First Announcement

March 8–9, 2018
City Conference Center
Prague, Czech Republic
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WELCOME LETTER

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee, we are pleased to invite you to Prague for the 12th East-West Immunogenetics Conference, which will be held in the City Conference Centre on March 8–9, 2018.

The conference will be held under the auspices of the European Federation for Immunogenetics (EFI) and the Section of Immunogenetics at the Czech Society for Allergology and Clinical Immunology.

The East-West conferences bring together people interested in immunogenetics and, besides, facilitate the continuing education of staff members of HLA laboratories. We wish to attract your attention at the scientific program, which includes new important topics like epitope matching for organ transplantation, Next Generation Sequencing, HLA antibody testing, external proficiency testing in Central Europe and etc.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Prague and we hope that you will find the meeting stimulating and rewarding.

Antonij Slavčev
Co-chair

Gottfried Fischer
Co-chair

CONFERENCE TOPICS

Epitope matching for organ transplantation
Next Generation Sequencing
Disease associations and various

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The City Conference Center (CCC) is located directly next to the Pankrác metro station (line C) and the Arkády shopping center in the developing part of Prague 4.

REGISTRATION
Registration Fee:

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*Proof of student status (undergraduate, Ph.D. – predoctoral) must be sent to Conference secretariat.

Registration fee includes 21% VAT.

CONFERENCE DINNER
Date: March 8, 2018
Time: 19:30–22:00
Place: to be announced later
Price: EUR 45

PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
09.00–09.15 Official opening
Chairs: Gottfried Fischer, Antonij Slavcev
09.15–09.45 Opening lecture
Chairs: Gottfried Fischer, Elissaveta Naumova
Marcelo Fernandez-Viña (title to be announced)
09.45–11.15 Organ transplantation, epitope matching, antibody-mediated rejection
Chairs: Sebastian Heidt, Caner Suesal
11.15–11.30 Coffee Break
11.30–12.30 Immunogenetics, anthropology, disease associations
Chairs: Martin Petrek, Zorana Grubic, Blanka Vidan-Jeras
12.30–13.00 Lunch
13.00–14.00 Workshop NGS
14.00–14.15 Coffee Break
14.15–16.00 Abstract Session – Organ transplantation, various
Chairs: Renata Zunec, Monica Dutescu
16.00–16.30 Coffee Break
16.30–17.30 External proficiency testing
Chairs: Katarzina Bogunia-Kubik, Ingrid Faé, Gottfried Fischer
19.30–22.00 Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018
09.00–10.15 Stem cell registries, chimerism
Chairs: Marco Andreani, Ludmila Bubnova, Milena Vraná
10.15–10.30 Coffee Break
10.30–12.00 Abstract Session – Stem Cell Transplantation, various
Chairs: Milena Vraná, Frantisek Mrázek
12.00–13.00 Lunch
13.00–14.00 Workshop Antibody testing
14.00–14.15 Coffee Break
14.15–15.30 EFI Accreditation – Current issues
Chairs: Gottfried Fischer, Blanka Vidan-Jeras, Elissaveta Naumova, Ingrid Foé
15.30–16.00 Round table discussion
16.00 Closure
CITY OF PRAGUE

“Praga caput regni” is inscribed on Prague’s coat of arms. Since its beginnings, Prague has always played an important role in the nation’s history as well as in the history of Europe. Since the Middle Ages, Prague has been known as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and adjectives such as “golden”, “hundred-spire”, “the crown of the world” and “a stone dream” have been attributed to it. Prague presents a remarkable collection of historical monuments the most prominent of which is Prague Castle, which towers high above the city. The architectural styles merge in a unique way creating a city with an extraordinary atmosphere. In 1981, the heart of the city centre was designated as a national historical monument and in 1992 it was included in UNESCO’s list of the world’s cultural heritage.

GENERAL INFO

Population
1,193,000

Václav Havel Airport Prague
Daily connections to 43 European cities, served by national carrier Czech Airlines + 42 international airlines. The airport serves 11 mil. passengers per year.

Distance Airport – Conference Venue 12 km.

Climate
March weather in Prague can still be quite chilly and the lows often hover around 0 °C / 32 °F or can still drop below freezing. The highs can climb to 8–14 °C / 46–57 °F.

City Transportation System
Prague has a very sophisticated subway, tram and bus transportation system.