

INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY AND ALLERGY CONGRESS

For *Allergologia et Immunopathologia* is a pleasure to echo of important events in the field of the paediatric immuno-allergology, as this congress that will be held in Prague the next 1-4 april 2001. The next is the welcome message from the President and the Secretary of the Congress.

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the organizing committee, we have the honour and pleasure to invite you to the International Paediatric Respiratory and Allergy Congress to Prague, Czech Republic. This congress has been organized by the Czech Initiative for Asthma in cooperation with the Czech Medical Association J. E. Purkyně - the Czech Society of Allergology and Clinical Immunology and the Working Group for Paediatric Pulmonology of the Czech Paediatric Society, together with the International Pediatric Respiratory and Allergy Forum and with the support of the Paediatric Assembly of the ERS, the Interasma, the American College of Chest Physicians and the EFA. The idea of organizing this congress in Prague originated in Sydney, Australia, in 1997, during the inaugural congress of the International Pediatric Respiratory and Allergy Forum.

This congress was originally planned for 1999, however on request of the ERS had to be postponed two times to avoid conflicts with other important meetings on similar topics. Now, after all the delays, the congress, dedicated entirely to the paediatric respiratory and allergy issues, will take place in one of the most beautiful places in Europe.

It is well known that chronic diseases of the airways - namely asthma and allergic rhinitis - begin very early in childhood and very often influence the health and the quality of life far into adulthood. We know now much more about the origins of asthma, however many questions remain to be answered. Also many other chronic respiratory diseases, such as the interstitial lung disease or neonatal chronic lung disease have been studied in details. Many new diagnostic methods have been developed. Despite the significance of the paediatric respiratory diseases for the whole life of an individual, paediatric topics form usually only a small

part of big international scientific meetings. This paediatric congress offers space exclusively to the paediatric respiratory and allergy issues, providing a possibility of intensive interaction between paediatricians working in the field of paediatric pulmonology, allergy and clinical immunology, ENT or dermatology, and also in the primary care. The programme covers many burning questions with an excellent faculty bringing the latest information about current progress of research and its clinical application.

This will also be a good opportunity for the joint sessions with the group of WHO Consultation on Childhood Asthma and with the EFA. Paediatric "GINA Groups" can use this opportunity for the discussion about implementation of the guidelines in different countries.

Prague is an ideal location which besides of its beauty offers also all necessary technical facilities for organizing such a congress. We expect that the selected topics covering a variety of current important problems of paediatric pulmonology, asthmology, allergology and clinical immunology will bring to Prague many participants. We cordially invite to Prague all the paediatricians interested in these topics but also the colleagues from other specialities with an interest in the paediatric respiratory health.

Prague, the city in the very heart of Europe, with rich history and culture, is expecting you with warm hospitality. We hope that you will use this opportunity also to enjoy the city and its surroundings, to listen to the music of famous Czech composers and to taste some of the world-famous Czech beer.

We look forward to welcoming you in Prague in April 2001 and wish you "šťastný a příjemný pobyt v Praze".

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ALLERGOLOGY & CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY - ICACI 2000

October 15-20, 2000: Sydney, Australia. Contact: ICACI Sydney 2000, Congress Secretariat: ICMS Pty, Ltd., 3rd Floor, 379 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia. Tel.: +61 2 9290-3366. Fax: +61 2 9290-2444. E-mail: icaci@icms.com.au

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RHEUMATOLOGY (ACR) NATIONAL MEETING

October 29-November 2, 2000: Philadelphia, PA, USA. Contact: ACR, 1800 Century Place, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA 30345, USA. Tel.: +1 404 633-3777. Fax: +1 404 633-1870

ALLERGY, ASTHMA, AND IMMUNOLOGY, 2000 ANNUAL MEETING

November 3-8, 2000: Seattle, WA, USA. Contact: American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, 85 W. Algonquin Road, Suite 550, Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4425, USA. Tel.: +1 847 427-1200. Fax: +1 847 427-1294

IVÈME CONGRÈS MAGHRÉBIN & 1ÈRE RENCONTRE EURO-MAGHRÉBINE D'ALLERGOLOGIE ET D'IMMUNOLOGIE CLINIQUE

November 16-19, 2000: Sousse (Tunisie). En cette occasion sera constituée la Société Euro-Maghrébine d'Allergologie et d'Immunologie Clinique. President: Prof. M. Jerray. CHU F. Hached de Sousse. 4000 Sousse. Tunisie. Fax: (216)3 226702. E-mail: mdjerray@rns.tn

2ND EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PEDIATRIC ASTHMA

November 23-24, 2000: London, UK. Contact: Castle House Medical, Conferences, 3 Linden Close, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8HH, UK. Tel.: +44 1892 539606. Fax: +44 1892 517773, E-mail: asthma@castlehouse.co.uk

EUROPEAN PAEDIATRIC SYMPOSIUM IN MEMORY OF LUISA BUSINCO

Organized by the European Society of Pediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Subject: Food allergy, Atopic Dermatitis and the Allergy March.

Date: 17-19 november. Place: Venice (Italy).

Registration: AUDIENCE. The Art of Event.

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BRITISH SOCIETY FOR IMMUNOLOGY ANNUAL CONGRESS

December 5-8, 2000: Harrogate, UK. Contact: British Society for Immunology, Triangle House, 2 Broomhill Road, London SW18 4HX, UK. Tel.: +44 20 8875-2423. Fax: +44 20 8875-2421. E-mail: congress@immunology.org. Internet www.immunology.org

XXTH CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF ALLERGOLOGY & CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

May 9-13, 2001: Berlin, Germany. Contact: Dept. of Pediatric Pneumology & Immunology, Charité, Augustenburger Platz 1, D-13353 Berlin. Tel.: +49 30 4506-6131. Fax: +49 30 4506-6931. E-mail: ulrich.wahn@charite.de. Internet www.eaaci.org

11TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF IMMUNOLOGY

July 22-28, 2001: Stockholm, Sweden. Contact: Stockholm Convention Bureau, Rep. Britta Sjöblom, PO Box 6911, S-102 39 Stockholm, Sweden. Tel. +46 8 736-1500. Fax: +46 8 348-441. E-mail: ICI2001@stocon.se

5TH WORLD CONGRESS ON INFLAMMATION

September 22-26, 2001: Edinburgh, UK. Contact: Triangle 3 Ltd., Triangle House, Broomhill Road, London SW18 4HX. Tel.: +44 20 8875-2400. Fax: +44 20 8875-2400. E-mail: triangle3@immunology.org

ALLERGY, ASTHMA, AND IMMUNOLOGY-2001 ANNUAL MEETING

November 16-21, 2001: Orlando, FL, USA Contact: Dianne Kubis, Assoc. Executive Director, ACAAI, 85 W. Algonquin Road, Suite 550, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, USA. Tel.: +1 847 427-1200. Fax: +1 847 427-1294. E-mail: diannekubis@acaai.org. Internet www.acaai.org

ALLERGY, ASTHMA, AND IMMUNOLOGY-2002 ANNUAL MEETING

November 15-20, 2002: San Antonio, TX, USA. Contact: Dianne Kubis, Assoc. Executive Director, ACAAI, 85 W. Algonquin Road, Suite 550, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, USA. Tel.: +1 847 427-1200. Fax: +1 847 427-1294. E-mail: diannekubis@acaai.org. Internet www.acaai.org