

CONGRESS INFORMATION

- Implementing asthma guidelines in daily practice: an interactive and multi-media course
- How to perform bronchial challenge testing
- Case and problem-based multimodal treatment in thoracic oncology
- Infection: a player in the natural history of COPD
- GRACE: Antimicrobial chemotherapy in daily practice
- ACCP: to be confirmed

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP*(provisional course title)*

Noninvasive assessment of respiratory function in clinical care and in research

“MEET THE PROFESSOR” SEMINARS

The ERS School is also continuing the “Meet the Professor” Seminars in Barcelona. These sessions, running from Sunday to Tuesday lunchtime, will enable groups of up to 40 participants to discuss certain topics with the specialists.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstract submission deadline: **February 25, 2010**

Abstracts should be submitted electronically directly on the ERS website at www.ersnet.org, as of December 2009. Paper submissions are no longer accepted.

Abstracts will be accepted for Free Communication sessions, with the Scientific Programme Committee reserving the right to allocate abstracts to Oral Presentation, E-Communication or Thematic Poster sessions. Notice of selection will be given in May 2010; scheduled format and time of presentation are communicated by the end of June.

All accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement of the *European Respiratory Journal* (electronic version only). Abstracts will also be available on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM will be sent to all subscribers of the Journal. Publication in the *Abstract Book* or *Final Programme* requires registration by at least one author. Correspondence and further information regarding awards and sponsorship will be sent to the corresponding author only. If you intend to apply for ERS sponsorship once your abstract has been accepted, please ensure you are the corresponding author of the abstract.

ONLINE SUBMISSION

Online submission allows you to create a username and password, to enter your abstract and save it. Once saved, you can return to your online abstract and edit or update it until you feel it is ready for submission. All abstracts must be submitted by the deadline of February 25, 2010. To submit

your abstract online, go to www.ersnet.org and follow the instructions.

LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS

The ERS will open an online submission for late-breaking abstracts from the end of April 2010. Late-breaking abstracts must contain novel data that has not been presented elsewhere. Additional information (including submission fee, deadline) and online submission will be available on the ERS website (www.ersnet.org).



REGISTRATION

PRE-REGISTRATION

Registration for the Congress can be made from April 2010* by using the online registration service available on the ERS website (www.erscongress2010.org/registration).

The *Advance Programme*, scheduled to be published in April 2010, will contain detailed Congress registration information.

JUNIOR/SENIOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

The registration fee for Junior/Senior Members and Junior/Senior Non-Members carries the same entitlements as full participants. The Junior registration fee is valid if you are born after January 1, 1975. The Senior registration fee is valid if you are born before January 1, 1945. You must provide photocopied proof of your date of birth by means of an official document (passport, ID card, etc.) to obtain this discount.

NON-DOCTORAL PARTICIPANTS

Discounts are available for participants engaged in paramedical activities (nurses, physiotherapists, students and participants working in the pharmaceutical industry). You must provide a business card, student card or letter from your employer in order to qualify for this discount. The required proof needs to be sent together with your registration form. Non-Doctoral participants have the same entitlements as active participants.

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REGISTRATION FEES 2010

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	Early Bird paid up to July 6, 2010 24:00 CET	Paid from July 7, 2010	On-site fee from September 18, 2010
Member	393	546	597
Non-Member	525	673	724
Junior/senior Member	204	296	347
Junior/senior Non-Member	281	383	434
Non-Doctoral Member	163	286	337
Non-Doctoral Non-Member	245	372	423
Allied Respiratory Professional 2-day package (Saturday Sep. 18 and Sunday Sep. 19 only)	214	332	383
Additional Courses (not included in the registration fee)			
Accompanying Person	92	133	184
Postgraduate Courses* (including Educational Workshop)	90	120	120
"Meet the Professor" Seminars	65	85	85
*Delegates attending Postgraduate Courses only and NOT the ERS Congress will face a single additional €20 handling fee.			

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

The registration fee for active participants includes admission to Scientific Sessions, the Exhibition and the Opening Ceremony. All active participants will also receive a Congress bag including a *Final Programme* and one public transportation card. Please note that Postgraduate Courses, Educational Workshops and "Meet the Professor" Seminar fees are in addition to the general registration fee.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes access to the Opening Ceremony, the Exhibition and one public transportation card for use during the Congress. Please note that the fee for accompanying persons does not include admission to the Scientific Sessions nor does it entitle them to any Congress documentation.

CONFIRMATION

On receipt of a completed registration form and correct fee, each participant will receive an electronic confirmation

of their registration. An individual e-mail address must be provided at all times.

GROUP REGISTRATIONS

Group registrations will be possible for a minimum of 10 participants. Please contact K.I.T. Group at ers2010groups@kit-group.org for further information. Please note that the individual e-mail address of each participant is mandatory information and must be provided when registering the participant.

PAYMENT

All registration fees should be paid in advance in Euro (EUR) and made out to the K.I.T. Group, mentioning ERS 2010. Please do not forget to indicate your first and last name on the payment. Payments can be made by:

Bank Transfer:

Account Holder: K.I.T. Swiss AG
Bank: UBS SA, Case Postale,
CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland
Clearing No.: 240
Account No.: 240-739508.61Q
Swift: UBSWCHZH80A
IBAN: CH 81 0024 0240 7395 0861 Q

Please indicate "free of charge for the receiver account", the registration number and "ERS 2010" on the bank transfer. All registration fees must reach the account of K.I.T. Group without reduction of bank fees.

Credit card:

Visa or Eurocard/Mastercard may be used for all credit card payments. Payment by credit card is only accepted up to a payment amount of EUR 1,500. Please note that your card will be debited in Euro (EUR).

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

Cancellation of registration can be made up to **August 8, 2010**. Notification of the cancellation must be sent in writing to K.I.T. Group. The refund of the registration fee, less a 25% administration charge, will be made after the Congress by K.I.T. Group. There will be no refund for cancellations made after **August 8, 2010**.

NAME CHANGES

Individuals may make name changes only in exceptional cases, at a cost of EUR 35. Written permission from the original participant will be required in order to process an individual name change.

Sponsors who wish to make name changes will be charged a handling fee of EUR 35 per name change. A new registration form for each replacement participant will be required before the name change can be processed.

Name changes (for individuals or groups) will be accepted by mail or by fax, by K.I.T. Group until the pre-registration deadline of **September 4, 2010**. After this date, they must be done on site in Barcelona.

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REGISTRATION MATERIAL PICK-UP

For those sponsors arriving before the start of the Congress to pick up their participants' materials, the registration partner will arrange fixed appointments to be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 and on Friday, September 17, 2010 before the official opening of the Congress. This is to enable sponsors to deal on a one-to-one basis with a registration contact, to make name changes or to add new participants as needed, in order to avoid the Saturday morning Congress crowds. Appointments will be scheduled approximately 3 weeks before the Congress; K.I.T. Group will contact the sponsors in due time.

PRESS REGISTRATION

Media registration is complimentary. Only working journalists with appropriate credentials will be admitted to the Media Centre. Publishers and representatives of sales, advertising or marketing departments of publications may not register as media. No exceptions will be made.

For additional information, please visit our homepage or contact the ERS Press Office at: pressofficer@ersnet.org

ACCOMMODATION

Individual online bookings can be made *via* the Congress website, www.ersnet.org, from **April 2010***.

A number of hotel rooms in different price categories have been reserved in Barcelona and surrounding areas for the 20th Annual Congress of the ERS. As a service for individual participants, Viajes Iberia Congressos will arrange your hotel accommodation at no extra charge. There are five hotel room ratings, ranging from 2 star to 5 star deluxe.

HOTEL RATING PRICE RANGE (EUR)

Hotel Category	Single room min/max	Double room min/max
5 star Deluxe	350/500	390/525
5 star	290/430	310/400
4 star	140/300	175/330
3 star	110/230	110/220
2 star	105/135	120/140

Each category has a minimum and a maximum rate based on single/double occupancy. All hotels offer bath/shower/WC, telephone and breakfast facilities. Hotels of 4 and 5 stars usually have a restaurant and a bar.

All rates (per room, per night) include breakfast, Spanish VAT (7%) and service. Rates are shown for standard rooms. Other types of rooms (superior, deluxe, junior suite, etc.) are available on request. These prices are indicative and may be subject to change.

RESERVATION

Due to limited room availability in Barcelona, we do advise you to make your reservation as early as possible in

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order to have the best choice of available hotels.

Hotel accommodation is subject to availability and will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Requests received after **August 15, 2010** cannot be guaranteed, although Viajes Iberia Congressos will make every effort to meet participants' requirements.

All reservations must be made in writing using the hotel online booking form, which will be available in **April 2010***. Telephone reservations will not be accepted.

Should the selected hotel(s) be sold out, Viajes Iberia Congressos reserves the right to book a hotel in an alternative category and price range.

PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

Please note that in order to secure your reservation, Viajes Iberia Congressos will charge to the credit card provided the room deposit, which will vary depending on the chosen hotel. The deposit charged will be equivalent to two nights' stay and the balance due will be paid directly to the hotel upon checkout.

Alternatively, a bank transfer for the deposit amount can be made until **July 10, 2010** (all bank fees must be covered