

## ECTS in Prague, 10-14 May – Final delegate briefing

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### Final programme and abstracts

The final programme is now available on the meeting website at <http://www.ectsoc.org/prague2006/prog/fullprog.pdf>, and the abstracts can be accessed through <http://www.ectsoc.org/prague2006/prog/abstracts.htm>. Invited speaker biographies are at <http://www.ectsoc.org/prague2006/prog/biogs.htm>.

Please be sure to arrive early at the meeting on the Wednesday, 10 May, for the following sessions:

11:30-12:30

Allied Health Professionals session – meeting preview by Socrates Papapoulos

12:30-13:00

Lunch buffet supported by the Alliance for Better Bone Health

13:30-14:30

Satellite Symposium 1 supported by the Alliance for Better Bone Health  
Are all bisphosphonates the same? What is the emerging evidence?

15:00-16:30

Satellite Symposium 2 supported by Eli Lilly  
Osteoporosis management: new advances

17:00-18:30

Satellite Symposium 3 supported by Roche/GSK  
Optimizing efficacy in clinical practice: the role of less frequently dosed bisphosphonates

19.00-20:15

Opening ceremony and awards  
Keynote address: René Bindels (Nijmegen, Netherlands): Calcium and magnesium metabolism from a renal perspective

20:15-21:15

Welcome Reception

### Programme update

Our opening speaker, Howard Jacobs, has had to cancel his participation due to unavoidable circumstances but we are delighted that René Bindels from Nijmegen, Netherlands, has been able to step into his place at the last minute. Dr Bindels will give a talk on “**Calcium and magnesium homeostasis from a renal perspective**”.

René Bindels is a physiologist interested in the regulation of ion transport processes in kidney and small intestine in health and disease. Current projects involve the molecular mechanisms controlling the calcium and magnesium balance in general and the regulation of the new family of epithelial calcium and magnesium channels (TRPV5, TRPV6, TRPM6 and TRPM7) in particular. In addition, the functional consequences of mutations in the human ROMK2, NKCC2, NCC and TRPM6 transporters identified in Bartter and Gitelman syndrome and inherited hypomagnesemia are investigated. The studies include use of established epithelial cell lines, tissue-specific knockout mice

models, and electrophysiological and biochemical analysis of channel activity. Dr Bindels is an elected member of the Academia Europaea.

### **Presentation guidelines**

If you are presenting at the meeting please be sure to visit our speaker/poster guidelines. PowerPoint slides can be submitted in advance through our on-line slide centre (see under Scientific Programme).

### **Arrival – transport arrangements**

If you are arriving by air on Wednesday, please look out for the welcome desk in the airport arrival hall.

On Wednesday 10 May a shuttle bus will leave the airport at 30-minute intervals from 08:00 to 20:00. The bus will stop off at the centre of town, the Corinthia Towers hotel and the congress centre.

There will be buses to the airport at the end of the meeting and to social events as applicable (details in programme book to be collected at registration).

### **Public transport**

Taxis in Prague are quite expensive. The public transport system is cheap, quick and efficient. The journey from the centre of town to the congress centre takes around 20 minutes (metro line C).

24-hour, 3-day and 7-day transportation passes can be bought in tourist offices and some metro stations. These are valid on the metro as well as on trams and buses.

For further details about transport please see the meeting website and links.

### **CME certificates**

If you require a CME certificate you **MUST** fill in the evaluation form which you will find in the delegate wallet. Please hand it in to the registration staff before you leave the meeting and your certificate will be sent to you after the meeting.

### **Meet the Professor sessions**

To be held Thursday to Saturday, 13:00-14:00, 5 each day. Entry will be by ticket only, to be collected on a first-come first-served basis from the registration desk on the day of the session. Numbers will be limited to 50 per session so please check the website to see which sessions you would like to attend.

### **Commercial exhibition**

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Please do not hesitate to contact our meeting organiser, [MCI](#), should you have any queries or comments: