

Press information for official ECCMID Sponsors

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General Information about ECCMID 2010

The 20th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID) is organised by the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) and will take place from 10 – 13 April 2010 in Vienna, Austria.

The conference, which attracts some 10'000 experts from all over the world, will address a broad scope of topics ranging from diagnosis and prevention to epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment of infectious diseases. Special emphasis will be given to emerging infections, including influenza, antibiotic resistance and infection control.

As Europe's largest conference on clinical microbiology and infectious diseases, ECCMID offers microbiologists and clinicians an invaluable opportunity to share the most recent research knowledge in the battle against infectious diseases. The global challenges and hazards threatening European citizens will be addressed in some 150 sessions, workshops and symposia and approximately 1'600 poster presentations.

Venue of ECCMID

Austria Center Vienna
Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1
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ECCMID International Press Conference

The official press conference will take place on Saturday, 10 April 2010, 11:00 am at the Austria Center Vienna, Austria.

Journalists interested in the agenda of the press conference should contact Claire Hoffman at [claire.hoffman\[at\]bartley-robbs.co.uk](mailto:claire.hoffman[at]bartley-robbs.co.uk) or consult the website at http://www.escmid.org/news_discussion/press_activities.

Embargo Policy

Please respect the embargo date of press releases which is the 10 April 2010, the congress opening day.

The abstracts of the congress will be available 10 days before the congress starts and will be accessible online on the ECCMID website. www.escmid.org/eccmid2010

(choose „Scientific Programme“).

Press
Credentials
and Online
Registration of
Journalist to
ECCMID 2010

Members of the press are invited and encouraged to attend the ECCMID. Press registration is complimentary and includes all privileges of regular meeting registration. Travel expenses and hotel accommodation will be the responsibility of each individual journalist.

Only accredited journalists or reporters, writers or editors with credentials from a newspaper, magazine, radio or TV station, wire service, syndicate or other news organization may register and receive a press badge. Publishers and representatives of sales, advertising or marketing departments of publications or other news organizations may not register as media. No exceptions will be made.

Appropriate credentials include: A recognized press card, a business card clearly showing media affiliation and position, or a letter on official letterhead from an editor of a publication or a producer of a program certifying coverage of the conference for an identified organization.

Please note: Freelancers must present proof from a news organization that they have an assignment to cover the meeting. Freelancers who wish to cover the meeting on a speculative basis are asked to write to us on their letterhead requesting accreditation.

For online registration please return the special registration form available on the ESCMID website

http://www.escmid.org/news_discussion/press_activities.

Members of the press who qualify for press registration and who have not pre-registered can use the on-site registration at the Congress venue.

Press Kit

The press kit will be available for all registered journalists. Because its content is embargoed it will only be available on the day of the official ECCMID press conference. Journalists wishing to have information about the press kit in advance of the congress should contact Claire Hoffman at claire.hoffman@bartley-robbs.co.uk.

Press Centre

The press centre will be located on level 2 of the Austria Center Vienna. There will be a well-equipped press working room with PC workstations (internet connected), printer, telephone and fax.

Attending
Journalists

Media normally attending the ECCMID press conferences are mostly: trade publications, press agencies and daily newspapers (scientific column). The Media presence is international, mostly European.

If you are acting on behalf of an official ECCMID Sponsor and wish to receive a list of registered journalists to the Congress, please contact Claire Hoffman at claire.hoffman@bartley-robbs.co.uk.

Press Room
Renting

Company or NGOs wishing to hold a press conference at the ECCMID should contact Ms Sibill Vogel from Congrex Switzerland (+41-61-686 77 16, sibill.vogel@congrex.com) for all issues concerning the renting of a press conference room.

Press
Releases by
Industry or
NGOs

Press releases may be displayed in the press room if the organisation or individual responsible for the content is clearly stated on the document. Distribution boxes must be physically separated from the respective boxes for official ESCMID/ECCMID press releases.
