FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF COLOPROCTOLOGY (ESCP)

Prague Congress Centre
23-26 September 2009

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Abstract submissions available online now at www.escp.eu.com
Abstract deadline date Sunday 10 May 2009
Early registration deadline Friday 24 July 2009
Accommodation deadline Friday 24 July 2009

ESCP Platinum Sponsors for 2009

Visit www.escp.eu.com for further information and to register on-line
Dear Colleague

We are pleased to invite you to the fourth ESCP Scientific and Annual General Meeting at the Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic. ESCP is dedicated to promoting and advancing the science, knowledge and practice of Coloproctology with high quality multidisciplinary annual clinical and scientific meetings.

Our programme this year commences with a choice of pre-meeting workshops on Wednesday 23 September. The popular Core Subject Update is back and in addition there will be an Anorectal & Pelvic Floor Ultrasound Course. The official opening on Thursday morning will be followed by a video-surgery session using video presentations by invited presenters with interactive chairmanship and discussion from the floor.

There will be five “State of the Art” lectures delivered by recognized experts in the field, each followed by discussion. The symposia will cover a wide range of topics including hereditary cancer, diverticular disease, colonic cancer, an IBD update and pelvic floor. As usual the meeting will also include the Six Best Papers and “Consultants’ Corner”.

The number of Free Paper and Oral Poster presentations has been increased from 83 selected in Nantes in 2008 to 114 this year. These will take place in parallel sessions, so that all main symposia and keynote lectures will be held in plenary sessions for the first time. A new feature of this year’s meeting is the Trials Symposium in which trials currently in progress will be discussed. These will be selected on merit by the ESCP Research Committee. Submitted trial abstracts will also be included in the Colorectal Disease supplement this year.

Since medieval times, Prague has been recognised as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. In 1992, the historical centre of the city was listed in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Register and was one of nine European cities awarded the title European City of Culture 2000 by the Council of EC ministers. Besides its history, the city offers many other attractions including excellent cuisine.

We hope very much that you will join us, and that you will bring family and friends! The social programme includes a great selection of tours for partners to enjoy during the meeting and also ideas for you to extend your stay.

We look forward to seeing you in Prague in September.

Tomas Skříčka
President

Ronan O’Connell
Secretary

John Nicholls
Program Committee

REGISTRATION & CONGRESS MANAGEMENT

ESCP Secretariat
c/o Integrity International Events
The Coach House
7 St. Alban’s Road
Edinburgh EH9 2PA, UK

Tel: +44 131 624 6040
Fax: +44 131 624 6045
E-mail: info@escp.eu.com
### IMPORTANT NOTE

Prague hotels, and especially those located within walking distance of the Congress Centre, are in high demand from corporate clients in September. A variety of hotel rooms have been booked for ESCP through our local representatives Czech-In and can be booked online at [www.escp.eu.com](http://www.escp.eu.com) from Monday 16 March 2009. **We cannot emphasise strongly enough, that it is essential that you book your hotel as soon as possible, and do not wait until the last few months leading up to the conference.**

### ESCP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>President</td>
<td>Tomás Skřička</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>President Elect</td>
<td>Giovanni Romano</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>President in Waiting</td>
<td>Freddy Penninckx</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>Ronan O’Connell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>Mike Parker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program Committee Chairman</td>
<td>John Nicholls</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assistant Program Committee Chairman</td>
<td>Emmanuel Tiret</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UEMS Representative</td>
<td>Lars Påhlman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Journal Representative</td>
<td>Najib Haboubi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Research Committee Chairman</td>
<td>Søren Laurberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UEGF Representative (non-Exec)</td>
<td>Alexander Engel</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### SUB COMMITTEES

#### Scientific Program Committee

- John Nicholls (Chairman)
- Emmanuel Tiret (Assistant Chairman)
- Alexander Engel
- Najib Haboubi
- Zoran Krivokapic
- Ronan O’Connell
- Mike Parker
- Freddy Penninckx
- Giovanni Romano
- Andrew Shorthouse
- Tomás Skřička

#### Lunchtime Poster Sub-Committee

- Alexander Engel (Chairman)
- Sergey Ashkov
- Eloy Espin-Basany
- Dieter Hahnloser
- Anna Martling
- Piotr Walega

#### Research Committee

- Søren Laurberg (Chairman)
- Donato Altomare
- Willem Bemelman
- André D’Hoore
- Najib Haboubi
- Eric Rullier

#### Training Committee

- Lars Påhlman (Chairman)
- Adam Dziki
- Zoran Krivokapic
- Paul-Antoine Lehur
- Klaus Matzel
- Ronan O’Connell,
- Giovanni Romano
- Eric Rullier
- Graham Williams

#### Website Committee

- David Bartolo (Chairman)
- Aldo Infantino
- Miklos Kassai
- Jens Kirsch
- Andrew Renaut

### KEY DATES

**Sunday 10 May 2009**  
Deadline for abstract submission

**Friday 24 July 2009**  
Hotel reservation guarantee date  
Deadline for early registration

---

For full details visit [www.escp.eu.com/prague](http://www.escp.eu.com/prague)
VENUE

The venue for all sessions (including both pre-meeting courses on Wednesday) is:

Prague Congress Centre
5. kvetna 65
140 21 Praha 4
Czech Republic
Tel: +420 261 174 301
www.kcp.cz

The Congress Centre enjoys a unique location on one of Prague’s hills, and is one of the dominant features of the capital of the Czech Republic. From here you can view the wonderful panorama of Prague over the river Vltava and the surrounding widespread parks, reflecting the silhouette of Prague Castle and its many steeples and towers of churches, cathedrals, palaces, and the ancient buildings of the nearby historic centre.

CALL FOR MAIN ABSTRACTS

Abstract Deadline Date: Sunday 10 May 2009

Abstracts on any topic in Coloproctology will be considered by the Scientific Committee and may be selected for one of the following groups -

- **Group 1: the 6 best oral presentations** will be selected to be presented in a special plenary session on Thursday 24 September 2009.
- **Group 2: oral presentations** include Free Papers (7 + 3 minutes) and Oral Poster (3+2 minutes) presentations. Oral posters will also be displayed in the Poster Hall with the other posters (see below).
- **Group 3: lunchtime posters**: a further 60 posters will be selected on merit for a lunchtime poster session (30 on Thursday, 30 on Friday) when authors (or a representative) are asked to be ready for review and discussion with appointed representatives of the Scientific Committee.
- **Group 4: poster presenters**: all other accepted abstracts will be provided with further details relating to poster boards in due course; there will be no formal poster session and poster boards will be available to all delegates throughout the meeting.

Prizes for the winners of groups 1, 2 and 3 will be awarded in the main auditorium at the closing ceremony on Saturday 26 September.

TIMETABLE (ALL ABSTRACTS)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 10 May at 23:00 (CET)</td>
<td>Abstract deadline</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 11 - Friday 29 May</td>
<td>Marking and review by Scientific Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 3 June</td>
<td>Latest estimated notification date for all authors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 10 September</td>
<td>Last date for abstract author early rate eligibility</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Call for Trials Symposium Abstracts

A trials symposium will be introduced this year for the first time. Submissions are invited for **new or ongoing trials with recruitment interest**. Submissions will be reviewed by the ESCP Research Committee, the best being selected on merit for presentation of protocol during a 2-hour Trials Symposium run by the Research Committee chaired by Søren Laurberg.

Date of session: **Thursday 24 September at 08:40**

NEW FEATURE

For full details visit [www.escp.eu.com/prague](http://www.escp.eu.com/prague)
Main abstract submissions should be no longer than 200 words. You will be required to use the on-screen form provided, and you will not be able to include diagrams or graphs. Please go to www.escp.eu.com/prague

Step 1: select the “abstracts” web page
Step 2: select “Main abstracts” or “Trials symposium abstracts” to link to the online system
Step 3: register your details, enter your co-authors (in the order they should be printed)
Step 4: await confirmation by e-mail that you have registered as a user
Step 5: using the link provided, return to online submission to enter your abstract

Authors are requested to declare any commercial interest when completing details online.

Authors are kindly requested not to enter author names into the body of the abstract, please use the fields provided in the registration form. Abstracts containing authors’ names in the text box will be excluded.

Trial abstract submissions

Abstracts are invited relating to trials that are either new or ongoing but requiring further recruitment on a national or international basis.

Abstracts should be submitted using the template provided, and should be structured in the following way:

- **Background;**
- **Objectives and research questions;**
- **Methods** - Design, Inclusion/exclusion criteria, Primary and secondary outcome parameters, Group size calculation, Time frame & funding.

The format of presentations for those selected will be advised after selection.

Conference registration will be available to authors at the early registration rate until Friday 10 September. ESCP regrets that due to planning requirements, the early rate will not be available after this date and this policy will be strictly adhered to this year! If a selected author cannot attend the conference, the ESCP should be notified with the name of the replacement presenter within 48 hours.

Course in Anorectal & Pelvic Floor Ultrasound

Wednesday 23 September 2009

Course Directors: Anders Mellgren & Giulio Santoro
Venue: Prague Congress Centre: 12:00 - 18:00

An informative and practical workshop covering ultrasound for fecal incontinence, fistula, pelvic floor disorders and tumours. The workshop includes a “hands on” lab featuring anal and rectal ultrasound, ultrasound of the pelvic floor and biopsy techniques. For full details see page 7 or visit www.escp.eu.com/prague

Cost: €70 early (€45 E. Europe) and €85 late (€55 E. Europe)

Includes a light boxed lunch

Pre-booking essential, places are limited!
ESCP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Conference registrations must be completed online, via the ESCP website, and paid by credit card. Alternative methods are also mentioned on the website. To register online, please visit www.escp.eu.com. Select Prague/Registration.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CONFERENCES</th>
<th>Early Registrations received by Friday 24 July</th>
<th>Late Registrations received after Friday 24 July</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Member</td>
<td>Non-Member</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full registration</td>
<td>€410</td>
<td>€510</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full registration Eastern Europe</td>
<td>€275</td>
<td>€370</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trainee/Affiliate/Nurse</td>
<td>€275</td>
<td>€275</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One-day registration</td>
<td>€250</td>
<td>€340</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ultrasound Course</td>
<td>€70</td>
<td>€70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ultrasound Course Eastern Europe</td>
<td>€45</td>
<td>€45</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SOCIAL EVENTS</th>
<th>Early Registrations received by Friday 24 July</th>
<th>Registrations received after Friday 24 July</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Accompanying Persons Registration</td>
<td>€85</td>
<td>€100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conference dinner at St. Agnes Convent</td>
<td>€100</td>
<td>€120</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday tour A (10:00): Konopiste Castle with lunch</td>
<td>€70</td>
<td>€80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday tour B (11:00): Prague boat trip with lunch</td>
<td>€45</td>
<td>€45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday tour A (14:00): Nelahozeves Castle with dinner</td>
<td>€110</td>
<td>€125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday tour B (14:00): Prague boat trip with afternoon tea</td>
<td>€45</td>
<td>€45</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note regarding member conference rates:
ESCP member rates are available by using an access code called a “coupon code”. All those subscribed when the system goes live will be notified. Anyone paying 2009 subscription from that time will receive notification of a coupon code with e-mailed confirmation of membership. All members are asked to use the link to online registration at www.escp.eu.com/prague; the coupon code should be entered on the screen immediately after you have entered your personal details.

Please note that the cost of conference registration fees and membership combined is less than the cost of attending the conference as a non-member! To join ESCP online, visit www.escp.eu.com/join. Please contact us at info@escp.eu.com or dial +44 131 624 6040 if you need further assistance.

A number of complimentary registrations are available to medical students with an interest in coloproctology, applications should be made to info@escp.eu.com

Conference registration & tour cancellation:
in the event of cancellation of registration up to 1st August, an administrative charge of €50 will apply, and refunds will be made after the conference. We regret that we cannot make any refunds on registrations cancelled after 1st August.

Tours may be cancelled at any time up to 1st August 2009 without penalty, but after that date will be charged in full.

The registration fee includes admission to all scientific sessions (unless registered for one day only), the Core Subject Update on Wednesday, a final program and abstract book, lunch on Thursday and Friday, the welcome reception on Thursday, and a certificate of attendance with CME points (see page 11).

* Optional tours will depend on minimum levels being reached, and ESCP reserves the right to cancel these tours in September if there is insufficient demand. A full refund will be made in the unlikely event that this is necessary.
### Pre-meeting Course: Anorectal and Pelvic Floor Ultrasound

**Chairs:** Anders Mellgren (USA)  
Giulio Santoro (Italy)

- Introduction: course objectives
- US technique & image interpretation
- Normal ultrasound anatomy of the anal canal
- 2D/ 3D US evaluation of fistula & abscess
- 2D/ 3D US evaluation of fecal incontinence
- Transperineal US: technique and rationale
- Pelvic floor US: technique and normal anatomy
- US evaluation of pelvic floor disorders
- 2D/3D US preoperative staging of rectal cancer
- Pitfalls in US cancer staging
- Postoperative follow-up and biopsy technique
- How can US change the clinical decision-making?
- Patient cases & discussion with faculty

**Hands-On-Lab** 16:00 - 18:00: 30 minutes at each station
- Rectal ultrasound
- Anal ultrasound
- US guided biopsy
- Ultrasound of the pelvic floor

**Pre-meeting Course: Core Subject Update**

**Chairs:** Søren Laurberg (Denmark)  
Eric Rollier (France)

- Radiotherapy and rectal cancer
- Pruritus ani
- Analysis of trials
- Ulcerative colitis
- Advances in imaging for CRC

**Hands-On-Lab** 16:00 - 18:00: 30 minutes at each station
- Rectal ultrasound
- Anal ultrasound
- US guided biopsy
- Ultrasound of the pelvic floor

---

### EXHIBITION & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This meeting is an excellent commercial opportunity for companies wishing to exhibit their products and services relating to the field of Coloproctology. Various sponsorship opportunities are also available allowing sponsors to raise their profile by strong branding and visibility leading up to and during the event.

The exhibition will take place at the Prague Congress Centre, and the exhibition hall will be the venue for the Welcome Reception on Thursday 24th September, and also for all delegate refreshments throughout the event, offering exhibitors ample occasion to showcase products and services.

**EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS**

- **Thursday 24 September** 10:45 - 19:30  
  (welcome reception from 18:30 - 19:30)
- **Friday 25 September** 07:30 - 18:00
- **Saturday 26 September** 07:30 - 11:15

Stand build up will start on Wednesday 23 September at 08:00 and breakdown will commence at 11:15 on Saturday 26 September 2009.

**Satellite Symposia** can be arranged in conjunction with the existing program. Please contact Lindsey Whitehouse at the ESCP Secretariat. (tel: +44 131 624 6046 or e-mail lindsey.whitehouse@integrity-events.com).
### THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

#### 08:30 - 08:40
**Official Opening**  
Tomas Skříčka (President)  
Ronan O’Connell (Secretary)

#### 08:40 - 11:00
**Video Surgery**  
*Chairs:* Walter Koltun (USA), Mike Parker (UK), Tomas Skříčka (Czech Republic)
- Advancement flaps for fistula
- Proctological video
- Gluteal flap
- TRAM flap
- Colporectopexy for ODS
- Trans-STARR for full thickness prolapse
- Trans-STARR for ODS

Aldo Infantino (Italy)  
Tibor Kruzliak (Slovakia)  
Torbjörn Holm (Sweden)  
Emmanuel Tiet (France)  
Andre D’Hoore (Belgium)  
Giovanni Romano (Italy)  
Antonio Longo (Italy)

#### 08:40 - 11:00
**Parallel Session: Clinical Trials update**  
*Chairs:* Søren Laurberg (Denmark), Najib Haboubi (UK)
Presentations selected from submitted trial abstracts

#### 11:00 - 11:30
Coffee break

#### 11:30 - 12:00
**Keynote Lecture: Retrorectal Tumours**  
*Chair:* Thomas Skříčka (Czech Republic)  
John Northover (UK)

#### 12:00 - 13:00
**The Best Six Free Papers**  
*Chairs:* Peter Dawson (UK), Piotr Krakowicz (Poland)
Lunch

#### 13:00 - 14:00
**Lunchtime Poster Session**  
*Chairs:* Alexander Engel (The Netherlands), Dieter Hahnloser (Switzerland), Sergey Achkasov (Russia), Anna Martling (Sweden), Eloy Espin-Basany (Spain), Piotr Walega (Poland)
Panel review of 30 of the best 60 posters

#### 14:00 - 15:00
**Symposium: Hereditary Cancer**  
*Chair:* Adam Dziki (Poland), Robin Phillips (UK)
- Gene mutations
- Risk assessment
- HNPCC MYH surveillance and surgery

Lenka Foretova (Czech Republic)  
Salvador Pucciarelli (Italy)  
Yann Parc (France)

#### 15:00 - 15:30
**Keynote Lecture: Aetiology and Biology of Crohn’s Disease**  
*Chair:* Neil Mortensen (UK)  
Supported by a grant from the British Journal of Surgery

Walter Koltun (USA)

#### 15:30 - 16:00
Coffee break

#### 16:00 - 17:30
**Free Papers**  
*Chairs:* Mirko Omejc (Slovenia), Carlo Ratto (Italy)
**Free Papers (parallel auditorium)**  
*Chairs:* Omer Alabaz (Turkey), Matti Kairaluoma (Finland)

#### 17:30 - 18:30
**Symposium: Technical Advances**  
*Chairs:* Ronan O’Connell (Ireland)
- TEMS
- Robotics
- Transition from advanced laparoscopy to NOTES

Charles Finne (USA)  
Julio Garcia-Aguilar (USA)  
Jim Fleshmann (USA)

#### 18:30 - 19:30
Welcome Reception
### FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Session</th>
<th>Chairs</th>
<th>Panel</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>08:00 - 09:00</td>
<td><strong>Symposium: Diverticular Disease</strong></td>
<td>Ayhan Kuzu (Turkey) Asha Senapati (UK)</td>
<td>Thomas Schiedeck (Germany) Des Winter (Ireland) Gian Andrea Binda (Italy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Natural history Emergency treatment Subsequent surgery</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:00 - 10:30</td>
<td><strong>Free Papers</strong></td>
<td>Alois Fürst (Germany) Algimantas Tamelis (Lithuania)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:00 - 10:30</td>
<td><strong>Free Papers (parallel auditorium)</strong></td>
<td>Jose M Enríquez-Navascués (Spain) Yehiel Ziv (Israel)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30 - 11:00</td>
<td>Coffee break</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 - 11:30</td>
<td><strong>Keynote Lecture: Fistula in Ano</strong></td>
<td>Emmanuel Tiret (France)</td>
<td>José Roig (Spain)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:30 - 13:00</td>
<td><strong>Consultants’ Corner</strong></td>
<td>Najib Haboubi (UK Stefan Post (Germany)</td>
<td>Roberto Bergamaschi (USA) Jiří Hoch (Czech Republic) Jim Flesmann (USA) Ronan O’Connell (Ireland) Giovanni Romano (Italy) Petr Tsarkov (Russia)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13:00 - 14:00</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13:00 - 14:40</td>
<td><strong>Lunchtime Poster Session</strong></td>
<td>Alexander Engel (The Netherlands) Sergey Achkasov (Russia) Eloy Espin-Basany (Spain) Dieter Hahnloser (Switzerland) Anna Martling (Sweden) Piotr Wolega (Poland)</td>
<td>Panel review of 30 of the best 60 posters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14:00 - 15:00</td>
<td><strong>Oral Posters</strong></td>
<td>David Bartolo (UK Dujo Kovacevic (Croatia)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14:00 - 15:00</td>
<td><strong>Oral Posters (parallel auditorium)</strong></td>
<td>Rafi Labotkin (Estonia) Per J. Nilsson (Sweden)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15:00 - 15:30</td>
<td><strong>Keynote Lecture: Colonic Irrigation for Functional Disorder</strong></td>
<td>Paul-Antoine Lehur (France)</td>
<td>Freddy Penninckx (Belgium)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15:30 - 16:00</td>
<td>Coffee break</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16:00 - 17:00</td>
<td><strong>Symposium: Colonic Cancer</strong></td>
<td>Torbjörn Holm (Sweden) Béla Teleky (Austria)</td>
<td>Werner Hohenberger (Germany) Iris Nagtegaal (The Netherlands) Brendan Moran (UK)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>TME applied to the colon The pathology of treatment failure Extended resection with intraoperative chemotherapy</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17:00 - 18:00</td>
<td><strong>Oral Posters</strong></td>
<td>Athila Bursics (Hungary) Roy Maxwell (Ireland)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17:00 - 18:00</td>
<td><strong>Oral Posters (parallel auditorium)</strong></td>
<td>Ioannis Karaitianos (Greece) Paris Tekkis (UK)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>Session</td>
<td>Chairs</td>
<td>Supporter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>08:00 - 09:00</td>
<td><strong>Symposium: IBD Update</strong></td>
<td>Giovanni Milito (Italy) John Nicholls (UK)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bacteriology of the ileal pouch</td>
<td>Ailsa Hart (UK) Tom Oresland (Norway) Anders Pæregaard (Denmark)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The interface between medical and surgical treatment</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The adolescent patient</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:00 - 09:30</td>
<td><strong>Oral Posters</strong></td>
<td>Michael Gerhards (The Netherlands) Kaspars Snipe (Latvia)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:00 - 09:30</td>
<td><strong>Oral Posters (parallel auditorium)</strong></td>
<td>Xavier Delgadoilla (Switzerland) Sergii Podpriatov (Ukraine)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:30 - 10:30</td>
<td><strong>Free Papers</strong></td>
<td>Sergey Achkasov (Russia) Barthold Vonen (Norway)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09:30 - 10:30</td>
<td><strong>Free Papers (parallel auditorium)</strong></td>
<td>Constant Jehaes (Belgium) João Pimentel (Portugal)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30 - 11:00</td>
<td>Coffee break</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 - 11:30</td>
<td><strong>Keynote Lecture: Is Laparoscopy Delivering?</strong></td>
<td>Alexander Engel (The Netherlands)</td>
<td>Roberto Bergamaschi (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Supported by a grant from <strong>Colorectal Disease</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:30 - 12:30</td>
<td><strong>Symposium: Functional Pelvic Floor Disorders</strong></td>
<td>Hector Ortiz (Spain) Mario Pescatori (Italy)</td>
<td>Johann Pfeifer (Austria) Jan Paul Roovers (The Netherlands) Donato Altomare (Italy)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Assessment</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Total pelvic floor repair</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Neuromodulation of the pelvic floor</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12:30 - 13:30</td>
<td>ESCP Annual General Meeting</td>
<td></td>
<td>Tomas Škřička (outgoing President) Giovanni Romano (incoming President) Ronan O’Connell (Secretary) Mike Parker (Treasurer)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13:30</td>
<td>Official Closing</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ESCP gratefully acknowledges the support of:
EBSQ EXAMINATIONS

EBSQ examinations will be held on **Wednesday 23 September 2009**. Details of the location for exams will be advised upon application.

**To apply for the examination, please contact:**

**Katrin Maier**  
Berufsverband der Deutschen Chirurgen (BDC e.V.)  
Luisenstr. 58/59  
10117 Berlin  
KatrinMaier@bdc.de  
Phone: +49 30 28004-110  
Fax: +49 30 28004-109

**Those wishing to obtain further information before application should contact:**

**Prof. Dr. Klaus Matzel**  
Chirurgische Klinik der Universität Erlangen  
Maximiliansplatz  
91054 Erlangen  
Germany  
Email: Klaus.Matzel@uk-erlangen.de  
Web: www.uemssurg.org

The EBSQ Examination is the certifying examination leading to the Diploma of EBSQ (Coloproctology) of the European Board of Surgery. This is the only form of certification in the specialty in Europe. Please visit [www.uemssurg.org](http://www.uemssurg.org) for more information.

CME POINTS

The CME allocation of points for the meeting in Prague is:

- 6 points Core Subject Update Workshop  
  Wednesday 23 September
- 6 points Anorectal & Pelvic Floor Ultrasound Course  
  Wednesday 23 September
- 6 points Main symposia and lectures  
  Thursday 24 September
- 6 points Main symposia and lectures  
  Friday 25 September
- 6 points Main symposia and lectures  
  Saturday 26 September

For full details visit [www.escp.eu.com/prague](http://www.escp.eu.com/prague)
**Deadline date:** Friday 24 July 2009

**Online bookings open on:** Monday 16 March 2009

Accommodation in Prague is in high demand by other corporate clients in September; if you delay making your booking, rooms may not be easy to find, particularly for Wednesday and Thursday nights. **We urge you to take advantage of the full choice available and book now!**

Accommodation is being handled locally on ESCP’s behalf by Czech-In s.r.o. There are two hotels available within easy walking distance of the Prague Congress Centre and a range of hotels in the city centre just minutes away (the metro ride is 5 minutes and the Congress Centre is just 3 minutes walk from the Metra). All accommodation is on hold until **Friday 24 July 2009**.

**Accommodation should be booked online:** a link to Czech-In’s website can be found at www.escp.eu.com/prague/accommodation. Accommodation will be provided on a strictly first-come-first-served basis. The booking system may also be used to book more than one room in one transaction. If the grading of your choice is no longer available, an alternative will be sought and offered to you.

**Payment, terms and conditions:** full payment is required when you book online. Cancellation terms are as follows:

- Cancellation up to and including Friday 24 July: no penalty
- Cancellation between Saturday 25 July and Friday 21 August inclusive: 1 night charge
- Cancellation from Saturday 22 August onwards: all nights booked will be charged

In the event that guests do not arrive on the date booked, or depart earlier than planned, full charges will apply for each night originally reserved.

**Czech-In s.r.o**
Prague Congress Centre
5. kvetna 65
140 21 Praha 4
Czech Republic
Tel: +420 261 174 305
Fax: +420 261 174 307
**CONGRESS LANGUAGE**

The official language of the meeting is English. There will be no facilities for simultaneous interpretation this year.

**INFORMATION ABOUT PRAGUE**

Prague is the capital city of the Czech Republic and the most precious Czech historical city site. It came into existence as a town when after 870 Prague Castle was built. It is a beautifully preserved city with amazing architecture and great scale of stunning old buildings, winding streets and famous sights such as Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, Prague Castle, etc. In 1992 the historical core of the city covering 866 hectares was listed in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Register. Prague has a fascination that almost amounts to enchantment. Added to that, the people are welcoming and charming. The city was under communism for over 40 years and seldom visited by tourists until the 1989 Velvet Revolution on 17 November, when everything changed. This date is now a Czech Republic national holiday.

For more information, visit the Prague Tourist Office site at [www.czechtourism.com](http://www.czechtourism.com). Alternatively information can be found at [www.prague.fm](http://www.prague.fm).

**WEATHER**

Prague weather is changeable and hard to predict! Summer temperatures in Prague are sometimes over 30°C and winter temperatures occasionally go well under zero. While the majority of days are dry, there might be rain at any time of year. Average temperatures from May to September are between 12°C and 22 ºC with an average of 7 hours of sunshine.

**MONEY**

The official currency used in the Czech Republic is the Czech crown which has the international abbreviation CZK. The Czech Republic has been a member of the EU since 1 May 2004, but will not enter the Euro Zone until at least 2010.

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION DESK**

The main registration and information desk will be open at the Prague Congress Centre at the following times:

- **Wednesday 23 September** 10:00 - 18:00
- **Thursday 24 September** 07:30 - 19:30
- **Friday 25 September** 07:30 - 18:00
- **Saturday 26 September** 07:30 - 15:00

**FUTURE ESCP DATES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 September</td>
<td>Sorrento, Italy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Wednesday 21 - Saturday 24 September</td>
<td>Valencia, Spain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Wednesday 26 - Saturday 29 September</td>
<td>To be confirmed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Wednesday 25 - Saturday 28 September</td>
<td>To be confirmed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Wednesday 24 - Saturday 27 September</td>
<td>To be confirmed</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For full details visit [www.escp.eu.com/prague](http://www.escp.eu.com/prague)
Welcome Reception: Thursday 24 September
All delegates and accompanying persons are invited to attend the Welcome Reception which will be held at the Prague Congress Centre on Thursday 24 September in the exhibition area following the close of conference sessions. Delegates are then free to make their own arrangements for dinner after the reception.

Conference Dinner: Friday 25 September
St Agnes Convent
Ticket price: early price €100 (up to Friday 24 July); €120 (from Saturday 25 July onwards)
This beautiful convent was founded in the 13th century, built at the same time as the Old Town. It was initiated by King Wenceslas I with the support of his wife Kunhuta and his sister Agnes. Lovingly restored between 1980 and 2000, the building is now available for private events.

Our evening will begin with drinks, followed by a delicious meal with classical entertainment. The highlight of our evening will be a short recital by Jana Šterbová, a beautiful soprano, who will entertain us for a short time after dinner.

The Convent is located in the centre of Prague, so transport will not be provided, and guests are asked to make their own way to and from the event; most ESCP hotels are within walking distance for those who book early!

This is an optional dinner not included in the registration fee; we hope that you will join us for dinner at this delightful venue that truly reflects the beauty of Prague’s history and architecture, combined with some outstanding cuisine.

TOURS
visit www.escp.eu.com/prague for full details
Thursday’s tour is included for Accompanying Persons, tours on Friday and Saturday are optional for anyone at additional cost as detailed. All tours will depart from the Prague Congress Centre.

Thursday Tour: Accompanying Persons’ Walking Grand Tour of Prague
Time: 10:00 - 15:00 approx (lunch included)
Included in the Accompanying Persons registration fee
This insightful historical tour lets you enjoy the city’s most famous sights. The tour starts at Prague Castle (Pražský hrad), registered as the biggest castle complex in the world. Continuing on foot, we follow the “Royal Route”, former promenade of the kings and part of official coronations. Winding down to Lesser Town and picturesque Kampa Island, we cross the famous Charles Bridge, continuing on to discover the remarkable monuments of the Old Town.

Prague’s Old Town includes the city’s most famous sights; the 14th century Charles University, the Powder Tower, the Estate Theatre, the Old Town Square, and the Jewish Quarter to name just some. You will discover the astonishing history of the Jewish community in Prague, traceable to the mid 10th century. Miraculously, many outstanding monuments have remained intact despite World War II. The tour includes the Jewish Museum located in various Prague Synagogues and the Old Jewish Cemetery.
**OPTIONAL TOURS**

**Friday Tour A: visit to Konopiste Castle & Gardens with lunch**
*Time: 10:00 - 15:00 approx*
*Price per person: €70.00 early rate, €80 after 24 July*
*Includes coach transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fees and lunch.*

Konopiste Castle (Zámek Konopiště) was founded at the end of 13th century. Originally built in French Gothic style, it was later rebuilt into a Baroque chateau by the Vrtbas. Its current look is a result of the last renovations made by Archduke Franz Ferdinand d’Este, the successor to the Austro-Hungarian throne, who bought the castle from the Lobkowitzs in 1887.

Before his assassination in 1914 (which started World War I), Ferdinand lived in Konopiste and gathered a large collection of hunting trophies, weapons, antique furniture, paintings, tapestry and other art objects. This collection is now the main attraction of the castle.

There will be time to visit the delightful rose garden, before going on to “Hlinena basta” restaurant (www.hlinenabasta.cz), an informal Czech restaurant located in Bohemian countryside just outside Prague, specialising in seafood and steak. Returning by coach to central Prague hotels, coaches will drop off at main central hotels.

**Saturday Tour A: visit to Nelahozeves Castle with wine tasting and dinner**
*Time: 14:00 - 21:00*
*Price per person: €110.00 early rate, €125 after 28 July*
*Includes coach transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fees, wine tasting and dinner.*

Enjoy the fascinating Nelahozeves Castle, home of composer Antonín Dvorak, which represents the pinnacle of Renaissance Bohemian architecture. Completed in the late 1500’s, the exterior facades are almost completely preserved as are many interiors; exhibits of Mozart and Beethoven’s musical instruments and original scores are included, together with the largest private art collection in the world - all in all, this is an exceptionally rare collection that should not be missed!

This fine Renaissance collection includes the Knight’s Hall with its stone fireplace, wall and ceiling paintings. Enjoy viewing the medieval reliquaries, a collection of European art, furniture, ceramics, rare books, and musical artefacts. The paintings in the Castle’s gallery belong to such artists as Rubens, Bruegel the Elder, Canaletto, Velasquez, and Veronese. This amazing gallery features one of the largest collections of Spanish portraits from the 16th and 17th centuries outside of Spain.

After time to take in this amazing place, we will have a wine tasting, followed by dinner in the Salonek Restaurant within the castle itself. Buses will return to Prague, dropping off at main hotels.

**Friday Tour B: Prague boat trip with lunch**
*Time: 11:00 - 14:00*

**Saturday Tour B: Prague boat trip with afternoon tea**
*Time: 14:00 - 17:00*
*Price per person: €45.00*
*Includes coach transportation, lunch, musical entertainment & English speaking guide.*

This tour offers the opportunity to explore enchanted Prague by boat. The river cruise allows you to discover some of the city’s major monuments and sights, such as the National Theatre, Prague Castle and Charles Bridge, while relaxing over lunch (Friday) or afternoon tea (Saturday).

**TICKETS TO THE OPERA**

A visit to the opera during your time in Prague is not to be missed, but book early! At the time of going to print, the schedule for September was not available to us, but details, when available, may be found at www.bohemiaticket.cz/WBS/ang/index.php.
Prague has excellent air and rail links with the rest of Europe with direct flights from many European cities. Prague-Ruzyn International airport is located 20 km northwest of the city centre (approx. 30 minutes by taxi). The price for a taxi should not be higher than approximately 700 CZK (€22). The airport is also served by public bus. Information about the airport can be found at www.csl.cz - select transport and public transit to see full details about using buses to get into the city.

PRAGUE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Prague city public transport system is very cheap and easy to use.

**METRO** - a speedy way to get around, the Prague Metro or Underground is clean and efficient. The Prague Underground is made up of three lines, which intersect in the centre of the city. You can buy the tickets in advance of your journey (any Metro Station and some hotels); enter the ticket in the ticket validating machine as you start your journey and the ticket will be date and time stamped. **It is not possible to buy tickets on the train.** Prague Metro operates daily from 5.00 am to midnight. The time interval between train departures is 2-3 minutes in the rush hour, and 4-10 minutes off-peak.

The Prague Congress Centre (PCC) has its own metro station (Vysehrad, Line C) and is located three stops south of central Prague, the ride takes just 5 minutes.

**TRAMS** - may be a little slower but are a marvellous way to get around and see much more. Each tram stop gives a list of stops for each tram route and a timetable for it (absolutely accurate). Trams operate daily from 4.30 am to midnight, line numbers 51 59 ensure transport at night from midnight to 4.30 am at intervals of 30 minutes. Night trams intersect at “Lazarská” Stop near Wenceslas Square. You can find tram timetables at individual stops.

**BUS** - as Prague’s Metro (underground system) and tram services are so good, buses are not used that often. Prague’s bus service mainly covers the outskirts of the city; it is quite regular during the day with buses running from 5am in the morning until around midnight every day. Bus fares are also very cheap.

Further travel information can be found at www.pragueexperience.com.