15th World Congress on Menopause

Heart Health Matters.

Prague, Czech Republic
27–30 September 2016

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Dear Friends,

As President elect of The International Menopause Society and Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 15th World Congress on The Menopause it is my great pleasure to invite you to join us in Prague, the capital of The Czech Republic from 27-30 September 2016.

IMS world congresses have, in the past, occurred every three years but the IMS Board has now decided to move to a 2 yearly cycle commencing with this our 15th World Congress.

Prague is a wonderful venue, full of history, in the centre of Europe and at the same time vibrantly progressive. Our Scientific Committee, headed by Professor Susan Davis has already commenced planning what will be a high quality, globally relevant programme befitting both our World Congress and IMS commitment to promote and advance communication education and research on all aspects of the health of adult women world wide.

Please, mark the date in your diary now and I hope to see you in Prague in September 2016.

Rod Baber
President elect of The International Menopause Society
and Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 15th World Congress on The Menopause

We cordially invite you to the 15th World Congress of IMS which will be hosted in Prague, Czech Republic. The Czech republic is situated in the heart of Europe and boasts Prague as its capital and largest city. Since it's founding, Prague has often served as the political, cultural, and economical core of central Europe.

This city is famous for its historical and cultural attractions and an undeniable magical atmosphere. This was recognised by UNESCO in 1992 when it included the vast centre of Prague in the list of World Heritage Sites.

Prague exhibits a mixture of Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. Due to its countless numbers of towers, churches and old houses, Prague even earned the nickname "the city of 100 towers". Besides the Prague Castle, Old town square, Charles bridge and the old Jewish town, Prague is also home to the oldest university in Central Europe. Charles University was founded in 1348 and with its 17 faculties comprises the largest university in the Czech Republic. Charles University serves as the centre of research and development work in the country.

With sincerely

Tomas Fait
President of The Czech Menopause Society
The Scientific Program of the Congress will be based on the Mission Statement of the IMS: “to promote and advance communication, education and research on all aspects of the health of adult women worldwide”.

Key experts will update you on the latest scientific evidence that can be related to daily clinical practice and basic research.

The most relevant new developments will be addressed by the best speakers in the Plenary sessions at the Congress. Basic research will be presented in Oral communication and Poster sessions.

Controversial topics will be debated by experts. “Meet the experts” sessions will enable more personal contact with the experts.

The Scientific Committee will ensure that the Program contains the most up-to-date topics, controversies and the best available Faculty, as relevant to our Mission Statement.

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Abstract submission

Participants interested in presenting papers for the Oral and Poster sessions are invited to submit their abstracts.

Deadline for abstract submission is March 15th 2016

» Each person is allowed to submit one or more abstracts.
» Presenting authors will be notified whether their abstracts are accepted before May 18th 2016.

Further details on the schedule and instructions for oral and poster presentations will be available on the website www.imsprague2016.com.

» The Scientific Program of the Congress will be available on the website www.imsprague2016.com.
» Authors whose abstracts have been accepted must register for the Congress and pay the registration fee by June 8th, 2016. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the Scientific Program and the Book of Abstracts.

» Abstracts can only be submitted using the on-line form available on www.imsprague2016.com.
» Guidelines will help you to complete the form. Abstracts submitted via email or fax will not be accepted.
» If you have any queries about your poster or oral presentation, please don’t hesitate to contact the Scientific Secretariat.

How to submit an abstract

» Go on the Congress website www.imsprague2016.com;
» Create for free an account on the website;
» Once in your personal page click on the Abstract submission button
List of Topics for Abstracts submission

1. Menopause general including
   Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   Hormone and non hormonal therapy
   Primary ovarian insufficiency
   Menopause after cancer
   Other topics related to menopause

2. Hormones and Hormone Action
   Hormones and hormone receptors signaling mechanisms
   Biological actions of sex steroids
   Selective hormone receptor modulators

3. Hormones and Metabolism including
   Obesity
   Metabolic syndrome
   Insulin resistance, diabetes and dyslipidemia
   Other topics related to hormones and metabolism

4. Sexual Function including
   Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   Treatment

5. Menopause and Cardiovascular System including
   Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   Hormones and thrombosis
   Hormones and cerebrovascular disease
   Other cardiovascular topics

6. Menopause and the Brain including
   Neurosteroids and actions
   Cognitive function
   Sleep and sleep disorders
   Alzheimer’s disease and other neurodegenerative disorders

7. Mood and Mental Disorders including
   Epidemiology, basic science and clinical research
   Hormonal and non hormonal treatment of mood
   Schizophrenia and other mental disorders

8. Musculoskeletal Health including
   Bone loss and osteoporosis
   Sarcopenia
   Pharmacological and non pharmacological fracture prevention

9. Breast Health including
   Breast and breast cancer biology
   Breast cancer epidemiology
   Hormone therapy and breast cancer
   Breast cancer screening and diagnosis
   Other topics related to breast and breast cancer

10. Gynecology including
    Abnormal uterine bleeding
    Endometrial hyperplasia and cancer
    Vulval and vaginal conditions
    Diagnostic gynecology
    Urogynecology

11. Other Oncology including
    Hormones and non gynecological cancer
    Screening, diagnosis and treatment of women
    Treatment consequences in relation to menopause

DEADLINES

- **February 9th 2016**
  - Early Bird registration

- **February 9th 2016**
  - Symposia Proposal

- **March 15th 2016**
  - Abstracts Submission

- **June 8th 2016**
  - Registration at reduced rate.

The Congress Committee

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Congress Registration

Registration fees (VAT included)

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Residents, nurses and technicians (status to be certified)

Registration Fee includes:

- Opening Ceremony
- Closing Ceremony
- Access to all sessions
- Access to exhibition area
- Congress kit
- Abstract Book/CD
- CME credits

How to register:

Registration is only possible online on the website www.imsprague2016.com

1. Go to the registration page and create for free your account on the website;
2. Once in your profile page click on the registration button;
3. Your account on the website is strictly personal:
   - You can send an abstract, book a hotel or print your invitation letter but you cannot register other people.

Cancellation policy for registration:

Refunds (less € 25,00 for taxes and administrative expenses) will be granted to delegates unable to attend. A written notice must be received by the Organizing Secretariat before June 8th, 2016. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after June 8th, 2016. All refunds will be issued after the Congress.

Group registration: If you are interested in a group registration (10 persons or more), please email the Congress Secretariat at ims2016reg@btcongress.com for further information. Please note that no registration will be made without full personal contact details for each participant. Blank registrations are not allowed.

Insurance: The Congress Organizers will not accept any liability for personal injury, or loss/damage to property or belongings of participants, either during or as a result of the Congress during their stay in Prague. It is, therefore, recommended that participants arrange their own personal health, accident and travel insurance.

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The International Menopause Society was founded in 1978. The aims of the IMS are to promote education, study and research on all aspects of adult women’s health, to organize, prepare, hold and participate in international meetings and congresses on menopause and climacteric; and to encourage the interchange of research plans and experience between individual members.

Membership of the IMS is open to individual scientists and doctors who are involved in basic research or clinical work in menopause and adult women’s health, or those individuals who have an interest in these or other aspects of this particular field.