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36th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues

23-27 May 2009 VIENNA AUSTRIA

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2009 International Research Prize of the
Austrian Society for Bone and Mineral Research



Final Announcement and Call For Abstracts



ABSTRACT DEADLINE: 12 JANUARY 2009

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SATURDAY 23 MAY		SUNDAY 24 MAY		MONDAY 25 MAY	
08:00	<p>Satellite Meetings</p> <p>09:00-18:00 ECTS Training Course: Bone histomorphometry and related approaches to the study of bone</p> <p>10:30-12:30 Allied Health Professionals Session</p>	Symposium 1: Calcium signaling		Symposium 3: Falls	
08:30		Orals 1		Orals 3	
09:00		COFFEE AND ATTENDED POSTERS		COFFEE AND ATTENDED POSTERS	
09:30		Satellite Symposium 1		<p>ECTS-ASBMR Debate: Asymptomatic PHPT: to operate or not</p> <p>Workshop 1: Adult forms of monogenic bone disorders</p>	
10:00		BREAK		<p>Workshop 2: Non-canonical Wnt signaling</p> <p>Workshop 3: What have we learnt from cohort studies?</p>	
10:30		Satellite Symposium 2		<p>LUNCH & POSTERS</p> <p>Meet the Professor Sessions</p>	
11:00		BREAK		<p>Symposium 2: Uncoupling approaches for osteoporosis treatment</p>	
11:30		Satellite Symposium 3 <i>Supported by the Alliance for Better Bone Health (P&GP and sanofi-aventis)</i>		<p>LUNCH & POSTERS</p> <p>ECTS AGM</p> <p>Meet the Professor Sessions</p>	
12:00		BREAK		<p>Symposium 4: Mesenchymal stem cells</p>	
12:30		Satellite Symposium 4 <i>Supported by Amgen</i>		<p><small>AWARD: ECTS / AMGEN Bone Biology Fellowship</small></p> <p><small>AWARD: ECTS / Servier Research Fellowship</small></p> <p><small>AWARD: ECTS / ABH Iain Boyle Award</small></p>	
13:00	BREAK		<p><small>AWARD: ECTS Career Establishment Award(s)</small></p> <p><small>AWARD: ECTS Postdoctoral Fellowship Award(s)</small></p>		
13:30	Satellite Symposium 5 <i>Supported by Novartis</i>		Orals 2		
14:00	BREAK		COFFEE		
14:30	Opening Ceremony and Presentation of the 2009 International Research Prize of the Austrian Society for Bone and Mineral Research		Oral Posters 1		
15:00	BREAK		BREAK		
15:30	Welcome Reception		Satellite Symposium 6 <i>Supported by MSD</i>		
16:00	BREAK		Orals 4		
16:30	BREAK		COFFEE		
17:00	BREAK		Oral Posters 2		
17:30	BREAK		BREAK		
18:00	BREAK		Concert at the Konzerthaus/ ECTS Football Tournament		
18:30	BREAK				
19:00	BREAK				
19:30	BREAK				
20:00	BREAK				
20:30	BREAK				
21:00	BREAK				



	TUESDAY 26 MAY	WEDNESDAY 27 MAY
08:00	Symposium 5: Microdamage and bone strength	Symposium 7: Diabetes and bone
08:30		
09:00	Orals 5	COFFEE
09:30		
10:00	COFFEE AND ATTENDED POSTERS	Hot Topics and Late Breaking Abstracts
10:30		
11:00	Workshop 4: New insights into sex hormones and bone	Closing Ceremony and presentation of the ECTS New Investigator Awards and Poster Prizes
11:30		
12:00	Workshop 5: Imaging of the hip	Satellite Symposium 8
12:30		
13:00	LUNCH & POSTERS	Meet the Professor Sessions
13:30		
14:00	Symposium 6: Bone pain	SYMPOSIA
14:30		
15:00	AWARD: ECTS PhD Studentship Award(s)	Symposium 1: Calcium signaling
15:30	Orals 6	1 Michael Berridge (Cambridge, UK): Intracellular calcium homeostasis
16:00		2 Edward Brown (Boston, USA): Clinical lessons from the calcium sensing receptor
16:30	COFFEE	Symposium 2: Uncoupling approaches for osteoporosis treatment
17:00	Orals 7	1 David Goltzman (Montreal, Canada): Antiresorptives plus PTH
17:30		2 Jack Martin (Melbourne, Australia): Uncoupling anabolism from bone resorption
18:00	BREAK	Symposium 3: Falls
18:30	Satellite Symposium 7 <i>Supported by Eli Lilly</i>	1 Tash Masud (Nottingham, UK): Falls risk assessment and prevention
19:00		2 Douglas Kiel (Boston, USA): Prevention of fractures by hip protectors
19:30	Conference Party	Symposium 4: Mesenchymal stem cells
20:00		1 Dennis Discher (Philadelphia, USA): Extracellular matrix control of mesenchymal stem cell differentiation
20:30	Conference Party	2 Franz Jakob (Würzburg, Germany): Clinical application of stem cells
21:00		Symposium 5: Microdamage and bone strength

Symposium 7: Diabetes and bone

- 1 Lorenz Hofbauer (Dresden, Germany):
Clinical evidence for interaction between
diabetes and bone
- 2 Ann Schwartz (San Francisco, USA):
Diabetes and bone: mechanism of
interaction

DEBATE

ECTS-ASBMR Debate:

Asymptomatic PHPT: to operate or not

- 1 Radu Mihai (Oxford, UK): For the motion
- 2 John Bilezikian (New York, USA):
Against the motion

WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Adult forms of monogenic bone disorders

- 1 Östen Ljunggren (Uppsala, Sweden):
Osteogenesis Imperfecta
- 2 Michael Whyte (St Louis, USA):
Hypophosphatasia
- 3 Jens Bollerslev (Oslo, Norway):
Osteopetrosis

Workshop 2: Non-canonical Wnt signaling

- 1 Michael Kühl (Ulm, Germany):
Non-canonical Wnt signaling: overview
- 2 Shigeaki Kato (Tokyo, Japan):
Non-canonical Wnt signaling in bone
- 3 Fanxin Long (St Louis, USA):
On non-canonical Wnt signalling cascades:
insights from osteogenic cells

Workshop 3: What have we learnt from cohort studies?

- 1 Jane Cauley (Pittsburgh, USA):
Comparison to clinical trial information
- 2 Claes Ohlsson (Gothenburg, Sweden): Sex
steroids as predictors of fractures in men
- 3 Eugene McCloskey (Sheffield, UK):
The benefits of combining cohorts for
mega-analysis

Workshop 4: New insights into sex hormones and bone

- 1 Teresita Bellido (Little Rock, USA):
New roles for estrogen receptors
- 2 Dirk Vanderschueren (Liège, Belgium):
Androgens
- 3 Charles Turner (Indianapolis, USA):
Mechanotransduction: role of estrogen
receptors

Workshop 5: Imaging of the hip

- 1 Ken Poole (Cambridge, UK): Causes of
fragility fractures of the proximal femur
- 2 Klaus Engelke (Erlangen, Germany):
Comparative assessment of the
performance of imaging techniques for
the proximal femur
- 3 Christian Graeff (Kiel, Germany):
Assessment of treatment of osteoporosis
with QCT of the proximal femur



Dear Colleagues

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the 36th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues, to be held at the Reed Messe Congress Center, in the beautiful city of Vienna, Austria, from 23-27 May 2009. We are expecting around 3000 delegates to attend the 2009 conference, which will offer a high quality scientific programme of interest to both clinical and basic scientists.

Highlights will include the following:

- An exciting programme of invited speaker lectures featuring some of the world's leading experts in the field
- Meet the professor sessions
- Dedicated allied health professionals session
- Joint ECTS-ASBMR debate
- A high proportion of submitted abstracts selected for the oral programme (over 15% in 2008)
- Well-attended poster sessions with dedicated poster viewing time
- A busy exhibition area with lunch included in the delegate fee
- Company-supported satellite symposia highlighting some of the latest developments and research
- A full social programme for you to meet friends and colleagues

We are delighted to be holding our 2009 conference in the city of Vienna, often described as Europe's cultural capital, and famous for its unique charm and flair. Wander along narrow, medieval alleyways or across imperial squares, visit Schönbrunn Palace and the Hofburg Imperial Palace, and be sure not to miss the majestic architecture along the Ringstrasse. Wherever you go in Vienna you are sure to find a feast for your eyes, not to mention the gastronomic feast at one of the city's famous coffee houses or restaurants.

We hope that you will be able to join us in Vienna for what promises to be yet another exciting ECTS conference!

Roland Baron
ECTS President

Richard Eastell
ECTS Past President and Scientific Programme Committee Chair

Klaus Klaushofer and Harald Dobnig
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DEADLINES

- 1 September 2008:** Abstract submission opens
- 31 October 2008:** Deadline for applications for AuSBMR International Research Prize
- 12 January 2009:** Deadline for abstracts
- 23 February 2009:** Abstract acceptance notification to authors
- 25 February 2009:** Awards notification to authors
- 27 February 2009:** Deadline for early registrations
- 6 March 2009:** Late breaking abstract submission opens
- 16 March 2009:** Deadline for late breaking abstracts
- 27 March 2009:** Deadline for cancellations
- 1 May 2009:** Final programme and abstracts published on conference website
- 8 May 2009:** On-site registration fee becomes payable



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The conference will be attended by up to 3000 delegates from all over the world. Delegates will be researchers, clinicians, physicians, and allied health professionals with an interest in:

- biochemistry
- bone biology
- cell and molecular biology
- dental research
- endocrinology
- epidemiology
- genetics
- geriatric medicine
- gynaecology
- internal medicine
- medical oncology
- metabolism
- nephrology
- orthopaedics
- osteoporosis and other bone disorders
- pathology
- pharmacology
- physiology
- radiology and nuclear medicine
- rheumatology

What are the educational objectives?

Participants should enhance their knowledge of diseases of bone, basic bone biology and its correlation to mineral metabolism. They will also develop a clearer understanding of the interrelationship between basic research and clinical applications. The scientific programme is designed to produce an enhanced appreciation of the investigative, diagnostic and therapeutic aspects of metabolic bone disorders.

ABOUT VIENNA

Known as the city of art and culture, Vienna has been synonymous with music for centuries, and was home to Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Johann Strauß. This outstanding heritage continues today with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the Vienna Boy's Choir, for example, being famous the world over.

Vienna is home to a vast array of cultural attractions, including classical and experimental theatre, film and dance festivals, opera and operetta, exhibitions and concerts. Throughout the centuries, the city has produced and nurtured many world-famous artists. Thanks to the collecting passion of art-loving rulers and monarchs Vienna is a treasure house par excellence. The Museum of Fine Arts, for instance, is one of the world's largest and most distinguished museums, housing priceless works of art. You will find architectural gems on every street, and even some of the city's underground stations are listed buildings on account of their elegant, ornamental Jugendstil design.

Please see www.info.wien.at for further information about Vienna.

Scientific Programme Committee

CHAIR: Richard Eastell (*Sheffield, UK*)

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Local Organising Committee

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- Hans Bröll
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- Meinrad Peterlik
- Peter Pietschmann
- Heinrich Resch
- Elisabeth Zwettler





All sessions will take place at: Reed Messe Congress Center, Messeplatz 1, A-1021 Vienna, Austria.
www.messecongress.at

Saturday 23 May, 09:00-18:00

ECTS TRAINING COURSE:

Bone histomorphometry and related approaches to the study of bone

SATELLITE TO THE 36TH EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM ON CALCIFIED TISSUES

Course organisers: Klaus Klaushofer (*Vienna, Austria*), Richard Eastell (*Sheffield, UK*) and Bente Langdahl (*Aarhus, Denmark*)

Histomorphometry has long been a very powerful tool in the resources of clinicians and basic researchers alike. It provides a wealth of information on tissue health and dynamics but has a drawback in that the information it provides is a 'snapshot' of the condition of the tissue at the time of biopsy.

This disadvantage is overcome when histomorphometry is combined with other techniques such as immunohistochemistry, μ CT, FTIRI and computer modeling, providing a more complete picture of the tissue's condition over time.

The purpose of this training course is to provide a state of the art overview of all these techniques, their outcomes, and what can be deduced from this information from bench to bedside. The course is designed to be of interest to rheumatologists, endocrinologists, orthopaedic surgeons, veterinarians, and basic researchers.

An additional registration fee is payable for the training course.

Please tick the box on the registration form to book a place.

Speakers:

Introduction

Peter Fratzi (*Potsdam, Germany*)

Histomorphometry

Ellen Hauge (*Aarhus, Denmark*)

Species differences in histomorphometry

Reinhold Erben (*Vienna, Austria*)

Immunolocalization of extracellular matrix proteins in mineralized tissues by light and electron microscopy

Marc McKee (*Montreal, Canada*)

Bone mechanical properties assessed from microCT and nanoindentation

Philippe Zysset (*Vienna, Austria*)

Synchrotrone-based investigations of bone material

Himadri Gupta (*Potsdam, Germany*)

Bone mineralization density distribution (BMDD) -

Computer modeling of mineralization kinetics

Richard Weinkamer (*Potsdam, Germany*)

Vibrational spectroscopic methods - FTIRI and Raman

Eleftherios Paschalis (*Vienna, Austria*)

Saturday 23 May, 10:30-12:30

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The programme is designed to be of particular interest to nurses, physiotherapists, radiologists, nutritionists, dieticians and clinical trial co-ordinators working in the field of metabolic bone diseases. The session will include a preview of the main conference programme with discussion of the highlights and a look at some of the issues and why they are significant, as well as some additional presentations on aspects of interest to allied health professionals working in the field of calcified tissues.

Abstracts for oral presentation at this session are invited (see abstract submission form).

Attendance at this session is free of charge to delegates registered for the main meeting.

Please tick the box on the registration form to book a place.

Speakers to include:

Preview of the conference

Stuart Ralston (*Edinburgh, UK*)

Physical activity and osteoporosis

Dawn Skelton (*Manchester, UK*)

Men and osteoporosis: a qualitative perspective

Helen Raphael (*Southampton, UK*)

Secondary hip fracture prevention through integrated clinical approaches involving specialists, general practitioners and nurses

Hans Eichbauer (*Vienna, Austria*)

Sunday 24 May, 11:15-12:45

ECTS/ASBMR DEBATE



This house believes that all patients with asymptomatic primary hyperparathyroidism who are medically fit should undergo parathyroid surgery.

A lively debate with audience voting, presented by **John Bilezikian** (*New York, USA*) and **Radu Mihai** (*Oxford, England*).

Monday 25 May, 12:45

EUROPEAN CALCIFIED TISSUE SOCIETY (ECTS) AGM

The ECTS AGM will be held at 12:45 on Monday 25 May 2009. All ECTS members are invited to attend.





Sunday 24-Tuesday 26 May, 13:00-14:00

MEET THE PROFESSOR SESSIONS

Michael Berridge (*Cambridge, UK*): Intracellular calcium signaling

Jens Bollerslev (*Oslo, Norway*): Management of primary hyperparathyroidism

Jane Cauley (*Pittsburgh, USA*): Cardiovascular disease, breast cancer and osteoporosis: are they causally linked?

Dennis Clohisy (*Minneapolis, USA*): Cardiovascular disease, breast cancer and osteoporosis: are they causally linked?

David Goltzman (*Montreal, Canada*): Diseases of the parathyroid glands

Christian Graeff (*Kiel, Germany*): The use of QCT to study bone

Didier Hans (*Lausanne, Switzerland*): Ultrasound of bone: is the data strong enough for its use in clinical practice?

Lorenz Hofbauer (*Dresden, Germany*): Grant writing

Douglas Kiel (*Boston, USA*): Nutritional influences on bone health

Jack Martin (*Melbourne, Australia*): Mechanisms in the coupling of bone resorption and formation

Tash Masud (*Nottingham, UK*): Fall risk assessment and management

Eugene McCloskey (*Sheffield, UK*): Cancer treatment-induced bone loss

Ann Schwartz (*San Francisco, USA*): Diabetes and bone

Anna Teti (*L'Aquila, Italy*): Career development in Europe

Frans van den Beemt (*Nieuwegein, Netherlands*): Adding value to highly competitive research applications with a focus on ERC funding agency

Michael Whyte (*St Louis, USA*): Management of osteogenesis imperfect in adults

Toshiyuki Yoneda (*San Antonio, USA*): Cancer and bone

Joseph Zerwekh (*Dallas, USA*): New and emerging therapies in the treatment of osteoporosis

The final list of available sessions, as well as an outline of the topics and objectives for each session, can be viewed on the conference website under 'Scientific Programme' - 'Meet the Professor Sessions'.

Numbers will be limited to 50 per session to encourage audience participation.

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.



AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Saturday 23 May

19:00-20:00

Opening Ceremony

2009 International Research Prize of the Austrian Society for Bone Mineral Research

Sunday 24 May

15:00-15:15

ECTS / AMGEN Bone Biology Fellowship

ECTS / Servier Research Fellowship

ECTS / ABBH Iain Boyle Award

Monday 25 May

15:00-15:10

ECTS Career Establishment Award(s)

ECTS Postdoctoral Fellowship Award(s)

Tuesday 26 May

15:00-15:05

ECTS PhD Studentship Award(s)

Wednesday 27 May

12:00-12:30

Closing Ceremony

ECTS New Investigator Awards and Poster Prizes

Previous award winners will present their work in a dedicated poster area.

HOST ORGANISATION



European Calcified Tissue Society (ECTS)

ECTS is the major organisation in Europe for researchers and clinicians working in the field of calcified tissues and related fields. For almost 50 years the Society has acted as a forum for broad ranging high quality research through its annual conference and training courses. Membership is open to anyone working in the field at whatever stage in their career. The ECTS funds various grants and awards and full details on these and all activities can be found on the ECTS website at www.ectsoc.org.

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Hans van Leeuwen (*Rotterdam, Netherlands*) (*Secretary*)



Abstract submission opens: 1 September 2008

Abstract deadline: 12 January 2009

On-line abstract submissions at www.ectsoc.org

Delegates who would like to present their work at the conference, either orally or as a poster, are invited to submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Programme Committee. An abstract may not be presented orally if it has been published elsewhere prior to the ECTS meeting. If an abstract has been previously presented, but not published, it may be submitted for consideration as an oral or poster presentation. All abstracts must be submitted in English and must be received by 12 January 2009.

Clinical cases

Clinical case reports describing unusual cases or innovative approaches to clinical problems are also encouraged. Please see the on-line instructions for details of how to format your abstract.

How to submit your abstract

On-line submission is through the conference website: www.ectsoc.org. If you have any difficulty using the on-line form, please contact MCI (*see page 4*).

Please be sure to follow the instructions on the website, complete all requested information, and note that abstracts are published exactly as submitted. You should therefore avoid errors and misspellings as these will not be corrected by the organisers prior to publication.

Abstracts may be up to 2500 characters including spaces. An additional 200 characters is allowed if you need to include a conflict of interest statement.

The electronic abstract submission system works best with Firefox. Submissions by fax, email or courier are not acceptable. There is no paper submission form.

Please read all instructions carefully before preparing your abstract. Failure to observe these guidelines may result in disqualification.

Acceptance of abstracts

Authors will receive email notification by **23 February 2009** as to whether their abstract has been accepted and they will be informed at the same time about the date, time and form of their presentation.

Authors can withdraw an abstract provided a written statement reflecting the reasons for the decision is sent to ECTS no later than 28 February 2009.

The final programme will be published on the conference website by 1 May 2009.

The Scientific Programme Committee reserves the right to make the final decision concerning form of presentation but authors are asked to indicate their preference.

New Investigator and Travel Awards

A number of New Investigator and Travel Awards are available to new investigators who have submitted an abstract to the conference. Applicants must be a member of ECTS, be within 3 years of attaining their PhD and be the presenting author. Awards will be made by the Scientific Programme Committee and will be selected according to abstract score. Authors will be eligible for

only one award. Confirmation of eligibility from heads of department will be sought prior to awards being made. Please check the box on the abstract form if you would like to apply for an award.

Award winners will be notified by 25 February 2009.

Poster Prizes

The top 20 highest scoring posters (including oral posters) from eligible authors will be judged by a panel of reviewers during the conference. Eligible posters will be identified with a sign on the poster board. Applicants must be a member of ECTS and the presenting author. They must also be within 3 years of attaining PhD or a physician in training, or aged under 35. The panel of reviewers will judge the scientific merit of the study focusing on originality, suitability of methods and analysis, significance and impact of the study and the interpretation of results. The judges will also assess the ability of the applicant to discuss the work and relevant literature, as well as the clarity and quality of presentation, the inclusion of an appropriate level of detail and the ease of assimilation of data and graphics. The awards will be presented during the Closing Ceremony.

Please note that presenting authors must register and attend the conference to be eligible for any of these awards/prizes.

Late Breaking Abstracts

ECTS will offer a late breaking abstracts service for new data which was not available at the time of the abstract submission deadline. For criteria and deadlines please see the conference website.

2009 International Research Prize of the Austrian Society for Bone Mineral Research



The prize of €7500 is a continuation of the Chemofux prizes, sponsored by Meda Pharma GmbH. It acknowledges an individual whose recent work in the fields of molecular, cellular, (patho) physiological or clinical aspects of bone and mineral metabolism has resulted in a novel finding or concept.

Applicants are invited to submit up to three related publications that have appeared since 2006. Papers in press are acceptable if accompanied by an acceptance letter from the journal. Publication must be in English, in refereed journals listed in *Current Contents*. Applicants should describe their finding or concept and its background in a brief statement, not to exceed 300 words, emphasizing the importance of their contribution to progress in bone and mineral metabolism. The letter of application should also include a brief biographical sketch, along with letters by co-authors stating that they agree to the submission and either wish to share the prize money or waive their claim to it.

Applications (1 original plus 11 copies) must be submitted not later than 31 October 2008 to: Dr Klaus Klaushofer, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Osteology at the Hanusch Hospital of WGKK and AUA Trauma Centre Meidling, 4th Medical Department, Hanusch Hospital, Heinrich Collin-Strasse 30, A-1140 Vienna, Austria.

All entries which comply with the aforementioned regulations will be forwarded to an International Jury which will independently select the prize winner. The winner will be notified by 30 January 2009.

For further information please see www.ausbmr.at



Save on the registration fee by registering before 27 February 2009

Prices

Registration fee	Early (to 27 February)	Pre-registration (27 February to 8 May)	On site (8 May onwards)
ECTS members	€480	€600	€720
Non-members	€590	€700	€830
Trainees/Allied Health Professionals – members*	€250	€300	€350
Trainees/Allied Health Professionals – non-members*	€300	€350	€400
Accompanying persons	€120	€120	€120
Cultural Event at the Vienna Konzerthaus	€15	€15	€15
Conference Party**	€17	€17	€17
Training course ECTS members	€95	€95	€95
Training course non-members	€145	€145	€145

*Trainees - PhD students/Undergraduates/Residents/Fellows/Junior Post Docs (within 3 years of PhD) / Allied Health Professionals (nurses, physiotherapists, radiologists, nutritionists and dietitians) - confirmation required from Head of Department

**Conference Party by invitation of the Mayor of the city of Vienna. Fee of €17 is for transport.

Participant's registration fee includes:

- Final programme and abstract book
- Attendance at all scientific sessions
- Access to posters and commercial exhibition
- Tea and coffee during official breaks
- Lunch box on Sunday-Tuesday
- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Football Tournament
- Reduced admission to the Cultural Event
- Reduced admission to the Conference Party
- Public transport pass
- VAT at 20%

Accompanying person's fee includes:

- Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Football Tournament
- Reduced admission to the Cultural Event
- Reduced admission to the Conference Party
- Vienna Grand City Tour
- Public transport pass
- VAT at 20%

HOW TO REGISTER

Please register on-line through the conference website at www.ectsoc.org.

Please note that the registration form is to be used to register one participant only and, if applicable, their accompanying person(s). For group bookings please contact MCI (see page 4).

Your name badge should be worn at all times at the conference and during official social events.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION DESKS

The registration and accommodation desks will be open as follows:

Saturday 23 May	07:30 - 21:00
Sunday 24 May	07:30 - 19:45
Monday 25 May	07:30 - 19:45
Tuesday 26 May	07:30 - 19:45
Wednesday 27 May	08:00 - 12:45

For any queries about registration please contact MCI (see page 4).

ITALIAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

The Organisers have chosen AIM Group Rome, to collect, on our behalf, all applications from Italian pharmaceutical companies and to file them with the appropriate Italian Health Ministry officials.

For further information please contact:

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MCI has reserved a large number of rooms in various hotels in different price categories. The majority of the hotels are located either in the city centre or in the area of the Reed Messe. The Reed Messe is well served by a number of metro, bus and tram lines (see page 14 for more information about public transport within Vienna). The journey from the city centre takes 10-20 minutes. All delegates will receive a free public transport pass.

Vienna attracts many tourists and hotel rooms may be limited. Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

MCI acts as an agent for accommodation bookings and ECTS accepts no responsibility for recommendations given or transactions made.



HOW TO BOOK

Please book on-line through the conference website at www.ectsoc.org or use the printed registration and accommodation form. Availability can be checked through the on-line form prior to booking. Please book before 27 March 2009 in order to guarantee your booking.

ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries or requests for additional information, changes or cancellations of room reservations are to be addressed directly to MCI (*see page 4*).

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

For hotel bookings, a deposit payment for the first night must accompany your reservation. Your booking will be confirmed on receipt of your hotel deposit. This prepaid deposit will be deducted from your hotel bill when checking out from the hotel. Additional expenses such as mini-bar and telephone must be paid directly to the hotel when checking out.

GROUP RESERVATIONS

Group reservations will be handled by separate contracts. Please contact MCI for further information (*see page 4*).

OTHER ACCOMMODATION

For details of low budget accommodation options, please visit www.hostel.com. The website has a rating system and comprehensive guest reviews.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Registration and social programme:

All cancellations must be sent to MCI Suisse SA in writing (fax, letter, or email). For cancellations received before 27 March 2009 deposits will be refunded less €70 for administrative costs. (The cancellation fee will be €35 if you are registering for the training course only). After this date, no refund will be possible. A handling fee of €30 per registration will be charged for every registration modification received after 27 March 2009.

Hotels:

All hotel cancellations must be sent to MCI Suisse SA in writing (fax, letter, or email). For cancellations received before 27 March 2009 deposits will be refunded less €70 for administrative costs. After this date, no refund will be possible.

In case of late cancellations (after 27 March 2009), rooms cancelled, cancelled nights or no-show, we reserve the right to charge the full stay if the hotel room cannot be re-sold.

A handling fee of €30 per hotel room will be charged for every hotel modification received after 27 March 2009.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT TIME

Hotel check-in time is 15:00 or later. If arriving after 18:00, please notify MCI in advance. Check-out time is noon.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payment must accompany the form and may be made by:

- Credit card (Eurocard/Mastercard/Visa/American Express)
- Bank transfer to the following account:
MCI Suisse SA - ECTS 2009
UBS SA - CP 2600 - CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland
Account N° 240-369.393.71L
Clearing 240 - Swift UBSWCHZH12A
IBAN CH18 0024 0240 3693 9371L
Please indicate "free of charge for the receiver account" and mention: "ECTS 2009" and participant's name.

Payment by personal cheque cannot be accepted. All payments must be in Euros (EUR/€).





HOTELS IN VIENNA

	SINGLE RATE (€)	DOUBLE RATE (€)	BREAKFAST (€)	APPROX DISTANCE TO CONGRESS CENTER
5★ Palace				
GRAND HOTEL	260.00	290.00	incl.	20 min by subway
IMPERIAL	365.00	425.00	incl.	20 min by subway
SACHER	350.00	380.00	incl.	20 min by subway
5★				
HILTON VIENNA PLAZA	260.00	280.00	incl.	new direct line U2 - 3 stops to Reed Messe
LE MERIDIEN	320.00	340.00	incl.	15 min by subway
MARRIOTT VIENNA	265.00	265.00	incl.	20 min by subway
RADISSON SAS PALAIS	260.00	260.00	25.00	20 min by subway
NC★				
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT WIEN MESSE	240.00	240.00	incl.	5 min walking
DAS TRIEST	238.00	278.00	incl.	20 min by subway
DE FRANCE	220.00	245.00	incl.	new direct line U2 - 3 stops to Reed Messe
HILTON VIENNA STADTPARK	260.00	280.00	incl.	20 min by subway
INTERCONTINENTAL	269.00	289.00	incl.	20 min by subway
RADISSON SAS STYLE	253.00	268.00	incl.	25 min by subway
RENAISSANCE WIEN	199.00	215.00	incl.	25 min by subway
THE RING	260.00	290.00	incl.	20 min by subway
4★L				
ARCOTEL KAISERWASSER	210.00	230.00	incl.	10 min by subway
4★				
ANATOL	140.00	140.00	15.00	25 min by subway
ERZHERZOG RAINER	137.00 / 163.00	178.00	incl.	25 min by subway
HILTON VIENNA DANUBE	190.00	210.00	incl.	15 min by tram
HOLIDAY INN VIENNA CITY	180.00	210.00	incl.	30 min by subway
KUMMER	180.00	200.00	incl.	25 min by subway
NH DANUBE CITY	200.00	220.00	incl.	20 min by subway
PARK INN VIENNA	170.00	195.00	incl.	10 min by subway
NOVOTEL WIEN CITY	160.00	170.00	16.00	15 min by subway
SOFITEL VIENNA	196.00	201.00	20.00	30 min by subway
3★ Sup/NC★				
AUSTRIA TREND MESSE WIEN	150.00	150.00	15.00	5 min walking
KUNSTHOF	125.00	135.00	incl.	new direct line U2 - 1 stop to Reed Messe
ROOMZ VIENNA	110.00	120.00	13.50	20 min by subway
3★				
AUSTRIA CLASSIC HOTEL WIEN	106.00 / 144.00	149.00	incl.	10 min by tram
WANDL	107.00 / 135.00	158.00	incl.	20 min by subway

Visit the conference website for more information about the location of hotels within Vienna.

Rates shown are per room, per night in Euros (€). Service, city tax and VAT are included.

Rates are valid as at August 2008 and are subject to fluctuation.

Rates are shown for standard rooms; other type of rooms - superior room, deluxe room, junior suite etc - are available on request.





Saturday 23 May

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception

19:00-22:00 - Reed Messe

Meet your friends and colleagues at the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception. Share excellent food and great entertainment in the foyer of the Reed Messe.

Please register for this event by checking the box on the registration form.

No additional fee.

Monday 25 May

Cultural Event

20:00-21:30 - Concert at the Vienna Konzerthaus

The Vienna Konzerthaus was officially opened in 1913 after only two years in construction; it was one of the most modern buildings in the Danube Monarchy. Built by the renowned theatre architects Ferdinand Fellner and Hermann Helmer, in co-operation with Ludwig Baumann, it set new standards for its architecture, visitor-friendly atmosphere, construction technology and modern facilities.

The concert programme will begin with music composed by Johannes Brahms. Brahms composed his only Violin Concerto in the summer of 1878 and dedicated the piece to his friend, the famous violinist Joseph Joachim, who said "One enjoys getting hot fingers playing it, because it's worth it". This concerto, which will be performed by the young Viennese talent Johannes Fleischmann together with the "österreichisch-slowakische Philharmonie", is one of the most challenging works of the violin repertoire. Among the most cherished of Brahms' work are his "Hungarian Dances". These 21 dances, from which you will hear six of the more popular pieces, reflect the spirit of central Europe.

In the second part of the concert the coloratura soprano Nicola Proksch and the tenor Daniel Johannsen, will interpret arias and a duet from Johann Strauß, father and son, as well as from Franz Lehár. These favourite and well-known vocal numbers represent the typical Viennese art of operetta-music.

The conductor for the evening, Ewald Donhoff, gave his debut with the "Vienna Symphony Orchestra" at the "Theater an der Wien" in 2007 and at the "Semper Opera Dresden" in 2008.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to attend a first class concert in a beautiful setting at a reduced price! Light refreshments will be provided.

Space is limited so please be sure to register early to guarantee a place.

Registration fee for the Concert: €15 per person



ECTS Football Tournament

20:00-22:00

You are invited to enter a team of 6 players (1 reserve) for the ECTS football tournament. Transport will be provided from the Reed Messe.

If you wish to play in the tournament please check the box on the registration form and enter your name on the team sheet near the registration desk. Transport, jerseys, the winners' cup and refreshments will be provided. Spectators also welcome!

No additional fee

Tuesday 26 May

Conference Party

20:00-late - Weingut Fuhrgassl-Huber

We have listened to previous delegates' feedback on our social programme and decided to hold a conference party.

We are very pleased to be able to announce that this year's event is by invitation of the Mayor of the city of Vienna and will be held at the Weingut Fuhrgassl-Huber, located in the heart of Neustift am Walde, between vineyards and the Vienna woods. This winery, with its cosy parlours and romantic patio, has been a popular wine tavern for almost 30 years. The architect for this famous building was the professor Walter von Hoesslin, the stage designer of the Vienna Opera House.

Throughout the evening you will be able to catch up with colleagues in a casual and relaxed environment where you will be offered typical Austrian food from one of several buffets in the various rooms of the winery. For the more out-going there will be dancing with a live band featuring rock, pop, oldies and current hits!

Transport by bus will be provided from the Reed Messe and selected meeting points throughout the city.

Fee for the Conference Party to cover transportation: €17 per person.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAMME

We have put together a classic tour of Vienna for accompanying persons through which we hope to convey the rich culture of this beautiful city.

Excursions for delegates, scheduled outside of the conference programme, will be available upon request at the tours desk in the Conference Centre.

Sunday 24 May 2008: 09:00-13:00

HALF DAY TOUR

Vienna Grand City Tour including Schönbrunn Palace

From this tour you will get an overall impression of the most significant historical sites in Vienna. Starting with a tour along Ringstrasse, you will see the magnificent buildings of the State Opera House, the Hofburg Imperial Palace, the Houses of Parliament, the City Hall and the University. You will continue to the former summer residence of the Habsburg Family, Schönbrunn Palace, finishing with a private tour through the imperial apartments.

Meeting place and drop off: Albertinaplatz

Included in accompanying persons' registration fee

Please register by checking the box on the registration form.



COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION AND SPONSORSHIP

A trade exhibition will be held in conjunction with the conference. There will be plenty of opportunity for delegates to meet representatives of the exhibiting companies. Pharmaceutical companies, diagnostics and medical equipment manufacturers, medical publishers and other professional societies are invited to take part in the exhibition, which will be located in the exhibition area at the Reed Messe.

If you are interested in exhibiting and/or sponsoring please contact Christophe de Rham at MCI at christophe.de.rham@mci-group.com (full contact details on page 4).



We are grateful to the companies who supported our successful conference in Barcelona in 2008:

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A list of current 2009 supporters can be seen on the conference website.





VENUE

ECTS 2009 will be held at:
Reed Messe Congress Center
 Messeplatz 1
 A-1021 Vienna
 Austria
www.messecongress.at



DOCUMENTS AND BADGES

Conference documents should be collected on-site at the registration desk. Name badges must be worn at all times during the conference and in the exhibition area.

RECORDING OF SESSIONS

Taking photographs, filming and recording are forbidden in all sessions.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates of attendance will be distributed after noon on Monday 25 May at the registration desk and through the website after the conference. You will need your registration number (given in your confirmation letter and on your name badge) to log on for this service.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The organisers have applied for 27 CME (Continuing Medical Education) credits for full attendance to the European Accreditation Council for continuing Medical Education (EACCME). The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physicians' Recognition Award (PRA). Delegates wishing to claim CME points must fill in the CME evaluation form in the delegate wallet and hand it in at the registration desk.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Lunch boxes, coffee and tea during official breaks are included in the registration fee and will be served in the exhibition area on Sunday-Tuesday.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference will be English.

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TRANSPORTATION

Travelling to Vienna

By air: Vienna Airport (airport code VIE) is 15 km (8 miles) from the city centre of Vienna. A taxi takes 20-30 minutes depending on the traffic for a fare of €20-25. There is an excellent connection by fast train called "CAT" which departs for Wien Mitte every 30 minutes and takes approximately 16 minutes. Return ticket cost: €15 and single ticket: €8. The cheapest way to get to and from the airport is by S-Bahn 7 (Federal Railway System - ÖBB). This terminates at Wien-Nord (Praterstern), passing through Wien-Mitte, and takes around 25 minutes.

By rail: The 3 main stations serving Vienna are Westbahnhof, Südbahnhof and Franz-Josefs-Bahnhof. The stations are connected to Vienna's public transport system by U-Bahn, tram and bus services.

Bus connections: Vienna Airport Line buses can be taken to and from the centre of Vienna (Schwedenplatz/Morzinplatz) and other destinations in Vienna. Journey time: approximately 25-35 minutes.

Travelling to the Reed Messe

Underground (U-Bahn) from Wien Mitte: U4 (green line) to "Schottenring" then U2 (violet line) to "Messe Prater" or "Krieau".

Underground (U-Bahn) from Wien-Nord (Praterstern): U2 (violet line) to "Messe Prater" or "Krieau".

Taxi: From the city centre the journey takes between 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the traffic.

Free public transport pass

All delegates and accompanying persons are offered a public transport pass. To receive your pass please exchange the voucher included in your registration documents for the pass at the information desk at the conference.

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It is not authorised for external scientific and social events to be organised during the official hours of the conference programme, which includes the scientific programme (including the satellite symposia), the opening ceremony and reception, conference party and the cultural event/football tournament. Transportation to social events may not depart during the official programme (including the satellite symposia).



TOURIST INFORMATION

As a popular tourist destination Vienna has an excellent tourist information service, which includes the following:

- Detailed information about Vienna - culture, tourism, sights of interest, transport, accommodation, restaurants etc
- Tourist information about Austria - historic monuments, castles, museums, galleries, exhibitions, trades, festivals
- Tickets for concerts, theatres and other cultural events
- Public transport passes, postcards, stamps, telephone cards
- Vienna City Card (featuring free travel on public transport, discounts and free offers at museums, cultural venues, theatres, leisure facilities, night-clubs, shops, restaurants and entertainments, other services and unique means of transport).

Please see www.aboutvienna.org and www.wien.info for details

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

The temperature in May should be quite warm - about 21°C.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, stores, cafes and restaurants. Be prepared to present a picture ID when using a credit card.

ATMs/cash machines:

Bankomats (ATMs) offer a convenient way of withdrawing Euros on a credit or debit card. Most banks have these machines, and all major cards are accepted (be sure to have your PIN code).

The most common credit card in Austria is Visa, but you should have no problem finding ATMs that accept Mastercard or American Express as well.

Banks & bureaux de change:

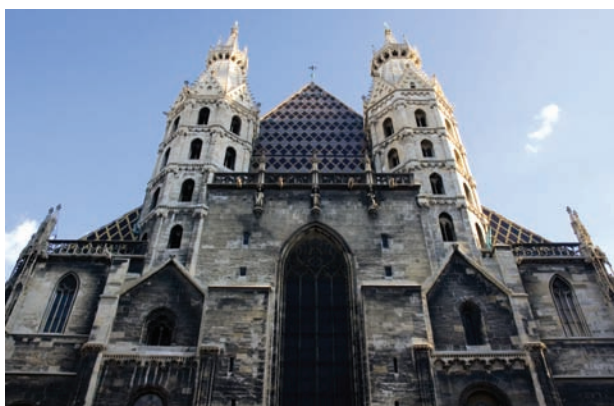
Most banks are open from Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 15:00 and 17:30 on Thursday. There are numerous cash machines throughout the city and the plentiful bureaux de change are open weekends.

CURRENCY

The local currency is the Euro (EUR / €). 1€ = 100 cents.

ELECTRICITY

Austria, like most other European countries, has 220-volt AC, 50Hz current and uses two-pin continental plugs. Visitors from the UK will need an adaptor for electric appliances, whereas North Americans need a transformer in order to use their 110/125V appliances.



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Fire	122
Police	133
Ambulance	144
Doctor	141
European SOS	112

LANGUAGE

German is the official language in Austria. French and English are common in hotels and tourist places.

OPENING HOURS

Most shops are open 09:00 to 18:00 and till 17:00 on Saturdays in the main cities. Many of the shops are open on Sundays in Vienna.

TIME

Austria follows Central European Time (CET) which is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST). At the time of the conference summer daylight saving will be in operation which is two hours ahead of GMT.

TIPPING

Service is normally included in restaurant, hotel and taxi bills, so any further tip should only be given for exceptionally good service. It is not uncommon, however, to round up the bill.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

A travel insurance policy to cover theft, loss and medical problems is recommended. The organisers will not be held liable for illness, accidents or thefts suffered by participants or accompanying persons during the conference or their stay in Austria before or after the conference.

VISA

If you are an EU citizen, you must either present a passport or an ID card valid for the duration of your stay in order to enter Austria for tourist visits of up to three months. Citizens of other countries must have a valid passport. Some non-EU citizens are required to produce a visa. Please contact your travel agent or the nearest Austrian diplomatic post for further information. Should you need a letter of invitation to register to obtain an Entry Visa, please contact MCI (*see page 4*). Please note that we cannot enter into correspondence with the Austrian authorities on your behalf and any invitation letter does not imply any financial liability on our part.





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FUTURE ECTS MEETINGS



36th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues VIENNA, AUSTRIA

23-27 MAY 2009 Abstract deadline: 12 January 2009
in association with the awarding of the **2009 International Research Prize** of the Austrian Society for Bone and Mineral Research

37th European Symposium on Calcified Tissues
GLASGOW, UK, 26-30 JUNE 2010

Membership

The European Calcified Tissue Society is the major organisation in Europe for researchers and clinicians working in the field of calcified tissues and related fields. For almost 50 years the Society has acted as a forum for broad-ranging high quality research through its annual meetings and workshops. The Society's strength lies in its members and we invite you to join them. Benefits of membership include reduced subscription to the journals *Calcified Tissue International* and *Osteoporosis International*. Membership is open to anyone working in the field at whatever stage in their career and from anywhere in the world.

Benefits of joining the ECTS:

- Special members' subscription rates to *Calcified Tissue International* and *Osteoporosis International*
- Substantially reduced registration fee for ECTS meetings, courses and workshops
- The option of being actively involved with the running and organisation of the ECTS
- A chance to contribute to the development of the field of calcified tissues in Europe and beyond
- Access to ECTS grants and awards

How do I join?

Simply apply through the ECTS website at www.ectsoc.org.

Alternatively, application forms are available from the ECTS office at the address shown below.

Training Courses

NEW - PhD Training – visit the website for more details.

ECTS aims to provide training courses and practical sessions throughout Europe to enable its members to benefit from an exchange of information and develop practical techniques.

Details on the current training programme are available from the ECTS website at www.ectsoc.org

ECTS Grants and Awards

Full details on all grants and awards, including deadline dates, available from the ECTS website at www.ectsoc.org

ECTS/Amgen Bone Biology Fellowship – 3-year fellowship programme

ELIGIBILITY: Any clinician or scientist working in the field of bone biology. Must be a member of ECTS.

AMOUNT: €125,000 over 3 years

ECTS Career Establishment Award – to assist newly-appointed faculty members in launching a successful research career

ELIGIBILITY: Must be within 3 years of being appointed to first faculty position, a member of ECTS and working within a European Institution

AMOUNT: €50,000 over 2-3 years

ECTS Exchange Grants – to enable researchers to spend up to 3 months in a host laboratory to learn a new technique not used in the home laboratory, or for medical doctors to attend clinical trials

ELIGIBILITY: No age limit, but must be a member of ECTS

AMOUNT: Depends on anticipated costs and length of stay

ECTS/Alliance for Better Bone Health Iain T Boyle Award – for scientists who have made significant progress within the field of bone and calcified tissues

ELIGIBILITY: Within 10 years of attaching PhD or equivalent and member of ECTS

AMOUNT: €5000

ECTS New Investigator and Travel Awards – awarded to the highest-scoring abstracts submitted to ECTS annual meetings

ELIGIBILITY: ECTS member within 3 years of attaining PhD/MD

AMOUNT: New Investigator Awards - €750;
Travel awards dependent on anticipated travel costs

ECTS/Servier Fellowship – To assist with research expenses, in particular for osteoporosis research projects of significant value on the pathophysiology of osteoporosis

ELIGIBILITY: European ECTS member within 10 years of attaining PhD/MD

AMOUNT: €40,000 over 2 years

ECTS PhD Studentships – To assist European PhD students with their research project expenses

ELIGIBILITY: Must be within 1st year of PhD studies and a European ECTS member

AMOUNT: €75,000 over a period of 3 years

ECTS Postdoctoral Fellowships – To assist European Postdocs with expenses relating to their own research project, which must be relevant to the field of calcified tissues.

ELIGIBILITY: European ECTS member within 10 years of gaining PhD/MD

AMOUNT: €60,000 over a period of 2 years

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