



Magnesium in Translational Medicine; 11-15 May 2014; Smolenice Castle / Slovak Republic

Dear colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce The 1st European Magnesium Workshop dedicated to Magnesium in Translational Medicine. The workshop will take place in Smolenice Castle (Smolenice, Slovak Republic) from 11th until 15th May 2014. Our aim is to attract mostly young colleagues who are establishing their career by researching various aspects of magnesium action in basic and/or in applied science. The research committee of the workshop consists of world-renowned scientists who have significantly contributed to the field of magnesium research, namely, Andrea Fleig (University of Hawai, USA), Jeanette Maier (University of Milano, IT), Rhian Touyz (University of Glasgow, UK), Monika Schweigel-Röntgen (FBN Dummerstorf, DE), Stefano Iotti (University of Bologna, IT), Andre Mazur (INRA Clermont, FR), and Martin Kolisek (Freie Universität Berlin, DE). Both the research committee and the organizing committee (Martin Kolisek, Freie Universität Berlin, DE; Jürgen Vormann, IPEV Ismaning, DE; Jörg R. Aschenbach, Freie Universität Berlin, DE; Gerhard Sponder, Freie Universität Berlin, DE; Federica Wolf, Catholic Univeristy Roma, IT; Olga Krizanova, SAV Bratislava, SR) will work hard to accommodate the “field newcomers” among established members of the magnesium research community and to create a suitable and stimulating atmosphere for fruitful scientific discussions and contact-making. To this end, we have incorporated into the programme of the conference a generous number of “Speaker's Corners”, a format in which anyone can speak her/his mind and ask the experts any questions related to the field. The program covers sessions on: Magnesium in Neuroscience, Neurology and Psychiatry; Magnesium in Implantology; Magnesium in Gynaecology and Obstetrics; Magnesium and Immune-Responses; Magnesium in Cardiovascular Research and Medicine; Renal Magnesium Handling and Systemic Magnesium Homeostasis; Magnesium, Metabolom and Medicine; Magnesium

Detection in Biological/Clinical Samples. As some colleagues are carrying out exciting research on aspects of magnesium transport/homeostasis that might not be covered by the sessions listed, we have incorporated two sessions entitled “The best of the rest 1 & 2” hoping to promote “non-mainstream” topics. Each session will consist of a 45-minute keynote delivery by a highly ranked field specialist (invited), followed by a 30-minute talk presented by a junior researcher (invited), and 1 or 2 student talks (each of 20 minutes in duration) selected by the research committee. The best student talk will qualify for the Award of Magnesia (500 Euro and Trophy). The best poster presentation will also qualify for a Scientific Committee Prize (500 Euro). All workshop participants will have the opportunity to vote for the “Vox Populi Prize for the Best Poster” (500 Euro). One of the oral presentations will be awarded with the Rudolf J. Schweyen Trophy for Outstanding Work in Researching Molecular Aspects of Magnesium Homeostasis (500 Euro + Trophy).

How to get to Smolenice?

Smolenice is conveniently located, 40 km from the capital city of Slovakia, Bratislava, and approximately 100 km from the city of Vienna. Those flying with Ryanair, Danube Wings or Czech Airlines will land directly at Bratislava Airport. Those flying with EasyJet or any of the national airways will land at Vienna-Schwechat Airport. We will organize (based on demand) a bus collecting conference participants from the airports in Vienna and Bratislava on Saturday at 7 pm and on Sunday at 11 am and 7 pm. Times are given for the departure from Vienna. Participants landing in Bratislava should add 1 hour to the departure times of the conference bus. Tickets from Vienna will cost 10 Euro all the way to Smolenice and 5 Euro from Bratislava. More adventurous travellers can use a convenient bus connection between Vienna Airport and Bratislava Bus Station (BBS) operated by EuroLines/SlovakLines. A connecting bus to Smolenice (SlovakLines) leaves BBS approx. every 40 minutes. Schedules could be found at www.cp.sk (also available in English and German).

Some of you may wish to take the opportunity to visit the cities of Budapest or Prague prior to the workshop. From Prague, you can reach Bratislava by train. These trains are operated by Czech Railways, meet EC standards for trains and usually run on time. It takes approx. 4 hours to get to Bratislava from Prague by train. The train stops en route in the city of Brno, another beauty-spot worth the visit. From Budapest (the city of springs and bath-houses), it takes approximately 3 hours to get to Bratislava by train. EC trains are equivalent in quality and price to those coming to Bratislava from Prague. Fans of boats and romantic river sailing can also reach Bratislava by speed boat from Vienna. It takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes by TwinCityLiner (price 19 to 33 Euro) or 1 hour 40 minutes by the somewhat slower Slovak boats (18 Euro). Another possibility is to sail from Budapest to Bratislava by hydrofoil boat. However, in this case, details must be arranged

with a travel-agent.

For comfort-seekers, the whole trip including flight tickets can be arranged by the official travel-agent of the conference, PROtour. We guarantee that they will help you to find the easiest, the most comfortable, and the most budget-friendly travel arrangements, perfectly matching your requirements. Once in Smolenice, it is impossible to miss the castle, which you will reach after a few minutes walk.

Take a look at the following interesting webpage:

<http://www.bratislavaguide.info/getting-to-bratislava.html>

Accommodation?

In Smolenice, you will be accommodated directly in the castle (capacity approx. 80 beds) or in the nearby Hotel Solmus (if the capacity of the castle accommodation is insufficient). The price of the accommodation is included in the conference fee, as is breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, coffee, tea and mineral water/soft drinks during the whole conference.

How much will it cost?

The registration fee for students is 300 Euro and for postgraduate researchers and senior researchers is 500 Euro. Participants attending in a private capacity and those from industry will be charged a fee of 600 Euro. Upon request we will arrange adequate accommodation for persons accompanying conference participants. Accompanying persons will be charged a fee directly at the place by the castle or hotel management. The exact price will be specified in the second circular (end of August).

!!! Please note, the conference fee for each participant includes accommodation (all inclusive) and a 25 Euro voucher for the opening banquet.

The circular will be updated on a weekly basis. Registration forms, abstract forms and the bank details will be provided no later than August 20th.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Smolenice!

On behalf of organizing and scientific committees,



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