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Welcome address

Dear colleagues,

Although obstetrics and neonatology form the core of perinatal medicine, the perinatal picture is enriched by often inspiring contributions from a range of other medical specializations. Experts from the full spectrum of disciplines are therefore invited to our world meetings. Aiming at the state-of-the-art through scientific discussion, the meeting of specialists and their exchange of experience are the life-blood allowing this young field to continue growing. Moving forward, the outcomes of our meetings need to result in new guidelines, pathways and strategies.

The congress theme is

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around which a number of sub-themes will be grouped. Perinatal medicine has gone through an enormous development over the last 50 years. Some aspects are of current interest, for example maternal mortality worldwide, intrauterine programming, and prevention of maternal-fetal infection with HIV. The prevention of fetal malformation is an important field worldwide. Beside the main topics of the World Congress of Perinatal Medicine, other compelling issues and events will enrich and I hope inspire those who attend, these keynote speeches, lectures and workshops will be held during

the **9th World Congress of Perinatal Medicine,**

which will be held from

Saturday, October 24 to Wednesday, October 28, 2009
in the ESTREL Hotel and Convention Center, Berlin, Germany.

On behalf of the World Association of Perinatal Medicine, it gives me great honour to invite members of the international community worldwide and all healthcare partners to participate in this congress.

Inviting the perinatal community to Berlin is a special pleasure as the roots of perinatal medicine which grew here decades ago will be visible as a beautiful flowering tree at the World Congress 2009.

Prof. Joachim W. Dudenhausen
Congress president

Preliminary program schedule

Saturday, October 24, 2009

from 8:00 am on	Registration							
1:00 pm–5:00 pm	Pre congress							
	Symposium 1: Preeclampsia	Symposium 2: Diabetes in pregnancy	Symposium 3: Ultrasound in prenatal care	Symposium 4: Dopplers in prenatal diagnosis	Symposium 5: First trimester screening	Symposium 6: Perinatal genetics	Symposium 7: Clinical significance of placental examination	Symposium 8: Feeding of the newborn
	Symposium 9: Globalization in perinatal medicine	Symposium 10: Surfactant						
6:00 pm	Opening ceremony – Lecture: The place of mothers and children in the society							
8:00 pm	Get together							

Sunday, October 25, 2009

10:00 am–2:00 pm	National societies 1	National societies 2	National societies 3	National societies 4	National societies 5	National societies 6	National societies 7	
2:00 pm–3:00 pm	Lunch break							
3:00 pm–4:30 pm	Panel discussion 1: Making maternal mortality a priority							
4:30 pm–5:00 pm	Keynote lecture 1: Can we predict or prevent preterm birth?							
5:00 pm–5:30 pm	Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit							
5:30 pm–7:30 pm	Parallel sessions							
	PS 1: US – does it replace manual examination?	PS 2: C-Section use and abuse – a transatlantic evaluation	PS 3: Prenatal surgery and intervention	PS 4: Perinatal medicine history – presence – future	PS 5: Pre- and post-natal steroids	PS 6: Perinatal factors and outcome in extremely pre-term infants	PS 7: Intrapartum surveillance – a reappraisal	PS 8: Ultrasonography in the delivery room

Monday, October 26, 2009

8:30 am–10:00 am	Free communications 1	Free communications 2	Free communications 3	Free communications 4	Free communications 5	Free communications 6	Free communications 7	
10:00 am–10:30 am	Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit							
10:30 am–12:00 pm	Panel discussion 2: Which babies may live?							
12:00 pm–12:30 pm	Keynote lecture 2: Effects of IVF on imprinted disorders							
12:30 pm–2:00 pm	Lunch break/Industrial exhibition visit							
2:00 pm–3:30 pm	Panel discussion 3: Fetal growth and long-term outcome							
3:30 pm–4:00 pm	Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit							
4:00 pm–6:00 pm	Parallel sessions							
	PS 9: Start at the beginning – pre- and periconceptual care	PS 10: Cancer and pregnancy – current knowledge and future perspectives	PS 11: Thrombophilia and pregnancy	PS 12: Perinatal epidemiology	PS 13: New modalities of ventilation in the newborn	PS 14: Progesterone – prevention and treatment of pre-mature labor?	PS 15: Fetal and neonatal neuro-development	PS 16: Ethics of innovation and research in perinatal medicine
6:00 pm–7:00 pm	Poster walk							
7:15 pm–8:30 pm	General assembly WCPM							

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

8:30 am–10:00 am	Free communi- cations 8	Free communi- cations 9	Free communi- cations 10	Free communi- cations 11	Free communi- cations 12	Free communi- cations 13	Free communi- cations 14
10:00 am–10:30 am	Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit						
10:30 am–12:00 pm	Panel discussion 4: HIV – how well are we doing?						
12:00 pm–12:30 pm	Keynote lecture 3: The ethical dilemma of withholding or withdrawal of neonatal intensive care						
12:30 pm–2:00 pm	Lunch break/Industrial exhibition visit						
2:00 pm–3:30 pm	Panel discussion 5: Brain protection						
3:30 pm–4:00 pm	Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit						
4:00 pm–5:30 pm	Parallel sessions						
	PS 17: Molecular diagnosis in perinatology	PS 18: Operative prevention and treatment of preterm labor	PS 19: Operative delivery: forceps and vacuum – are they obsolete?	PS 20: Internationali- zation in perinatal research – in cooperation with the Clara Angela Foundation	PS 21: IUGR – surveillance – management	PS 22: Birth at the limits of viability: outcomes and intra-cultural aspects	PS 23: Vaginal birth after CS: should it be recommended?
5:45 pm–7:00 pm	Poster walk						

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

8:30 am–10:00 am	Parallel sessions							
	PS 24: Assessing progress of labour – new technologies	PS 25: Infection and preterm labor	PS 26: Multiple pregnancy and delivery	PS 27: Neuro- developmental outcome of extremely preterm infants	PS 28: Mechanisms of lung injury and strategies of prevention	PS 29: 3D-4D sonography	PS 30: PPH	PS 31: Obesity and perinatal outcome
10:00 am–10:30 am	Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit							
10:30 am–11:00 am	Keynote lecture 4: The etiology and prevention of congenital malformation: Will we ever prevent this group of diseases?							
11:00 am–12:30 pm	Panel discussion 6							
12:30 pm–2:00 pm	Closing ceremony							



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Symposium 2:	Diabetes in pregnancy Chair: Moshe Hod (Petah-Tiqua, Israel)
Symposium 3:	Ultrasound in prenatal care Chair: Rabih Chaoui (Berlin, Germany)
Symposium 4:	Dopplers in prenatal diagnosis Chair: tba
Symposium 5:	First trimester screening Chair: Wolfgang Holzgreve (Basel, Switzerland)
Symposium 6:	Perinatal genetics Chair: tba
Symposium 7:	Clinical significance of placental examination Chair: Berthold Huppertz (Graz, Austria)
Symposium 8:	Feeding of the newborn Chair: tba
Symposium 9:	Globalization in perinatal medicine Chair: John J. Sciarra (Chicago, USA)
Symposium 10:	Surfactant Chair: Mikko Hallman (Oulu, Finland)
6:00 pm	Opening ceremony – Lecture: The place of mothers and children in the society Sir Naren Patel (UK)
8:00 pm	Get together

**Sunday, October 25, 2009****10:00 am–2:00 pm National societies 1–7**

2:00 pm–3:00 pm Lunch break

3:00 pm–4:30 pm Panel discussion 1: Making maternal mortality a priority

Chair: José M. Carrera (Barcelona, Spain)

4:30 pm–5:00 pm Keynote lecture 1: Can we predict or prevent preterm birth?

Roberto Romero (Detroit, USA)

5:00 pm–5:30 pm Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit

5:30 pm–7:30 pm Parallel sessions**PS 1: US – does it replace manual examination?**

Chair: Yves Ville (Poissy, France)

PS 2: C-Section use and abuse – a transatlantic evaluation

Chair: Stephan Schmidt (Marburg, Germany)

PS 3: Prenatal surgery and intervention

Chair: Jan Deprest (Leuven, Belgium)

PS 4: Perinatal medicine history – presence – future

Chair: Joachim W. Dudenhausen (Berlin, Germany)

PS 5: Pre- and postnatal steroids

Chair: Christian P. Speer (Würzburg, Germany)

PS 6: Perinatal factors and outcome in extremely preterm infants

Chair: Robert L. Goldenberg (Birmingham, USA)*

PS 7: Intrapartum surveillance – a reappraisal

Chair: Philipp Steer (London, UK)

PS 8: Ultrasonography in the delivery room

Chair: Wolfgang Henrich (Berlin, Germany)

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Chair: Eduardo Bancalari (Miami, USA)

12:00 pm–12:30 pm Keynote lecture 2: Effects of IVF on imprinted disorders

Øjvind Lidegaard (Copenhagen, Denmark)

12:30 pm–2:00 pm Lunch break/Industrial exhibition visit**2:00 pm–3:30 pm Panel discussion 3: Fetal growth and long-term outcome**

Chair: Andreas Plagemann (Berlin, Germany)

3:30 pm–4:00 pm Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit**4:00 pm–6:00 pm Parallel session****PS 9: Start at the beginning – pre- and periconceptual care**

Chair: E. A. P. Steegers (Rotterdam, NL)

PS 10: Cancer and pregnancy – current knowledge and future perspectives

Chair: Joachim W. Dudenhausen (Berlin, Germany)

PS 11: Thrombophilia and pregnancy

Chair: Michael Kupferminc (Tel Aviv, Israel)

PS 12: Perinatal epidemiology

Chair: Leiv S. Bakketeig (Oslo, Norway)

PS 13: New modalities of ventilation in the newborn

Chair: Eduardo Bancalari (Miami, USA)

PS 14: Progesterone – prevention and treatment of premature labor?

Chair: Roberto Romero (Detroit, USA)

PS 15: Fetal and neonatal neurodevelopment

Chair: Asim Kurjak (Zagreb, Croatia)

PS 16: Ethics of innovation and research in perinatal medicine

Chair: John J. Sciarra (Chicago, USA)

6:00 pm–7:00 p.m Poster walk**7:15 pm–8:30 pm General assembly WCPM**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2009****8:30 am–10:00 am Free communications 8–14**

10:00 am–10:30 am Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit

10:30 am–12:00 pm Panel discussion 4: HIV – how well are we doing?

Chair: Liliana Voto (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

12:00 pm–12:30 pm Keynote lecture 3: The ethical dilemma of withholding or withdrawal of neonatal intensive care

Victor Yu (Clayton, Australia)

12:30 pm–2:00 pm Lunch break/Industrial exhibition visit

2:00 pm–3:30 pm Panel discussion 5: Brain protection

Chair: Peter Gluckmann (Auckland, New Zealand)

3:30 pm–4:00 pm Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit

4:00 pm–5:30 pm Parallel sessionsPS 17: **Molecular diagnosis in perinatology**
Chair: Wolfgang Holzgreve (Basel, Switzerland)PS 18: **Operative prevention and treatment of preterm labor**
Chair: Fred K. Lotgering (Nijmegen, NL)PS 19: **Operative delivery: forceps and vacuum – are they obsolete?**
Chair: Amos Grunebaum (New York, USA)PS 20: **Internationalization in perinatal research – young researchers introduce projects for cooperation with others – in cooperation with the Clara Angela Foundation**
Chair: Birgit Arabin (Zwolle, NL)PS 21: **IUGR – surveillance – management**
Chair: Ahmet Baschat (Baltimore, USA)PS 22: **Birth at the limits of viability: outcomes and intracultural aspects**
Chair: Hiroshi Nishida (Tokyo, Japan)PS 23: **Vaginal birth after CS: should it be recommended?**
Chair: Aris Antsaklis (Athens, Greece)**5:45 pm–7:00 pm Poster walk**

*to be confirmed



Wednesday, October 28, 2009

8:30 am–10:00 am	Parallel sessions
PS 24:	Assessing progress of labour – new technologies Chair: Dan Farine (Toronto, Canada)
PS 25:	Infection and preterm labor Chair: Ruben A. Quintero (Tampa, USA)
PS 26:	Multiple pregnancy and delivery Chair: Isaac Blickstein (Rehovot, Israel)
PS 27:	Neurodevelopmental outcome of extremely preterm infants Chair: Victor Yu (Clayton, Australia)
PS 28:	Mechanisms of lung injury and strategies of prevention Chair: Henry L. Halliday (Belfast, UK)
PS 29:	3D-4D sonography Chair: Asim Kurjak (Zagreb, Croatia)
PS 30:	PPH Chair: Wayne Roy Cohen (Bronx, USA)
PS 31:	Obesity and perinatal outcome Chair: Luis Cabero Roura (Barcelona, Spain)
10:00 am–10:30 am	Coffee break/Industrial exhibition visit
10:30 am–11:00 am	Keynote lecture 4: The etiology and prevention of congenital malformation: Will we ever prevent this group of diseases?
	Robert Brent (Wilmington, USA)
11:00 am–12:30 pm	Panel discussion 6
12:30 pm–2:00 pm	Closing ceremony



Abstract submission

Deadline abstract submission: March 31, 2009

In line with the congress all participants are invited to hand in abstracts for oral presentations or posters by March 31, 2009. One topic must be chosen from the list.

Topics

- ! Epidemiology
- ! Ethics and medical legal
- ! Aspect of prenatal diagnosis
- ! Ultrasound in perinatal medicine
- ! Doppler in perinatal medicine
- ! Basic sciences
- ! Screening procedures in perinatology
- ! Fetal and maternal physiology
- ! Perinatal morphology
- ! Nutrition and metabolism in mother and infant
- ! Metabolic disorders in the newborn
- ! Early pregnancy
- ! Perinatal diagnosis and therapy
- ! Preterm delivery
- ! Fetal monitoring
- ! Infections disease in pregnancy
- ! Labor and delivery
- ! Maternal diseases
- ! Follow up examinations

Abstracts have to be submitted in English, no more than 250 words length. The abstract has to be submitted online at: www.wcpm9.org. Unfortunately we cannot take into account all abstracts sent by post, e-mail or fax.

The only multimedia technology accepted is MS-PowerPoint. The congress rooms are equipped with laptop and video/data projector. There is no support provided for overhead and slide projection. Please note that using your own laptop is permitted.

The program committee will notify you about the acceptance of your abstract directly after the approval. If you have any further inquiries relating to the abstract submission please contact:



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General information

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Congress dates

Beginning of the congress

Saturday, October 24, 2009, 8:00 am

End of the congress

Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 2:00 pm

Deadlines

Abstracts March 31, 2009

Early registration January 31, 2009

Official language

The congress language is English.

Congress website

At www.wcpm9.org you will find always updated all congressional information about:

- I Program, registration, accommodation, abstract submission, general information

Name badge

After you have been registered at the reception desk, you will be provided with a name badge which entitles you to participate at the congress. Please wear your name badge throughout the entire congress.

Message board

A message board is provided near the congress office, on which organizers, as well as congress participants, can leave messages. Please do not post any advertising, as it will be removed.

Accompanying industrial exhibition

An accompanying industrial exhibition will be held at the ESTREL Hotel and Convention Center. For more information please contact:

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Registration

To register, please use exclusively the online registration form at www.wcpm9.org.

Registration fees

The full participation includes admission to all scientific sessions, the opening and closing ceremony and the get together party.

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes the opening and closing ceremony and the get together party. The symposia can only be booked along with a full participation.

Payment

All amounts are payable in EURO. Payment is possible by bank transfer or credit card. For payment by credit card we accept American Express, MasterCard and Visa. On site you can pay in cash or by credit card only. Please quote the name of the participant on every giro transfer form. For summary payment orders, please enclose a list of all names. All bank charges must be paid by the participant.

We can only consider bank transfers when received on our congress account before October 14, 2009. After this date, it is necessary to pay the fee on site in the congress office.

Congress account

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Cancellation

Cancellations have to be made to CTW in writing only. In case of cancellation of a full participation the following fees come due:

- Until February 13, 2009: € 50.– per person
- Until May 29, 2009: € 150.– per person
- From May 29, 2009 on: full fee is payable

A cancellation of an accompanying persons fee until May 29, 2009 will be charged with 35.– € per person. From May 29, 2009 on no refund will be made. The same applies if the participant/accompanying person doesn't appear.

We are sorry that the substitution of delegates is not possible.

Liability

The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the program, social program and of all other information provided in this announcement.

Neither the organizers nor CTW – Congress Organisation Thomas Wiese GmbH are liable for any losses, accidents or damage to persons or objects, regardless of the cause. Participants and accompanying persons are attending the congress and all accompanying events at their own risk and responsibility.

Tax

The German VAT is subject to change. In case of an increase, prices with presently 19 % will be adapted accordingly.

Please register online at www.wcpm9.org.

Registration fees	Early registration by January 31, 2009	Standard registration	On-site registration
Full participation	€ 550.–	€ 650.–	€ 750.–
Full participation, reduced fee*	€ 300.–	€ 400.–	€ 450.–
Symposium	€ 100.–	€ 100.–	€ 100.–
Accompanying person	€ 100.–	€ 130.–	€ 150.–

*The reduced fee is valid for residents, midwives and nurses.



Accommodation

A number of hotel rooms at the Estrel Hotel has been reserved for the congress participants. Please use our online registration form at www.wcpm9.org exclusively.

Prices are per room, per night. They include breakfast, service and 19% VAT. In case of VAT increase CTW GmbH reserves the right to accordingly increase the room rates, even if the participant has already received a different confirmation/invoice.

Single room: € 154.50 Double room: € 183.–

We recommend an early room booking, at the same time as making your registration.

CTW will make every effort to honour hotel requests, but reserves the right to confirm alternative bookings if the hotel chosen is not available anymore. Reservations must be guaranteed in advance by credit card. Kindly note after March 15, 2009, we can no longer guarantee the possibility of any hotel reservation.

Reserved rooms shall be retained until 6:00 pm on date of arrival. Please use the form to notify CTW in case of late arrival or please notify the hotel directly.

Cancellation of hotel reservation

Cancellation of the hotel reservation must be notified to CTW in writing only. In the event of cancellation a handling fee of 30.– € per room as well as any cancellation fee of the hotel has to be paid. As stated, changes to your original application will be charged with a handling fee of 15.– €.



Welcome to Berlin

City on the move

When on November 9, 1989 the Berlin Wall came down and Brandenburg Gate was open again, a new chapter in the history of Berlin began. Parliament and Government moved to the German capital, embassies, media, companies, artists, lobby-organizations followed.

The new Berlin can be seen at Potsdamer Platz, where a totally new quarter was built. The Reichstag was restored, there are new buildings for the political institutions, and the area around Brandenburg Gate was reconstructed. The new main train station was opened in spring 2006. The town is still full of construction sites. There is much dynamic and innovation but growing together of the east and west part of the city in a changed Europe is also a difficult process under difficult financial and economic conditions.

City of multitude

3.4 million people live in Berlin; 50% in single-person households. Berlin is well known for its multitude of cultures, religions and life styles. People from more than 150 nations are living here, among them the largest Turkish community outside Turkey. Each year in spring the “Carnival of Cultures” where people from many nations show their traditions singing and dancing, attracts more than 500,000 people. A walk through the 12 districts gives the best impression of this multicultural city.

City of culture

Opera or avant-garde performance, antique sculpture or surrealist painting, tradition or innovation – Berlin has it all. At “Kulturforum” you can see masterworks of renaissance painting at the Picture Gallery and then walk over to enjoy great music at the unique concert hall “Philharmonie” of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. You have the choice between three opera houses. From the Staatsoper Unter den Linden it is a short walk to Museum Island (World Culture Heritage of UNESCO) where the Old Museum with Nefertiti, and the treasures of the Old National Gallery can be seen. The Jewish Museum in Kreuzberg gives an excellent impression of more than 2,000 years of Jewish life. The history of airplanes, ships and computers comes alive at the Museum of Technology. Several places of memorial sites remind of the dark sides of German history.

In the districts Mitte, Prenzlauer Berg and Kreuzberg the young, innovative scene can be found in artist’s studios, galleries. Further more: you will find a huge number of clubs, bars, and restaurants. There is no closing time.

When tired of the city you can take a trip on a boat, enjoy the parks, or visit Charlottenburg castle or Sanssouci castle in Potsdam or discover the beautiful landscapes of Brandenburg.

City of science

Four universities are situated in Berlin: Humboldt University, Freie Universität Berlin, Technical University, University of the Arts, with more than 140,000 students. At “Charité” with its great tradition, the medical research of the universities is concentrated. Besides the universities there are many other research institutes and two technology parks.

A great place for a congress!





Tourist information

Climate and clothing

In autumn the weather in Berlin can be quite cold (around 14 degree Celsius on average) and rainy. Please take this into account when choosing your clothes. We suggest you to bring warm clothes and a raincoat.

Currency, banking and exchange facilities

In Germany the EURO is the official currency. Besides many exchange offices, which are often located close to railway-stations and airports, banks can be found all over the city. Opening-hours are consumer friendly, many banks are open until the evening on several days. Outside the opening-hours, many cash dispensers are ready to serve you. You either need an EC card or a credit card.

Current credit cards are accepted in most of the hotels, restaurants and shops.

Electricity

Electric sockets in Germany carry 220 V and conform to the standard continental type. Travel adaptors may be useful for electric appliances with other standards.

Insurances

We would like to recommend travel insurance for cancellation charges and loss of personal baggage to all participants/delegates.

Health insurance is just as important to cover medical expenses in case of emergency/illness.

Medical treatment

Citizens of the EU need a special form to cover medical treatment. Addresses of doctors and specialists can be found in the "Yellow Pages". In case of sudden illness at night or on Sundays, there is an emergency service.

Medical emergency service: +49 (0)30 – 31 00 31
 Call a doc: +49 (0)18 04 – 22 55 23 62
 Dental emergency service: +49 (0)30 – 89 00 43 33
 Emergency call: 112

Post office

The nearest post office is at Grenzallee 4–6, about a 10 min walk away from the Estrel Hotel.

The opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (as at July 2008).

Tax

The Federal Republic of Germany raises a value added tax (VAT) of 19% (reduced 7%) on all products and services, which is already included in the price.

Tax-Free

If you buy non-edible goods in Berlin you are entitled to a VAT-refund unless you are citizen of another EU-country. If you enter a shop with a Tax-Free sign outside, ask for a special form. This form must be stamped when you get through customs – but be prepared to show your goods, which must still be in their original packing.

The tax is refunded either at the border or sent to the address on the envelope containing the cheque.

Telephone

Public phone booths stand on every street corner. There are different types of public phone booths. The older ones are coin-operated with 20ct as minimum to make a call. The most public booths require a telephone card, which are sold at post-offices, press-shops as well as in the Tourist Info Centers. International phone calls can be made from all public telephones.

Time

Berlin is in the Central-European time zone, which means one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Additionally, Berlin has a summer time (MESZ), meaning that during spring and summer (from March to October 2009) the clocks are put forward one hour.

Tourist information

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Travel information

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How to get to the congress venue

By train

From station Berlin-Hauptbahnhof

When arriving at Berlin-Hauptbahnhof please take the Bus M41 (direction "Sonnenallee/Baumschulenstraße") and disembark at station "Ziegrastraße". From there it takes a little walk of 5 min to the Estrel hotel (total journey time: approx. 45 min).

From Station Berlin-Ostbahnhof

When arriving at Berlin-Ostbahnhof please take the S-Bahn (any line) heading east to station "Ostkreuz" and switch to the S41 until you

reach "Sonnenallee". From there it takes a little walk of 5 min to the Estrel hotel (total journey time: approx. 25 min).

By plane

From Airport Berlin Schönefeld

When arriving at the airport Berlin-Schönefeld please take the bus (direction "U Herrmannplatz") to the station "S Sonnenallee". From there it takes a little walk of 5 min to the Estrel hotel (total journey time: approx. 50 min).

From Airport Berlin Tegel

When arriving at the airport Berlin-Tegel please take the express bus X9 (direction "S and U Zoologischer Garten") until you reach the station "S and U Jungfernheide". Then change into the circle line S42 and drop off at "S Sonnenallee". From there it takes a little walk of 5 min to the Estrel hotel (total journey time: approx. 50 min).

By car

Motorway 114 – from Prenzlau

- Follow B109 Prenzlauer Promenade in direction city center/ Alexanderplatz
- From there follow direction to Kottbusser Tor until you have reached Sonnenallee 225

Motorway 115 – from Hannover/Leipzig

- Motorway intersection Funkturm, take A100 towards direction Wilmersdorf
- After 14 km on the A 100 turn right into Grenzallee until you have reached Sonnenallee 225

Motorway 111 – from Hamburg/Rostock

- A 111 (E 26) from direction Hamburg/Rostock
- Motorway intersection Oranienburg, follow A111 in direction of Berlin-Zentrum/Airport Berlin-Tegel
- Take exit Berlin-Zentrum/Berlin-Reinickendorf and follow the A100 until you reach Grenzallee/Sonnenallee

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such as TÜV and DEKRA. Specific traffic signs have been mounted on the roads clearly showing where the environmental zone begins.

Please be aware, that driving a vehicle inside the environmental zone without the appropriate sticker is an official offence.

Additional details can be found at www.berlin.de/umweltzone.

Closest stops to the congress venue

- S-Bahn: S41, S42 (station "Sonnenallee")
- Bus: M41 (station "Ziegrastraße")

Information public transport

Public transport – tickets and fares (as per July 2008)

Short-trip ticket (zone AB)

- € 1.30 (If you are travelling a maximum of 3 urban rail (S-Bahn) or underground (U-Bahn) stations, or 6 bus or tram stops, then you should take advantage of our short-trip fare.)

Single ticket (zone AB)

- € 2.10 (You may make as many stops or transfers as you like during the two-hour period of validity, but your ticket is not valid for return or round trips.)

Single ticket (zone ABC)

- € 2.80 (You may make as many stops or transfers as you like during the two-hour period of validity, but your ticket is not valid for return or round trips.)

Day ticket (zone AB)

- € 6.10 (After validating the ticket you can use it until 3:00 pm the next day)

7-day pass (zone AB)

- € 26.20 (The pass is valid from the time of validation on the first day to midnight on the 7th day thereafter. It is valid for the fare zones listed on it and transferable.)

WelcomeCard (zone AB)

- € 16.50 (After validating the WelcomeCard, you can use it for 48 hours on all public transport services in zones AB.)

- € 21.50 (After validating the WelcomeCard, you can use it for 72 hours on all public transport services in zones AB.)

- In addition to your WelcomeCard you will receive a guide with lots of insider tips, a map and discounts of up to 50 % at more than 130 tourist attractions

CityTourCard (zone AB)

- € 15.50 (After validating the CityTourCard, you can use it for 48 hours on all public transport services in zones AB.)
- € 20.50 (After validating the CityTourCard, you can use it for 72 hours on all public transport services in zones ABC.)
- Your CityTourCard also entitles you to get discounts of up to 50 % at many tourist attractions.

For further information regarding tickets, fares etc. please see www.bvg.de.

Parking (as per July 2008)

A car park in the Estrel Hotel is available, costs are 15.– € per day.

Taxi

Taxi ranks are situated at all bigger traffic junctions.

Phone numbers of taxi companies

City-Funk:	+49 (0)30 – 21 02 02
Spree-Funk:	+49 (0)30 – 44 33 22
Taxi-Ruf Würfelfunk:	+49 (0)8 00 – 2 22 22 55 (0800-Cabcall, free call)

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