



# 29<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology

Pathology for Patient Care

**2 – 6 September 2017** Amsterdam RAI, The Netherlands

> Preliminary Programme Call for Abstracts

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## Welcome Address

Dear Colleague,

The European Society of Pathology would like to invite you to Amsterdam, The Netherlands, for the 29th European Congress of Pathology (ECP 2017). It will be held from 2 to 6 September 2017 at the Amsterdam RAI. Join us for an energetic congress that will update you on all aspects of diagnostic and molecular pathology.

The motto of the congress – Pathology for Patient Care – will highlight the added value of the pathology science and discipline in providing care and improving health outcomes for patients and population.

The scientific programme will focus on the central role of pathology and its current clinical applications, translational research, near-future innovations and the longer perspectives of paradigm shifts (integrated 'omics' care). High-throughput assays, bioinformatics and precision diagnostics will pervade the programme more than ever.

ECP 2017 will also provide a unique occasion for updating our knowledge in pathology through up-to-date teaching courses highlighting news and views in diagnostic pathology.

Moreover, the ECP 2017 will provide a platform for mingle & meet, between pathologists and scientists alike, from all over the world.

Amsterdam, cultural hub & hotspot in the Netherlands, will provide an enticing stage (with its spider web-like canals and 1,000 bridges) for networking with colleagues and congress participants.

Counterpoints to give your brain a break will be amply provided by Amsterdam. Get on a bus, a tram, a bicycle or simply walk downtown. Its cafés and restaurants will bring you into a communicative mood to enjoy some 'liquid bites' with 'bitterballen', to reinvigorate after many lectures and get the conversation flowing.

We look forward to welcoming you and spending a great time in Amsterdam.

Prof. Pierre Bedossa President of the European Society of Pathology

Prof. Folkert van Kemenade Chair of the Local Organising Committee of ECP 2017



Pierre Bedossa



Folkert van Kemenade



## **Committees and Organisers**

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ESP Working Groups: Han van Krieken, The Netherlands

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- 4. Dermatopathology Chair: T. Brenn, UK
- 5. Digestive Diseases Pathology Chair: J.-F. Fléjou, France Secretary: C. Sempoux, Switzerland
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- 7. Endocrine Pathology

  Chair: O. Nilsson, Sweden
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  8. Gynaecological Pathology

  Chair: M. R. Raspollini, Italy
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  9. Head and Neck Pathology
- Chair: A. Franchi, Italy Secretary: N. Zidar, Slovenia
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- **12. IT (Computational)** Chair: K. Kayser, Germany
- **13. Molecular Pathology** Chair: G. Stanta, Italy Secretary: G. Hoefler, Austria
- 14. Nephropathology Chair: K. Amann, Germany Secretary: H. Hopfer, Switzerland
- **15. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology** Chair: P. Borralho Nunes, Portugal Secretary: I. Colmenero, Spain
- **16. Pathology in Favour of Developing Countries** Chair: S. Guzzetti, Italy Secretary: G. de Falco, Italy
- **17. Pulmonary Pathology** Chair: F. Calabrese, Italy Secretary: I. Kern, Slovenia
- 18. Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology Chair: P. C. W. Hogendoorn, The Netherlands Secretary: F. Le Loarer, France
- **19. Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology** Chair: A. Marx, Germany
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- 5. Paediatric Pathology President: P. Borralho Nunes, Portugal



## About the ESP

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ESP

The European Society of Pathology (ESP) was established in 1963 in Brussels and is a leading force in European pathology and, as such, is pivotal to the future of the specialty in Europe and beyond. As a scientific society, the ESP has, as its primary aim, the promotion of high quality diagnostic practice, applied and translational research and under- and postgraduate education in the field of human pathology. This is achieved through its congresses, its journal Virchows Archiv and various other activities. The ESP interacts with national pathology societies in Europe and has developed links with other EU bodies in close collaboration with UEMS (Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes) and EAPCP (European Association of Pathology Chairs and Programme Directors). The European School of Pathology under the auspices of the ESP and with the support of 20 Working Groups representing different fields of pathology is involved in the organisation of courses to meet the needs of young pathologists. The ESP also provides an infrastructure for quality assurance projects in diagnostic molecular pathology, such as the ESP QA programmes project for testing of colon and lung cancer.

#### Office of the ESP

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The App is completely free and provides iPhone/iPad and Android users at the congress in Amsterdam with on-the-go access to the congress' most exciting interactive features.



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## Colour Legend

#### **COLOURS AND ABBREVIATION CODES OF SESSIONS**

HIST

#### Working Group Sessions

AUT	Autopsy Pathology
BREAST	Breast pathology
CARD	Cardiovascular pathology
СҮТО	Cytopathology
DEVEL	Pathology in favour of developing countries
DERM	Dermatopathology
DIGE	Digestive diseases pathology
EM	Electron microscopy
ENDO	Endocrine pathology
GYNAE	Gynaecological pathology
HAEMA	Haematopathology
H&N	Head and neck pathology
	iness Meeting note Lecture

**OFP** • Oral Free Paper Session

11131	Thistory of pathology
INFE	Infectious diseases pathology
п	IT in pathology
МОРА	Molecular pathology
NEPH	Nephropathology
NEURO	Neuropathology
ОРНТН	Ophthalmic pathology
PAED	Paediatric and perinatal pathology
PULM	Pulmonary pathology
SO-TI	Soft tissue and bone pathology
тнүм	Thymic and mediastinal pathology
URO	Uropathology
SPEC > S	Short Course Special Session Slide Seminar

History of pathology

#### **Special Sessions**

KEYNOTE	Keynote lecture
SPEC	Special session ESP
DS	Special session Dutch Society
TR	Trainees' session
IT	IT Symposium
мв	Molecular Biologists Symposium

#### **Cooperating Societies/Associations**

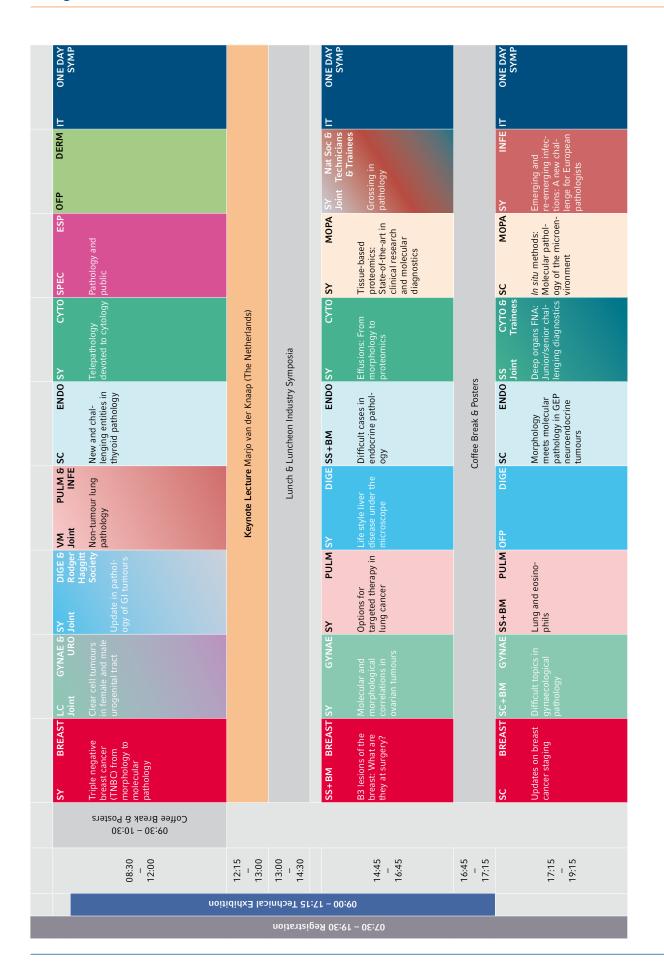
AORTIC and APOF, ESCMID, ESUP, European National Societies affiliated to the ESP, ESMO, IAP, ICCR, Rodger Haggitt Society, UEG

SY	Symposium	
TR	Trainee Session	
VM	Videomicroscopy	

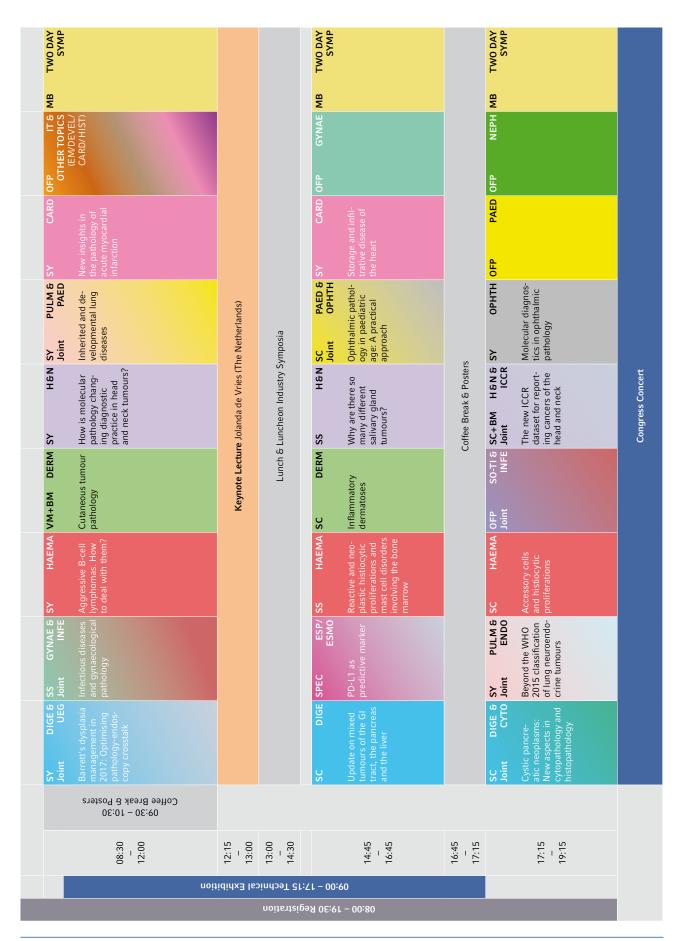
## Programme Schedule > SATURDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2017

16:00 – 20:00 Registration
19:00 – 22:00 OPENING CEREMONY and WELCOME RECEPTION
20:00 – 22:00 Technical Exhibition





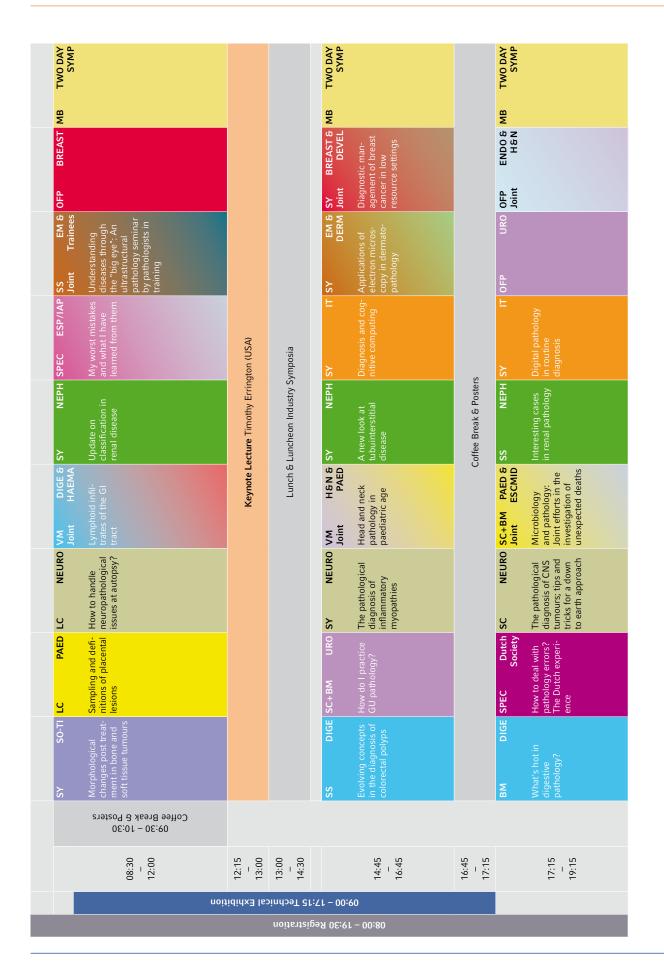
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### Programme Schedule > MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

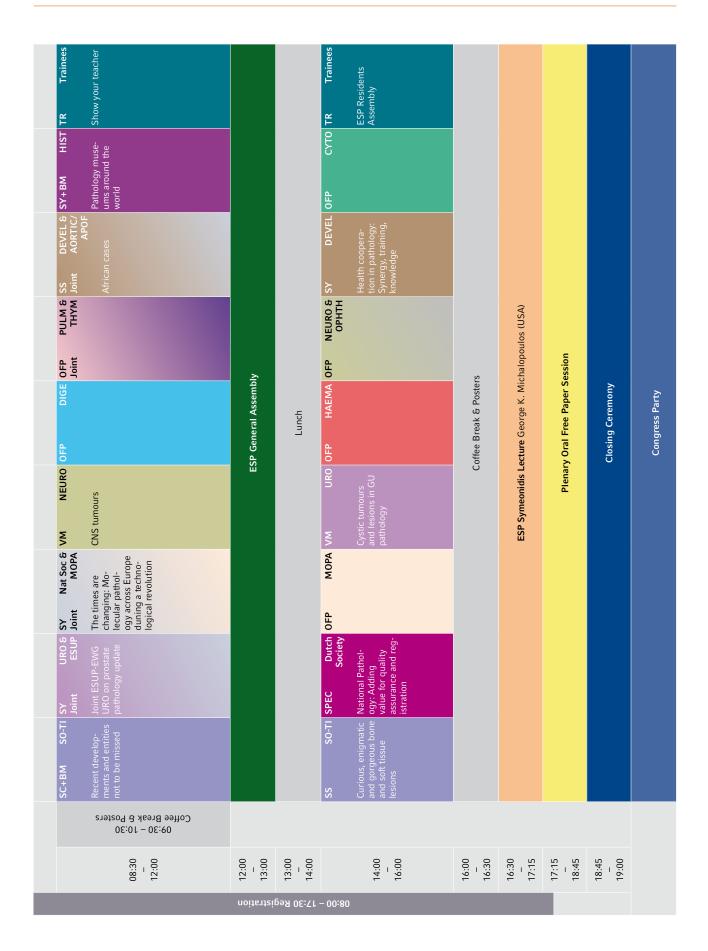






### Programme Schedule > TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2017





## Programme Schedule > wednesday, 6 SEPTEMBER 2017



## Further Sessions

#### **• ONE DAY SYMPOSIUM FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)**

The ECP 2017 will again feature a **One Day Symposium** for Information Technology (IT). The symposium will take place on Sunday, 3 September 2017 and will contain

ambitious and contemporary topics. Further information will be available online at **www.esp-congress.org.** 

#### **TWO DAY SYMPOSIUM FOR MOLECULAR BIOLOGISTS (MB)**

For the third time in a row, the ESP is happy to announce that the **Two Day Symposium for Molecular Biologists involved in Molecular Pathology Diagnostics and Research** will broaden the spectrum of the European Congress of Pathology.

The symposium will take place on Monday, 4 September and Tuesday, 5 September 2017 and will address current practice and new developments of molecular diagnostics within pathology.

The presentations will be interactive with participation of the audience and there will be ample time for discussions. The sessions will focus primarily on the interests of molecular biologists working in pathology molecular diagnostics and research. However, pathologists and other participants are more than welcome to join this symposium!

#### **Topics include:**

- 1. NGS based T and B lymphocyte clonality analysis
- 2. New WHO guidelines for the classification of lymphoid neoplasms: role for molecular diagnostics
- 3. Biomarkers for checkpoint inhibitors
- 4. Resistance mechanisms for checkpoint inhibitors
- 5. Application of RNA sequencing in pathology
- 6. Classification of mutations
- 7. Bio-informatics and multiple parameter modelling

## Organisers of the Two Day Symposium for Molecular Biologists:

- Sabine Merkelbach-Bruse, Germany
- Marjolijn Ligtenberg, The Netherlands
- Patricia Groenen, The Netherlands
- Frederick Klauschen, Germany
- Danny Goudkade, The Netherlands
- Winand Dinjens, The Netherlands

Further information will also be available online at **www.esp-congress.org.** 

#### REGISTRATION FEES

(for ECP delegates the symposia are included in the registration fee)

Registration and payment received	by 3 July 2017 EUR	after 3 July 2017 EUR
IT Symposium (3 September 2017)	75,00	100,00
Molecular Biologists Symposium (4/5 September 2017)	150,00	200,00



## Call for Abstracts

#### SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee invites you to participate actively in this congress which will be an extraordinary occasion for the exchange of thoughts and experiences. We look forward to receiving abstracts **online** for consideration and inclusion in the scientific programme as oral or poster presentation.

The submitted abstracts should give a brief description of the title and topic. All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the working groups and/or the Scientific Committee. The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the relevance to ESP, standard of English, objectivity of statement, description of what was done, suitability of methods to aims, conclusions confirmed by objective results, ethics, scientific value, potential clinical value, originality of work and overall impression.

All accepted abstracts will be published in an abstract book which is a supplement to Virchows Archiv, and online on the congress website **www.esp-congress.org**.

Detailed instructions regarding the electronic submission procedure can be found on the website.

The deadline for abstract submission is **5 April 2017**.

#### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

- ► A maximum of 5 abstracts per author will be accepted for submission. Additional submissions will not be considered (without further notice).
- An abstract which has been previously published can not be submitted, unless there are new methods, findings, updated data or other acceptable reasons for submitting.
- Abstracts are to be submitted in English, the official language of the 29<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology, should not exceed 200 words and be structured in the following specified subtitles: Objective, Methods, Results and Conclusion.
- Case reports should also be structured as much as possible following the aforementioned categories. If not possible, the authors should upload the abstracts using the most appropriate categories (in the respective text boxes in the submission form).
- The abstract submission constitutes a formal commitment by the author to present the corresponding presentation in the session and time slot assigned by the Scientific Committee.

- Changes in authorship should be communicated to the Scientific Committee in order to ensure correct appearance in the printed programme.
- If the author is unable to present his poster or has more than 2 poster presentations on one day, one of the coauthors should take over this responsibility. The change of the presenting author needs to be communicated to the Scientific Committee.
- Registration to the Congress is compulsory to be able to present the abstract and get it published in the abstract book – and must be completed by 29 June 2017. If the speaker fails to register and pay before 29 June 2017, his/her abstract will be excluded from the scientific programme and publication in Virchows Archiv.
- If a delegate has registered upon the condition that his/ her abstract is accepted and the abstract is rejected, the registration fee will be refunded. The acceptance of abstracts by the Scientific Committee does not imply any financial assistance or fee reduction.
- Notification of acceptance or rejection by the Scientific Committee will be mailed to the presenting author. Detailed information in which format the abstract is accepted (poster presentation or oral presentation), guidelines and recommendations for poster presentation, oral presentation as well as time allotment, date, hour, and venue will be sent in due time to registered presenting authors.

## GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

- Please choose a title that clearly indicates the content of the contribution.
- Please avoid abbreviations in the title. Abbreviations may be used in the text if they are defined when used first.
- The author's name (full first name, family name) and place of work (institution, city, country) should be indicated. Degrees, titles, street addresses and acknowledgements of support should be omitted, however.
- To provide maximum information in the abstract please
- state the specific objective of the study
- state the methods used, if pertinent
- summarise the results obtained
- state the conclusions reached
- ensure that the abstract does not contain spelling, grammar or scientific errors, as it will be reproduced exactly as submitted.



## Call for Abstracts

#### **TOPICS**

When submitting an abstract, please choose one of the following topics:

- 1. Breast Pathology
- 2. Cardiovascular Pathology
- 3. Cytopathology
- 4. Dermatopathology
- 5. Digestive Diseases Pathology
  - GI Pathology
  - Liver and Pancreas
- 6. Electron Microscopy
- 7. Endocrine Pathology
- 8. Gynaecological Pathology
- 9. Haematopathology
- 10. Head and Neck Pathology
- 11. History of Pathology
- 12. Infectious Diseases Pathology
- 13. IT in Pathology
- 14. Molecular Pathology
- 15. Nephropathology
- 16. Neuropathology
- 17. Ophthalmic Pathology
- 18. Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology
- 19. Pathology in Favour of Developing Countries
- 20. Pulmonary Pathology
- 21. Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology
- 22. Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology
- 23. Uropathology
- 24. Other Topics
- 25. Autopsy Pathology

#### **BURSARIES FOR THE CONGRESS**

The ESP will provide a limited number of bursaries to support the attendance of residents and trainees in pathology at the congress in Amsterdam. Bursaries include a free registration to the congress and a monetary grant of  $\notin$  150. Membership of the ESP and submission of an abstract are required. A CV, proof of residency and a supporting letter – to explain why the bursary is needed – have to be submitted during the application process.

Please visit **www.esp-congress.org** to apply for a bursary. The application deadline is **5 April 2017**.

## Poster Sessions Continuing Medical Education (CME)

#### POSTER SESSIONS

Poster sessions will be held from Sunday, 3 September to Wednesday, 6 September 2017 in Hall 3 of Amsterdam RAI.

These sessions offer an effective forum for the exchange of information and a means to communicate ideas, research, and programmes. Poster authors will be required to be available for questions and further information at their poster board during the morning session break (09:30 – 10:30) from Sunday to Wednesday. At this congress, posters will be grouped by topic for the convenience of those attending the sessions.

#### CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)

The ESP is seeking approval from the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide CME credits for the scientific programme of the congress. These credits are recognised by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). More detailed information will become available prior to the congress on the congress website **www.esp-congress.org**.



## **Congress Registration**

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration and payment received	by 3 April 2017 EUR	by 3 July 2017 EUR	after 3 July 2017 EUR
ESP Member*	440,00	550,00	660,00
Non-Member	600,00	700,00	810,00
Resident**	200,00	260,00	370,00
Accompanying Person <ul> <li>of an ESP Member</li> <li>of a Non-Member</li> </ul>	60,00 80,00	60,00 80,00	60,00 80,00

\* In good standing (membership fee for 2017 paid)

Please note that the member fee can only be granted if you are a member of the ESP at the time of registration.

If you are not a member yet, you need to apply for membership first and once you have received your ESP membership confirmation, you can register at the member fee.

\*\* For residents under 40 (i.e. born after 7 September 1977). The resident status must be confirmed by a formal declaration from the Head of Department or the responsible for the training programme. The confirmation needs to be written on formal letter paper of your institute with stamp and signature.

## Please register online for the 29<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology.

## **Registration Fee for ESP Members, Non-Members and Residents includes:**

- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Admission to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Admission to poster exhibition and technical exhibition
- Congress material (delegate bag, final programme, abstract book, etc.)

#### **Registration Fee for Accompanying Persons includes:**

- Admission to Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Half day city sightseeing tour of Amsterdam

Please note that accompanying persons do not have access to the scientific sessions, the poster exhibition and the technical exhibition.

Participants who would like to register on-site are advised to arrive early. On-site registration does not necessarily entitle the participants to receive a delegate bag and abstract document. On-site registration will be handled on a first-come, firstserved basis; priority will be given to pre-registered delegates.

#### CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of the registration and the corresponding payment, the congress office will send a confirmation to the participant which also serves as an invoice. Please present this confirmation of registration at the congress counter when picking up your congress material.

#### WHO IS WHO

Their consent provided, delegates will be given the possibility to have their name, institution, city and country listed in the list of participants published on the internet. Upon request a direct link to the homepage of the participant or his/her institution can be installed.

#### **PAYMENT**

When registering for the 29<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology, please arrange payment of the registration fee. All payments must be made in EUR. You can choose between two forms of payment. We strongly recommend credit card payment as charges for bank transfers may apply twice, once in the country of origin and a second time in the target country.

- Credit card (AMEX, Eurocard/Mastercard, VISA)
- Bank transfer to the congress bank account: CPO HANSER SERVICE GmbH w/ECP 2017 Deutsche Bank PGK AG Address of the bank: Bismarckstr. 68, 10627 Berlin, Germany BIC: DEUT DEDB BER IBAN: DE45 1007 0024 0586 1836 17

#### CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of cancellation, please notify the congress office CPO HANSER SERVICE in writing only. A full refund (minus an administrative charge of EUR 100,00) will be given for cancellations received by **20 May 2017**. After 20 May 2017, no refunds will be given.



## **Congress Information**

#### **CONGRESS VENUE**

Amsterdam RAI Exhibition & Convention Centre (Entrance G) Europaplein 1078 GZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### **CONGRESS COUNTER**

The Congress Counter will be located in the Diamond Lounge of the Amsterdam RAI.

#### **Opening hours**

Saturday, 2 Sept 2017	▶ 16:00 - 20:00
Sunday, 3 Sept 2017	▶ 07:30 - 19:30
Monday, 4 Sept 2017	▶ 08:00 - 19:30
Tuesday, 5 Sept 2017	▶ 08:00 - 19:30
Wednesday, 6 Sept 2017	▶ 08:00 - 17:30

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#### TECHNICAL EXHIBITION

The 29<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology will be accompanied by a major technical exhibition taking place in Hall 3 of Amsterdam RAI. Potential exhibitors can request an exhibition/sponsoring brochure from the exhibition office, CPO HANSER SERVICE GmbH.

E-mail: ecp-amsterdam@cpo-hanser.de

#### **Exhibition hours**

Saturday, 2 Sept 2017	▶ 20:00 - 22:00
Sunday, 3 Sept 2017	▶ 09:00 - 17:15
Monday,4 Sept 2017	▶ 09:00 - 17:15
Tuesday, 5 Sept 2017	▶ 09:00 - 17:15

#### CONGRESS INFORMATION SYSTEM

For the 29<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology, the web based Congress Information System CO CONGRESS ONLINE<sup>®</sup> has been installed: www.esp-congress.org.

Prior to the congress, CO CONGRESS  $\mathsf{ONLINE}^{\circledast}$  will provide information on:

- Preparation of the congress
- List of topics
- Call for abstracts
- Keynote speakers
- Preliminary scientific programme
- Accepted abstracts
- Satellite symposia
- List of exhibitors
- Social programme
- Tours
- Congress venue
- City of Amsterdam
- Hotel accommodation
- Travel to Amsterdam
- Special news

#### FINAL PROGRAMME AND ABSTRACTS

The final programme and abstracts will be published on the internet at CO CONGRESS ONLINE<sup>®</sup> prior to the congress. This enables each participant to create her/his personal congress programme schedule. CO CONGRESS ONLINE<sup>®</sup> offers an extensive congress service. Abstracts will also be published in an abstract book which is a supplement to Virchows Archiv. Participants will receive a copy of the final programme and the abstract book with the congress material.



## **Congress Information**

#### CONGRESS WEBSITE

Further and updated information will be available on the internet at www.esp-congress.org.

#### CONGRESS LANGUAGE

The official language of the 29<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology is English.

#### **LETTER OF INVITATION**

The congress organisation will be pleased to send a formal letter of invitation to delegates requesting an invitation letter for visa purposes. You can apply for an invitation letter online during the registration process on the congress website. The letters will be sent as e-mail attachments. It is understood that such an invitation is intended to help potential delegates to raise funds or to obtain a visa. This does not imply a commitment from the congress to provide any financial support.

#### VISA

The entry formalities for the Netherlands vary according to the country of origin.

Congress delegates are asked to address enquiries about entry and vaccination requirements to the travel agent or to the local Dutch consulate in the home country.

#### INSURANCE

The congress fee does not include insurance. All participants should arrange for their own insurance. Health and accident insurance is recommended and has to be purchased in your country of origin.

#### CURRENCY

The official currency of the Netherlands is the Congress payments will be accepted only in Euro.

#### CHILDREN @ ECP

Unfortunately, children can neither be allowed into the scientific sessions nor into the Industry Exhibition, as the ECP is a congress for health professionals.

#### CLIMATE IN AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam has a mild oceanic climate. The day-time temperature in early September ranges between 10 and 20 °C. Rain is possible.

#### CITY OF AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam - town with fan-shaped canals, city where Spinoza and Descartes once lived, place of free thinkers and merchants, town with metropolitan features, attractive destination for young people. Its rich and poignant history can be admired during a boat ride in its 17th century circular canals (Unesco World Heritage), at the Anne Frank House, the Rijksmuseum, the van Gogh Museum and, conveniently around the corner, the Stedelijk Museum. Be cool and visit 'Noord' with its movie museum ('eye'), grand cafés and revolving building. Concertgebouw or Opera: plan in advance. On the spot: many stages or theaters in town. Drink beer, eat French fries with mayonnaise or, if you insist, go inside a 'coffee shop'. Amsterdam will impress you with its modernity among history and its notorious tradition of not being traditional. Long ago, the government deemed it safer to rule from The Hague. But like everybody likes to be in Amsterdam, even the Monarch has its own residence in town. Now it is your turn.





## Travel to Amsterdam/Hotels in Amsterdam

#### AIR TRAVEL TO AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam RAI is only a 15 minute journey away from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport by car, taxi and public transport. On leaving the baggage reclaim area, you enter Schiphol Plaza, and you can follow the sign posts to find the trains, taxis, shuttle buses, and car rental. Schiphol train station is located directly underneath the airport. From here, intercities and regular trains of Nederlandse Spoorwegen (Dutch Railways – NS) can take you to Amsterdam Central Station, Amsterdam Zuid-WTC and Amsterdam RAI. Train tickets are available at the ticket office in the airport's main hall and yellow ticket machines. The Connexxion shuttle bus, some hotel shuttle busses, as well as Connexxion bus 197 will take you to the centre of Amsterdam.

#### JOURNEY TO AMSTERDAM BY CAR

The RAI is immediately signposted on roads signs on the ring road drivers end up on after approaching Amsterdam from the A1 motorway (Amersfoort/Amsterdam), the A2 (Utrecht/Amsterdam) or the A4 (Den Haag [The Hague]/Amsterdam). RAI Amsterdam is situated right next to the ring road (Exit 9). The RAI's car parks are signposted immediately after leaving the ring road.

#### **Parking Information**

The multi-storey carpark at the RAI is easily accessible thanks to its location next to the A10 highway by Exit 9 and has 2,500 parking spaces. The fee is  $\notin$  18,00 per 24 hours. More information:

https://www.rai.nl/en/rai-amsterdam/route-and-accessibility/own-transportation/.

#### TRAVEL TO AMSTERDAM BY TRAIN

If you arrive at Amsterdam Central Station (CS), you can take the metro 51 or tram 4 to the RAI. If you arrive at the Amstel station, you can take the metro 51 or the busses 62 or 65, which will take you to the RAI. From Amsterdam Sloterdijk station, the best way to reach the RAI is with express tram 50. The Amsterdam RAI railway station is 300 metres from the RAI and has direct connections with Duivendrecht, Amsterdam Amstel, Amsterdam Zuid and Schiphol railway stations, which are linked to the international InterCity network. Follow the signs Amsterdam RAI when you leave the station.

#### **HOW TO GET AROUND**

Amsterdam boasts an impressive public transport network including metros, buses, trams, ferries and trains to help you get around the capital. Trams are common in Amsterdam, with routes heading out from the centre in all directions. Trams are ideal for short journeys around the city centre, as well as for traveling to other districts. Amsterdam's metro runs underneath the centre from Central Station to the outer districts. Amsterdam operates a full bus network, which will take you anywhere you have to go. Behind Central Station, ferries hustle their way across the River IJ, transporting passengers to various locations in the north of Amsterdam. Some specialist ferries also travel along the river to other districts of the city.

#### HOW TO GET TO THE CONVENTION CENTRE

Tram route 4 runs between the centre of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Centraal and the RAI (stop at Europaplein). From the Amstel railway station you can reach the RAI via metro 51 or bus route 65. Metro 51 also runs to Amsterdam Central Station.

#### HOTELS IN AMSTERDAM



CPO HANSER SERVICE GmbH has reserved a large number of hotel rooms in various hotels in different price categories in Amsterdam. The majority of the hotel rooms are located close to Amsterdam RAI.

Reservations will be possible via **CO** Hotel**Online**<sup>®</sup> on the website **www.esp-congress.org**. Bookings by email or telephone cannot be accepted.

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2 September 2017	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
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