychosomatic researchers. Our aim is to discuss new perspectives in the development, maintenance and treatment of diseases with an emphasis on biological, psychological and social aspects. Reference is made here to basic sciences, pathogenesis research, social sciences, care delivery research, and clinical application research. We are aware of the fact that this type of psychosomatic or behavioral medical research is not possible without the cooperation of physicians, psychologists, sociologists, and others, in an interdisciplinary network, and should reinforce the psychosocial focus of research, student training and clinical practice. This conference will thus promote an intensive scientific exchange of many professional groups on all levels. We are committed not only to a high scientific standard but also to excellent medical care. We attach importance to the scientific testing of psychotherapeutic treatment methods, which is an integral component of psychosocial care, especially here in Germany. This conference will therefore focus on differential indications as well as psychotherapeutic treatment methods in the short-term and long-term perspective. We have invited a number of renowned researchers from Europe and other countries who will ensure an attractive and interesting program as keynote

speakers in symposia and debates. We also offer workshops on current special scientific topics as well as poster sessions for which interesting prizes are planned. It is our hope that especially young, curious and ambitious researchers will find it attractive to intensively discuss not only their own studies with older colleagues but also the perspectives of psychosomatic medicine in the coming years.

The conference, which is being held in the newly constructed Aquadrom-Radisson Hotel, and the social activities program offer an excellent opportunity to explore Berlin and its surrounding countryside, experience the culture and history of Germany, and enjoy the beautyful march of Brandenburg with its castles, forests and lakes. Formerly at the center of the East-West conflict, it is now possible to witness how the eastern and western parts of the city have grown together after the fall of the wall.

We hope that you will enjoy a few interesting days in this dynamic European metropolis and leave this conference with new knowledge and insights.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Berlin, we remain, Sincerely yours,

Hans-Christian Deter

Carl Scheidt

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PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

"PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE - INTEGRATED IN THE MODERN SCIENCES AND THE NEW EUROPEAN SOCIETY"

A. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Drossman, D., Chapel Hill: Psychosomatic treatment of IBS lessons from a drug/psychotherapy comparison
- Steptoe, A., London: Psychobiological processes in coronary heart disease
- Wittchen, H. U., Dresden: Mental disorders and associated disabilities in the general population
- Ehlert, U., Zurich: Psychoendocrinological and -immunological indicators of exhaustion.
 Implication for psychotherapy
- Orth-Gomer, K., Stockholm: Women's multiple stressors and health in modern society:
 mechanisms and interventions

B. TRACKS/INVITED SYMPOSIA

 Are health care systems in European countries effective in identifying and treating psychosomatic patients?:

Psychosomatic service system in different European countries: Koch, U., Hamburg; Creed, F., Manchester; Buddeberg, C., Zurich; Discussant: Henke, K. D., Berlin The role of Psychosomatic Medicine and Consultation Liaison Psychiatry in European health care systems – The German experience: Söllner, W., Nuremberg; Strain, J., New York; Diefenbacher, A., Berlin; Deter, H.-C., Berlin; Discussant: Malt, U., Oslo

Precursors and modulators of the stress response:

Psychosomatic genetics: Williams, R., Durham; Meany, M., Montreal Discussant: N. N. Social disadvantage and social capital in relation to cardiovascular health: Siegrist, J., Duesseldorf

Psychological development of individuals and vulnerability to diseases:
 Personality and triggering of psychosomatic symptoms: Denollet, J., Tilburg (Type D); Bahne Bahnson, C., Kiel (Type C); Joukamaa, M., Tampere; v. Rad, M., Munich (Alexithymia)

Psychosomatic processes and the brain:
 Neurobiology and emotions: Lane, R., Tucson; Flor, H., Mannheim; Fredrikson, M., Uppsala

- Patients with somatic and psychiatric (co)-morbidity: Implications for diagnosis and treatment
 Diagnosis and therapy in somatisation: Fink, P., Aarhus; Wise, T., Falls Church; Sensky, T., London;
 Henningsen, P., Heidelberg
- Psychotherapy, behavior modification and the psychopharmaceuticals:
 Psychosocial interventions are they effective in clinical cardiovascular care: Schneiderman, N.,
 Miami (ENRICHED); Appels, A., Maastrich (vital exhaustion study); Albus, C., Cologne

 Improving communication skills and psychotherapeutic techniques in physicians, psychologists and other care givers:

Improving communication: the patient / physician relationship: Langewitz, R., Basel; Drossman, D., Chapel Hill; Petzold, E., Aachen; Fink, P., Arhus

FURTHER SYMPOSIA: PAPERS AND OTHER SYMPOSIA TO BE SUBMITTED

Cultural influences on health and disease

Chairs: Theorell, T., Stockholm; Streltzer, J., Honolulu

Health care utilization in gastro-intestinal disorders

Chairs: Creed, F., Manchester; Deter, H.-C., Berlin

Disease management programs and psychosomatics in German health care

Chair: Bell, K., Cologne

Social stress and stress protection in women

Chairs: Uvnäs-Moberg, K., Uppsala

The attachement- theory and psychosomatic diseases

Chairs: Strauss, B., Jena; Scheidt, C., Freiburg

Insight psychotherapy and effects on health outcome

Chair: Kächele, H., Ulm

Depressive disorders and somatisation - Psychotherapy or Psychopharmacotherapy?

C. UPDATES

- New Strategies in Psychosomatic Research: Dimsdale, J., San Diego
- Psychosomatic diseases and the brain: Lane, R., Tucson
- Autonomic dysfunction / central regulation of the autonomic nervous system: Thayer, J.,
 Baltimore
- Growth, psychological development and disease
- Expression of emotion and health
- Twenty one year follow up of patients with anorexia nervosa what can we learn from longitudinal studies
- Biological indicators of effective psychotherapy
- New developments in drug therapy of psychosomatic diseases

D. DEBATES

 National/European guidelines in medicine: Integration of prevention and psychosocial intervention in clinical care

Schneiderman, N., Miami (former president International Society of Behavioural Medicine) Linden, W., Vancouver (Canadian guidelines in hypertension)

Herpertz, St., Essen (German committee guidelines in diabetes care)

Orth-Gomer, K., Stockholm (European guidelines in CVD prevention)

Short and long term outcome of psychotherapy and psychopharmaco therapy – Which is more effective?

Pro psychotherapy: Fava, G., Bologna Pro psychopharmaceuticals: Malt, U., Oslo

E. SPECIAL ISSUES

Scientific writing:

Creed, F. (Editor Journal of Psychosomatic Research),

Dimsdale, J. (former Editor Psychosomatic Medicine)

Fava, G. (Editor Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics)

Wise, T. (Editor Psychosomatics)

Further workshops/presentations to be submitted

Philosophical discourse: Theories of body representation. Implication for psychosomatic medicine

Psychoanalysis and psychosomatic medicine

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS IN RESEARCH METHODS

- New methods in psychosomatic research: Neuroimaging.
- Research strategies in startle methodology.
- Operationalized Psychodynamic Diagnostics (OPD).
- Computer assistance in diagnosis and therapy.

SATELLITE CONFERENCES

- I. European Society of Dermatology and Psychiatry
- II. 4th Baltic Sea Conference
- III. European Society of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Wednesday Thursday 6/23/04 6/24/04 8:00 am Pre-Conf. 8:00 am FACI PP workshops 9:00 am 10:00 am **ECPR** 10:00 am EACLPP courses **Opening Ceremony** opening lecture 1 11:00 am opening lecture 2 11:45 am 12:00 noon Symposia 1-3 1:00 am 1:30 pm Start of EACLPP 2:00 am Pre-Conference meeting 2:15 pm Symposia 4-8 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:00 - 6:30 pm Debate 6:00 pm 6:30 pm **Business Meeting ECPR** 7:00 pm **ECPR and EACLPP** 7:30-10:00 pm Workshop 1 and 2 **Welcoming Reception** 8:00 pm and poster citation

9:00 pm

Friday 6/25/04	_	Saturday 5/26/04		Sunday * 6/27/04
Updates 1-4		Updates 4-8	Sea	Post conference activities
Symposia 9-11		Symposia 16-18	Satellite Conference II Baltic Sea	10:00 am
		10:30 am COFFEE BREAK	Confe	Medical historical guided tour in
Plenary session 3		Plenary session 5	Satellite (the city of Berlin 10:00 - 12:00 Workshops for fun
		12:30 pm LUNCH		
1.20		1.20		
1:30 pm Symposia 12-15	Dermatology	1:30 pm Symposia 19-22	Gynecology	
COFFEE BREAK and poster session II		COFFEE BREAK and poster session III		
Workshops 3-6	Satellite Conference I	Workshops 7-10	Satellite Conference III	
5:30 -6:30 pm Debate	Satel	5:00 pm Closing Ceremony	Sate	
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7:30 pm		7:30		
Conference Festival Boat Trip		Theatre, opera, concer in Berlin	ts	

PRE-CONFERENCE:

VII ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTATION-LIAISON PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOSOMATICS (EACLPP), June 23–24, 2004

Future developments in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatics

Participants of the EACLPP meeting will be invited to stay for the first half day at the ECPR at no additional charge

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Söllner, W., Nuremberg (chair); Creed, F., Manchester; Arolt, V., Muenster; Diefenbacher, A., Berlin; Herzog, T., Goppingen; Lundin, A., Stockholm, Riessland-Seifert, A., Vienna; Stix, P., Graz

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REGISTRATION FEES ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE EACLPP

	until March 15, 2004 Early	until May 1, 2004 Standard	May 2, 2004 On - Site
Regular fee			
(including Welcome Reception)	EUR 150,00	EUR 170,00	EUR 190,00
Reduced fee:			
EACLPP members	reduction of EUR 15.00		
Students, nurses, AIP	reduction of EUR 50.00		

reduction of FUR 10.00

WEDNESDAY 6/23/04

1:00-1:30 pm REGISTRATION 1:30-3:00 pm EACLPP OPENING CEREMONY AND PLENARY SESSION: Consultation-Liaison-Psychiatry and Psychosomatics and integration of care: Arolt, V., Muenster; Huyse, F., Amsterdam; Herzog, T., Goppingen SYMPOSIA: INTERVENTIONS IN C-I SERVICES - STATE OF THE ART 3:15-4:45 pm RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS IN THE MEDICALLY ILL Guthrie, E., Manchester; Lloyd, G., London; Malt, U., Oslo; Lobo, A., Zaragoza ONCOLOGY Keller, M., Heidelberg; Kiss, A., Basel; Sperner-Unterweger, B., Innsbruck; Stiefel, F., Lausanne GERIATRICS Frölich, L., Mannheim; House, A., Leeds; Slaets, J., Groningen; Stoppe, G., Basel CHRONIC PAIN 4 speakers including Egle, U.T., Mainz; Houdenhove, B. v., Leuven BREAK 4:45-5:15 pm POSTER DISCUSSION 5:15-6:00 pm **WORK GROUPS** MANAGING DELIBERATE SELF-HARM IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL 6:00-7:30 pm Burian, R., Berlin; Lundin, A., Stockholm; Niklewski, G., Nuremberg; Rigatelli, M., Modena WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO LIAISE? Boenink, A., Amsterdam; Diefenbacher, A., Berlin; Guex, P., Lausanne; Maislinger, S., Innsbruck; Söllner, W., Nuremberg COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION WITHIN MULTIDISCIPLINARY **C-L TEAMS** Latour, C., Amsterdam: Riessland-Seifert, A., Vienna: Stein, B., Freibura SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING OF CL-SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CL-SERVICES IN EUROPE Creed, F., Manchester; Ekeberg, O., Oslo; Herzog, T., Goppingen WELCOME RECEPTION OF ECPR AND EACLPP, POSTER CITATIONS 7:30 pm

THURSDAY 6/24/04

08:15-09:45 am

FACI PP PI FNARY SESSION:

Future developments in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry and Psychosomatics: 4 speakers including Creed, F., Manchester; Smith, G., Melbourne

09:45-10:00 am BREAK

10:00-1:15 pm

COURSE 1

How to operationalize the bio-psycho-social model: the INTERMED method Huyse, F., Amsterdam; Stiefel, F., Lausanne

COURSE 2

How to implement quality management in C-L

Herzog, T., Goppingen; Stein, B., Freiburg

COURSE 3

Drug interaction in the psychopharmalogical treatment of medically ill patients

Kapfhammer, H. P., Graz

ECPR OPENING CEREMONY

11:30-11:45 am BREAK

11:45 am-1:15 pm COMMON SYMPOSIA ECPR AND EACLPP:

- 1. Psychosomatic service systems in Europe.
- 2. Cultural influences on health and disease.
- 3. Depressive disorders and somatisation: Psychotherapy or psychopharmacotherapy

1:15 pm

EACLPP BUSINESS LUNCH

SATELLITE CONFERENCES

I EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF DERMATOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY:

Depression and anxiety in dermatologic patients/Attitudes of patients with chronic skin disease/Disease Management Program of psoriasis/Atopic dermatitis and psychotherapy

II 4TH BALTIC SEA CONFERENCE:

Development of Baltic Sea relations in Psychosomatic Medicine/Psychomatic Medicine in Poland, Latvia, Scandinavian countries, Germany/Future of Psychosomatic Medicine from the viewpoint of the European Community III EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PSYCHOSOMATIC OBSTETRICS AND

GYNAECOLOGY:

Psychosocial intervention in breast cancer/chronic pelvic pain/Abortion/ Female migrants/Pregnancy and birth after the experience of childhood abuse



THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The Radisson SAS Hotel has been choosen to host the 25th ECPR Conference. With it's centrally location, close to the Red Town Hall, river Spree, State Opera, Humboldt University, Pergamon Museum, Boulevard Unter den Linden, Berlin Cathedral and last but not least the Alexanderplatz, it's an ideal place to stay.

Further sights, like the famous Friedrichstraße, Gendarmenmarkt, Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag can easily be reached.

The hotel also offers one of the most breathtaking attractions of Berlin. The aquarium in the interior of the Radisson SAS Hotel

extends the whole height of the atrium and tropical fish will watch you taking the glass elevator through the aquarium from the lobby to the roof.





CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

You are invited to submit abstracts for orals or posters, and proposals for symposia for presentation at the 25th European Conference of Psychosomatic Research, June 23–24, 2004.

Deadline for Abstracts and Proposals is January 25, 2004

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS (ECPR, EACLPP AND SATELLITE CONFERENCES)

For the 25th ECPR, electronic submission for abstracts should be used. The electronic abstract submission system will be available on the website www.ECPR2004.de. You will find step by step instructions on how to submit your abstract. If you are unable to submit your abstract online please contact the conference secretariat: K.I.T.GmbH, Kurfürstendamm 71, DE-10709 Berlin, Phone: +49 (0)30/24 60 3-0, Fax:+49 (0)30 24 603-200, or please send the abstract form in paper format. Acceptance: Notification will be sent in March 2004.

We are also accepting abstracts for proposed workshops which should be designed to improve the attendees' knowledge and skills in specific areas of psychosomatic medicine (2 hours in length). Please submit your workshop proposal by e-mail at ECPR2004@kit-group.org, regular mail or fax to K.I.T. GmbH by January 25, 2004

The Program Committee invites abstract submissions in the following areas

- Culture/Disasters/Wars
- Depression/Anxiety
- Basics: Psychophysiology/ Psychoimmunology/Psychoendocrinology/Neuroimaging
- Psychosocial intervention in primary care
- Physician-Patient-Relationship
- Education/Training
- Eating disorders
- Somatization disorders
- Coronary heart disease
- Asthma/Hyperventilation
- Rheumatoid arthritis/ Fibromyalgia
- Diabetes/Metabolic syndrom
- Hypertension/ Functional cardio-vascular disorders
- Chronic inflammatory bowel disease/ Functional gastrointestinal disorders
- Pain
- Factitious disorders
- Psychooncology/HIV

- Organtransplant
- Dermatology (SC I)
- Psychosomatics in Eastern Europe (SC II)
- Obstetrics and Gynaekology (SC III)
- Neurology
- Child
- Psychological/Life span development
- Emotion and health
- Attachment
- Personality
- Body image
- Quality of Life
- Women's health
- Work stress
- Psychosomatic in-treatment
- Outcome studies in psychotherapy/relaxation/hypnotherapy
- Cost benefit analysis
- Theory and history of Psychosomatic Medicine/ Ethical questions
- Cases

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS EACLPP

The Program Committee invites abstract submissions in the following areas of C-L work

- Chronic pain
- Geriatrics
- Suicide, deliberate self-harm
- Organ transplantation
- Other clinical areas of C-L work
- Development and funding of C-L services
- Health service needs

- Integration of health care
- Pharmacological treatment
- Psychotherapeutic treatment
- How to liaise
- Co-operation in multidisciplinary teams
- Quality management

ABSTRACT FORM

See abstract guidelines ECPR and EACLPP (page 13)

RADGE

A badge is required for admittance to all official conference sessions, the exhibition, and the poster area, the opening ceremony and welcome reception. Each participant is asked to present the badge in order to gain access to the conference. The badge must be clearly displayed.

CONFERENCE BAG

The conference bag, containing the conference material, can be obtained at the registration counter at the Radisson SAS Hotel Berlin.

EXHIBITION

Conference participants are invited to visit the exhibition area. The exhibition will feature commercial exhibitors and will be open during the following times:

 Wednesday, June 23, 2004
 noon-8:00 pm

 Thursday, June 24, 2004
 8:00 am-10:00 pm

 Friday, June 25,2004
 8:00 am-6:00 pm

 Saturday, June 26, 2004
 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Please note, that these dates and times are preliminary and due to change.

INTERNET HOMEPAGE

For up-to-date information regarding the conference, please visit the conference website at www.ecpr2004.de

LANGUAGE

The official conference language is English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The conference organizer can not accept liability for personal injury, loss of or damage to belongings of conference participants, either during or as a result of the conference. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

MEDIA CENTER / PRESS OFFICE

A press center will be available on site and press conferences will be organized during the conference.

POSTER AREA / POSTER SESSIONS

Poster sessions are planned for:

Wednesday, June 23, 2004 Poster citation 7:00–9:00pm
Thursday, June 24, 2004 Poster Session I 4:00–5:00 pm
Friday, June 25,2004 Poster Session II 3:00–4:00 pm
Saturday, June 26, 2004 Poster Session III 3:00–4:00 pm

Please note, that these dates and times are preliminary and due to change.

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking in the conference venue is not permitted, except in designated smoking areas.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

All registrations (participants, fellows/students and accompanying persons) for the 25th European Conference on Psychosomatic Research must be submitted using the official Registration Form included in this 2nd Announcement or online at www.ecpr2004.de

Please use one Registration Form for each person registering. If you need more than one Registration Form, please make copies and type or print clearly. Only fully completed Registration Forms will be accepted. Send in the Registration Form along with the payment to the 25th ECPR conference secretariat:

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or visit the conference website at www.ecpr2004.de

REGISTRATION FEES

It is anticipated that the registration fees will be

	until March 15,2004	until May 1, 2004	May 2, 2004
	Early	Standard	On - Site
Participant (age ≥35 y.)	EUR 350,00	EUR 400,00	EUR 450,00
Participant (age <35 y.)	EUR 220,00	EUR 270,00	EUR 320,00
(copy of passport)			
Participant EACLPP	EUR 340,00	EUR 390,00	EUR 440,00
Students	EUR 150,00	EUR 200,00	EUR 250,00
Accompanying Person	EUR 75,00	EUR 100,00	EUR 125,00
Media Representatives	EUR 00,00	EUR 00,00	EUR 00,00

The registration fee for regular participants, EACLPP participants with combi-tickets and students includes entry to all official conference sessions, the exhibition and poster area and the opening ceremony. It also includes the conference bag, containing on-site conference publications. To qualify for participants (age < 35 years) registration fee, participants must be able to send a photocopy of their identity card or passport.

To qualify for the student registration fee, students must be able to present proof of full-time enrollment at an accredited university or college at the time of registration. Please attach a photocopy of a current registration card or a letter from your department administration office.

LETTER OF INVITATION

Individuals requiring an official letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa and authorization to attend the conference, should contact K.I.T. GmbH. The letter of invitation does not financially obligate the conference organizers in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the conference are the sole responsibility of the participant.

LETTER OF CONFIRMATION

Registration to the conference will be confirmed by sending out a letter of confirmation as soon as the fully completed Registration Form as well as the payment have been received by K.I.T. GmbH. Participants must present this confirmation letter at the registration counter as proof of their registration.

NAME CHANGE

Notification of changes (name changes, address changes etc.) must be made in writing and sent to the 25th ECPR Conference Secretariat c/o K.I.T. GmbH. A handling fee of EURO 15.00 will be charged for any name change made to an already received conference registration. A newly completed Registration Form for the substitute participant has to be sent to the 25th ECPR Conference Secretariat c/o K.I.T. GmbH. Changes will be accepted by mail or fax until May 30, 2004. After this date, all changes must be carried out on-site.

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Notification of cancellation must be made in writing and sent to the 25th ECPR Conference Secretariat c/o K.I.T. GmbH with a reference to a bank account, where a possible refund may be remitted to. A cancellation fee will be charged depending on the date of the cancellation. If the cancellation has been received until May 15, 2004, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded. If the cancellation has been received after this date, no refund will be issued. Please note, that credit can not be given for no-shows, unused services, unattended events or early termination of attendance. All refunds will only be processed after the conference.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

The registration fee must accompany all conference registrations. Payment should be made in advance and in EURO (€) only, using one of the following methods:

If payment is effected by credit card (Diners Club, EURO/Mastercard and VISA will be accepted), participants should complete and sign the relevant section of the Registration Form. Registration Forms without a signature will not be accepted.

If payment is effected by bank draft, it should be made payable in EURO (€) to

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Association & Conference Management Group

Dresdner Bank Berlin

Kurfürstendamm 237

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Dresdner Bank AG Berlin, Pariser Platz 6, DE-10877 Berlin, Germany

Account Holder: K.I.T. GmbH
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SWIFT-CODE: DRESDEBB

Please note, all costs of money transfer must be prepaid by the transmitter.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

K.I.T. GmbH is offering hotel accommodation for both groups and individuals. Other social events, such as private cocktail parties and special dinners for groups can also be arranged. Please contact the local agency directly for any of these services.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

K.I.T. GmbH has reserved rooms at the venue site: The Radisson SAS Hotel.

In addition there are some rooms reserved within different categories close to the venue site. Accommodation requests will be handled on a "first come, first served" basis. It is therefore highly recommended that you request your booking well in advance, in order to guarantee that your preferred hotel will still be available.

HOTEL RATES

All rates are quoted in EURO (€) and are per room, night and include breakfast, VAT and all presently applicable taxes.

LIST OF HOTELS

June 23-26, 2004

NAME OF HOTEL	RATES IN EUR	RATES IN EUR
4*+ hotels	SGL	DBL
Radisson SAS	190,00	206,00
3* hotels	SGL	DBL
Park Inn am Alexanderplatz	99,00	125,00
Hotel Unter den Linden	92,00	

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Hotel Reservation

Accommodation will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis, upon receipt of the accommodation form together with full credit card details supplied. Without the credit card guarantee, the accommodation form can not be processed. For exceptions, please contact the conference secretariat. The conference secretariat will forward your credit card information to the hotel as guarantee of the reservation. Depending on the payment policy of each hotel, your credit card may be charged in advance (not ealier than 4 weeks to arrival) with the sum for the accommodation. In case the hotels you prefer have already been fully booked, K.I.T. GmbH reserves the right to arrange your stay in a similar hotel. The deadline for hotel bookings is May 30, 2004. However, all Accommodation Forms received after this date will be accepted and processed upon availability.

Cancellation of Accommodation

For cancellations up to February 15, 2004 a processing fee of EUR 15,00 will be charged to the participant's credit card. In case of cancellation received after, the respective hotel and K.I.T. GmbH reserves the right to charge the full amount for accommodation, if the hotel cannot resell the rooms. No-shows cannot be refunded. All cancellations must be made in writing.

Change of Booking

Changes of names and room types can be made through K.I.T. GmbH until May 30, 2004. A processing fee of EUR 15,00 will be charged. Changes less than 2 weeks prior to arrival must be made directly with the hotel, cancellations must still be made through the conference secretariat.

Liability

The conference secretariat, K.I.T. GmbH, shall be liable in the framework of a duty of care as a respectable businessman according to statutory provisions. The liability of K.I.T. GmbH – for whatever legal reason – shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. The participant shall take part in all travel and excursions at his/her own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding, if these have not been confirmed by K.I.T. GmbH in writing.

INFORMATION ABOUT BERLIN



Berlin, Germany's capital, is more exciting than ever today. It is a city in creative upheaval, developing with impressive speed into one of the major political, cultural and economic centres of Europe. One can sense the fresh vibrancy everywhere, on the boulevards, in the art and flea markets, and in the pubs, restaurants, cafes and bars which stay open all night. In the past the capital of Prussia and cultural centre of the Golden Twenties, today the gateway to

Eastern Europe - Berlin is once again making a new beginning. New buildings, constructed by world-class architects, can be found throughout the "New Berlin." Combined with the many historical and cultural sites, it offers a unique mixture of old and new.

Full of experiences and impressions, Berlin provides inspiration for everyone. The Kurfürstendamm, the Brandenburg Gate, the Potsdamer Platz with its large residential and business complexes or green oases like the Tiergarten are only a few facets of this vibrant metropolis.

Berlin's cultural scene is fascinating and impressive. Visitors can enjoy opera houses, symphony orchestras, theatres, cinemas plus cabarets, musicals and revues. In addition to its local and private galleries there is a unique variety of excellent museums. They hold the city's most valuable treasures: the bust of the Egyptian queen Nefertiti for example, or the Altar of Pergamon. Changing exhibitions in the New National Gallery or in the Martin-Gropius Bau receive high regard throughout the world.

Berlin is also Germany's greenest metropolis – almost one third of the city is covered by woods, parks, gardens or water. A chain of lakes runs through the city, connected by a system of canals

and the rivers Spree and Havel with even more bridges than in Venice. The proverbial "Berlin air" owes its clarity in part to the many inner city parks such as the Botanical Gardens, the Zoological Gardens and the "Tiergarten."



TRANSPORTATION

Berlin can be reached easily from all four corners of the globe.

Easy access by air

Berlin has three international airports: Tegel (located close to the Hotel Radisson SAS), Tempelhof and Schoenefeld. Today 55 airlines from around the world serve Berlin.

Easy access by rail

The main railway stations in Berlin are "Zoologischer Garten" and "Ostbahnhof". Germany and Berlin have a very good rail network with Euro-City, Inter-City and Inter-City Express trains.

Easy access by road

An excellent motorway network links Berlin with all major German and European cities.

BANKING SERVICE

The official currency in Germany is the EURO. It is recommended that foreign currencies be converted into EUROS at German chartered banks, which are usually open from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 18:00 pm. Most post offices and train stations offer exchange service. ATMs (cashpoint machines) which accept EC cards and all major credit cards can be found all over the city.

CREDIT CARDS

Most hotels and restaurants in Berlin accept major credit cards. Shops do not always accept credit cards. It is therefore recommendable to also have some cash available, an EC card or traveller cheques.

ELECTRICITY

The electronic current in Germany is 220 Volts, 50 Hz AC. German outlets accept only round-prong plugs. Appliances designated to operate on 110/120 Volts need a transformer and a plug adapter. Most hotels provide 110 Volt outlets for electrical razors.

PHARMACY

Pharmacies are open from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Emergency pharmacies are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you find the information on the next emergency pharmacy outside on every pharmacy.

POST OFFICE

Post offices are open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

SHOPPING IN BERLIN

Department stores are normally open from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

WEATHER

During the summer, from June to August, the climate in Berlin stabilises to a steady temperature and predominantly sunshine. Daytime temperatures in Berlin in this period range from 20-25° C (71-79° F) with occasionally hot or rainy days.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

On Wednesday, June 23, 2004 there will be a Welcome Reception for the participants and accompanying persons (please indicate on the Registration Form included in this brochure, if you wish to attend). Please be aware that a name badge must be worn as identification. Therefore please register before the ceremony starts.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 24, 2004.

On Friday, June 25, 2004 there will be a Conference Festival Boat Trip "Under the Bridges of Berlin", including dinner buffet. The price per person will be \leqslant 50,00. To register, please fill in the relevant section of the booking form. It is highly recommended to book in advance, as availability will be limited.

Post-Conference activities

On June 27, 2004 a guided medical-historic tour will be arranged. Furthermore, relaxation, art therapy, sports/activities in cooperation with the institute of sports/Humboldt-University can be offered.

TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

If you should be interested in

- a city tour through Berlin
- a visit of Potsdams castles and gardens (Sanssouci)
- an Excursion to Rheinsberg castle in the heart of Brandenburg
- or if you are looking for theater tickets

please contact the conference secretariat.



IMPORTANT DATES

DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION FEE	March 15, 2004
DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	January 25, 2004
DEADLINE FOR STANDARD REGISTRATION FEE	May 1, 2004
PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL PROGRAM	June 1, 2004
CONFERENCE DATES	June 23–26, 2004



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