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Annual
Congress **2003**
September 27–
October 1
Vienna
Austria

First
Announcement



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Welcome Address]

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

In 1992 the ERS Congress in Vienna was a memorable success. We are now happy and proud to announce that the ERS has again chosen Vienna as the venue for its 13th annual meeting. We look forward to welcoming you all to the heart of Europe.

You can expect a stimulating scientific and educational programme in a well-equipped congress centre. The organisers are proud to maintain the high standards of previous ERS meetings and to provide you with a wealth of information and stimulating discussion.

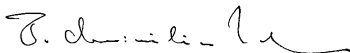
You should also set aside some time to experience beautiful Vienna with its unique blend of historical traditions and thriving youth, an atmosphere of hospitality, excellent food and enchanting music. The river Danube, the Prater amusement park and the surrounding Vienna woods provide the geographical backdrop for unsurpassed recreation and quality of life.

We look forward to welcoming you to an outstanding Congress in a very special city. We are confident that your stay in Vienna will be a memorable scientific and social experience.

Friedrich Kummer
Congress Chair

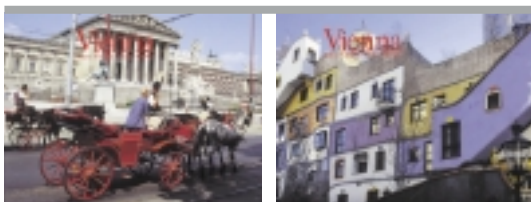


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Scientific Programme]

Postgraduate courses will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2003 by the ERS School. The scientific programme will run from Sunday, September 28 to Wednesday, October 1, 2003 with 20 sessions in parallel including:

- Major and Assembly Symposia
- Hot Topics and Grand Rounds
- Oral presentations of selected abstracts
- Mini symposia
- Thematic posters and Poster discussion sessions
- "Meet the Professor" Seminars
- Sponsored Evening Symposia

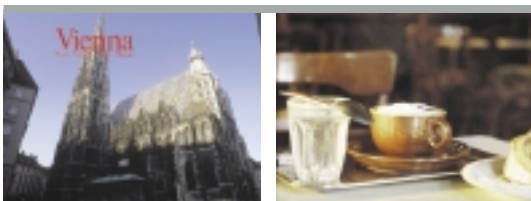
American and European physicians will be able to apply for CME credits (ACCME) in Category 1 towards the AMA physician's recognition Award.

Travel grants and sponsorship will be available for selected participants with an accepted abstract.

**Deadline for submission of abstracts:
February 20, 2003.**

Main Topics]

- Obstructive lung disease
- Lung cancer
- Childhood asthma
- Pulmonary emphysema
- Pulmonary infections in the ICU
- Cough
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Lung transplantation
- Nasal and bronchial mucosa
- Smoking prevention
- Clinical Grand Rounds
- Pharmacological management of asthma
- Tuberculosis
- Exhaled biomarkers
- Pollutants: inflammatory mechanisms
- Noninvasive mechanical ventilation
- Interstitial lung disease



Technical Exhibition]

Open from Saturday, September 27 (afternoon) to Wednesday, October 1, 2003 (noon) for companies to present their activities and products.

Social Events]

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
Austria Center Vienna
Saturday, September 27, 2003

Concert]

Vienna Concert Hall
Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Tours]

Sightseeing tours and post Congress tours will be organised to introduce you to the Austrian lifestyle.

Initial Programme with Call for Abstracts]

The Initial Programme with Call for Abstracts will be published in autumn 2002 and will include the scientific programme, abstract submission form, awards, information on registration, accommodation, social events and Austria.

www.ersnet.org]

The ERS Website has weekly updated information on the following: details of the scientific programme; abstract submission; Congress; hotels; tours; registration; exhibition and on-line membership.

**Special rate for joint ATS/ERS members:
15% discount on membership to the ERS
plus preferential Congress rates**

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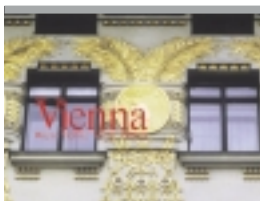
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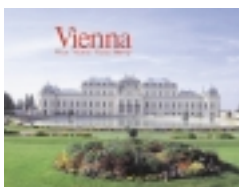
Vienna – “Something Old, Something New”]

Vienna’s 1.6 million inhabitants annually welcome over 3 million visitors, most of them attracted by Vienna’s rich musical life and its art treasures. Vienna now ranks high among European cities as the tourist destination of choice. Vienna also ranks among the first five cities in the world as an international conference destination.

Vienna spreads over 415 square kilometres, divided into 23 districts, and almost half of the city is covered by parks – Vienna has more parks than any other European capital. There are not only “city greens,” such as the Stadtpark, where the golden Johann Strauss monument can be found, and the Schönbrunn Palace Park, but also the Vienna Woods, vineyards and farmland as well as the expansive river banks of the legendary Danube. During the late summer and early autumn, Vienna benefits from a temperate climate, rarely rising above 30°C.

Imperial Romance and World-Class Art]

Magnificent buildings dating back to the baroque period and an opulent lay-out, make one forget that this is the capital of the small Republic of Austria with only 8 million inhabitants. In Vienna, one still revels in the romantic centre of a long-lost empire.



But much more than old buildings turn Vienna into a city of beauty. The Museum of Fine Arts offers the world’s largest collection of paintings by Bruegel, and many works by Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele are exhibited in the Austrian Gallery at the stunning Castle Belvedere.



In addition, the Vienna's Museum Quarter is one of the ten largest cultural centres in the world, offering a unique combination of events. Among the highlights are the Leopold Museum, two festival halls and the Children's Museum. A number of attractive restaurants, cafés and shops complement the rich array of cultural events.

City of Music]

Vienna boasts 50 theatres, including three opera houses, two theatres, 100 museums, as well as renowned drama, music and dance festivals.

No other city has been home to so many composers of international renown: some, such as Schubert, Strauss, Schoenberg and Berg were born there; others, such as Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Mahler chose to live there. The Wiener Philharmoniker is recognised as one of the world's finest orchestras, and the Vienna State Opera as one of the world's finest opera houses.



Lifestyle: Royal-Imperial Nostalgia and New Trends]

Coffeehouses and the Heurigen wine taverns demonstrate Vienna's ability to enjoy life in a relaxed atmosphere.

And of course visitors must savour a cup of Viennese coffee after visiting

the top sightseeing attraction, the Schönbrunn Palace which has been transformed into an attractive Shopping Mile since the completion of the Underground line U 3. Other attractions include the Prater with its Riesenrad (Giant Ferris Wheel), the Copa Cagrana on Danube Island and the Heurigen regions on the hillsides of the Vienna Woods which invite one and all to seriously "study" Vienna and its wines.

General Information]

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