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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of the European Academy of Gynaecological Cancer, EAGC, I wish to extend an invitation to you to attend our 1st Educational World Congress on Gynecologic Oncology to be held in Budapest, Hungary from October 10-12, 2002.

The EAGC is a foundation-based, non-private, non-profit, non-governmental and independent European organization for comprehensive subspecialty and continuous professional development training and education in gynecologic oncology. This is a novel model of a European training program aimed at harmonizing education and training of the specialty in practical terms in Europe. The mission of EAGC is to improve training and education in gynecologic oncology, thereby improving the care of women with tumors of the breasts and genital tract.

This educational world congress will not only be a major event in achieving the EAGC’s objectives but it will be a novel approach to education, and therefore requires special merit. This kind of congress has never been organized. This will not be a venue for original papers, and will by no means be a congress similar to that of the congresses of the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology. This will be exclusively on education, teaching, e.g. teaching how to perform a radical hysterectomy, the best way of delivering radiation therapy or chemotherapy, task force lectures in colposcopy, etc. In other words it will deal with the way to do things and not when or why.

The Congress has several equal-ability chairmen representing the world. The chairmen are responsible for the scientific program and so there will be no scientific committee. The Organizing Committee will make every effort to make the Congress a memorable event. This will be a non-profit endeavor.

All topics will be covered and all papers, etc. will be presented by the invited faculty, i.e. there will be no room for proffered papers. However, the Congress will offer the attendees the opportunity of teaching all participants by presenting posters. Since this is a major goal, the participants are encouraged to prepare posters. Those who wish to publish the posters as full papers in a book can do so by extra charge by submitting their papers.

As an indicator of the interest this event is attracting, it is my pleasure to acknowledge that a large body of International Societies and other organizations have cordially accepted to participate. This amounts to a guarantee of the high scientific level of the Meeting.

As for the venue, Budapest offers warm hospitality, with lots of cultural and tourist attractions. Participants will have an opportunity to experience some of them. The city is proud to host the 1st Educational World Congress on Gynecologic Oncology.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Budapest and looking forward as well to your invaluable contribution.

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Chairmen: Péter Bősze and László Ungár

Physiology of the postoperative patient
Hugh H. Allen

Gynecologic oncology: a perspective from "down under"
Neville F. Hacker

The future of radiation therapy in the management of the female genital tract malignancies
Ben J. Smits

OCTOBER 10, 2002 THURSDAY
11.45-13.00 Opening Ceremony
Chairman: László Kovács

11.45-11.55 Opening of the 1st EAGC Educational World Congress on Gynecologic Oncology
Mrs. Dalma Mádl (patron of the congress)

11.55-12.15 Welcome addresses
István Besznayák
Sándor Eckhardt
István Gáti
Antonio Onnis

12.15-12.50 Architectural heritage of Budapest
Pál Ritoók

12.50-13.00 Background and objectives of the congress
Péter Bősze
OCTOBER 10, 2002 THURSDAY
13.00-15.00

ELEMENTS OF RADICAL Hysterectomy; THE WAY I DO IT
Chairman: Pierluigi Benedetti Panici
Co-chairman: Róbert Koiss

13.00-13.40 Elements of radical hysterectomy and key points in performing pelvic and paraaortic lymphadenectomy: an overview
Pierluigi Benedetti Panici

13.40-13.55 The way I do it
Attila Artner

13.55-14.10 My view
Tak-hong Cheung

14.10-14.25 This is our approach
Michael Höckel

14.25-15.00 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES This session will focus on the most important anatomic structures in terms of the safety and adequacy of performing radical hysterectomy and associated lymphadenectomy, including pelvic and paraaortic lymph node dissection. A thorough discussion will also be conducted on avoiding postoperative bladder dysfunction and other intra- and postoperative complications with the aid of novel anatomic findings. Emphases will be put on how to utilize the anatomic structures in tailoring surgery to suit individual patient’s need.

15.00-15.30 COFFEE BREAK

OCTOBER 10, 2002 THURSDAY
15.30-16.30

WHAT GynaECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGISTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RADIATION THERAPY
In collaboration with ESTRO
Chairmen: Ibtsam Lale Atahan and Ben J. Smit
Co-chairman: Olga Esik

15.30-16.00 An overview
Ben J. Smit

16.00-16.20 My way of delivering radiation therapy
Ibtsam Lale Atahan

16.20-16.30 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES Radiotherapy has made major strides during the last two decades, and this progress is likely to have further impact on reducing complications and improving the local control and survival rates for radiotherapy patients. Experience in radiotherapy, both in principle including radiobiology and physics and in clinical practice, is a prerequisite for gynaecological oncologists to be a competent consultant in the field. It is not necessary for the gynaecological oncologist to give radiotherapy, but to be prepared to do so in case it is necessary, and in order to be able to evaluate the capability of this treatment modality, when making a decision regarding treatment approaches of individual patients, and to avoid the one-sided decision of the radiotherapist.
OCTOBER 10, 2002 THURSDAY
16.30-18.00

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL HINTS OF MAKING FLAPS
Chairman: Michael Höckel
Co-chairman: Gusztáv Gulyás

16.30-17.00  An overview
            Michael Höckel
17.00-17.15  My view
            Gusztáv Gulyás
17.15-17.30  The way I do it
            Pierluigi Benedetti Panici
17.30-18.00  Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES  Flaps are increasingly used even in gynecologic surgery and they have a major role in managing cancer patients. Gynecologic oncologists should be familiar and experienced in making flaps not only to cover large wounds and for plastic surgical purposes, but also to improve the blood supply of the tumor beds by neovascularisation. Due to the newly formed blood vessels from the flaps, oxygen level of the remaining cancer cells increases and the radiation therapy will be more effective. This program is designed for gynecologists, gynecologic oncologists, plastic surgeons, radiotherapists and all others who treat patients with malignant diseases. As with other sessions, the major objective is how to make flaps.
OCTOBER 10, 2002 THURSDAY
18.00-20.00

EUROPEAN CERTIFICATES: HOW TO GET ACCREDITATION
European meeting
Chairman: Cees C. Leibbrandt
Co-chairman: Attila Pál

18.00-18.05 Introduction
   Cees C. Leibbrandt

18.05-18.25 Is there a need for European Certificates: an overview
   Péter Bösze

18.25-18.45 Organisation: practical considerations
   Charles W.E. Redman

18.45-19.05 The role of FECS in accrediting European Certificates in oncology
   Niall O'Higgins

19.05-19.25 The role of EBCOG in accrediting European Certificates in gynecology and gynecologic oncology
   F. André van Assche

19.25-19.45 The role of UEMS in accrediting European Certificates in oncology
   Cees C. Leibbrandt

19.45-20.00 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Regarding the European training in medicine, one of the major issues is accreditation. As for CME accreditation, we are well on the way with the establishment of the European Accreditation Centre for CME within UEMS. However, there is still a long way to go in terms of accreditation of European Certificates. Apparently, there is an increasing need for European Certificates. E.g. the European Federation of Colposcopy has developed a core curriculum for European Colposcopy Training and a Course Book on Colposcopy is being published by the European Academy of Gynaecological Cancer. The interest in getting such a European Colposcopy Certificate is obvious for several reasons. The major concern is accreditation. This is just one example and there are many others including subspecialty training. This is the rational of this session and it seems timely to organise a European meeting in this context.

OCTOBER 10, 2002 THURSDAY

20.00 WELCOME PARTY
ELEMENTS IN REMOVING A FIXED PELVIC MASS AND ABDOMINAL METASTASES: THE WAY I DO IT

Chairman: Hugh H. Allen
Co-chairman: Roberts Pöka

08.30-09.10 Major points of the surgical approach
Hugh H. Allen

09.10-09.25 The way I do it
Neville F. Hacker

09.25-09.40 The way I do it
Frans A.N. Zoetmulder

09.40-10.30 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES This comprehensive session has been designed to advance the surgical experience of pelvic surgeons in managing patients with seemingly unresectable tumors. With the understanding of the retroperitoneal approach and the major anatomic structures, almost all pelvic masses can be removed. By the end of the session, attendees will be familiar with the surgical elements required to manage women with advanced tumors, e.g. disseminated ovarian cancer. Leading world experts will share their experience in this context.

10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

OCTOBER 11, 2002 FRIDAY

11.00-12.00

COLPOSCOPY: PRACTICAL HINTS
In collaboration with IFCPC
Chairman: Santiago Dexeus
Co-chairman: László Kornya

11.00-11.20 Task force lectures in colposcopy
Santiago Dexeus

11.20-11.35 Atypical colposcopic findings: recognition and clinical implications
Claes Tropé

11.35-11.45 Vulvoscopy: practical hints
Vesna Kestic

11.45-12.00 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES Colposcopy has a fundamental role in evaluating women with abnormal smears. It is also used in primary setting, as part of gynecologic examination, in some parts of the world. The lectures will be arranged in a didactic fashion by providing algorithms. By the end, participants should be able to understand the colposcopic findings and their clinical implications as well as the limitations of this procedure.

12.00-13.00 LUNCH BREAK
OCTOBER 11, 2002 FRIDAY
13.00-15.00

ELEMENTS OF BREAST SURGERY; THE WAY I DO IT
(THE PRIMARY TUMOR)
In collaboration with the European School of Oncology (ESO)
Chairman: Alberto Costa
Co-chairman: Pál Sikkős

13.00-13.40 Biopsy techniques and conservative surgery: an overview
Alberto Costa

13.40-13.55 Biopsy techniques: the way I do it
Niall O’Higgins

13.55-14.10 Biopsy techniques: the way I do it
Egon Svastics

14.10-14.25 Conservative surgery of the primary tumor: my view
László Pálfalvi

14.25-14.40 Conservative surgery of the primary tumor: my view
Wiebren AA. Tjalma

14.40-15.00 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES As with other sessions on surgery, thorough dis-
cussion will be conducted on anatomy and the utilization of anatomic
landmarks in removing the primary breast tumors or masses. Breast
biopsy is by no means an easy procedure requiring special techniques,
which will be demonstrated. This session will introduce the basic surgi-
cal principles in preserving the cancer-bearing breast. Again, the major
emphases will not focus on when, but rather how to perform breast-con-
serving surgery in terms of removing the primary tumor.

15.00-15.30 COFFEE BREAK

OCTOBER 11, 2002 FRIDAY
15.30-16.30

ELEMENTS OF BREAST SURGERY; THE WAY I DO IT (THE AXILLA)
Chairman: Niall O’Higgins
Co-chairman: Egon Svastics

15.30-15.55 Surgical management of the axilla:
key anatomical landmarks and techniques
Niall O’Higgins

15.55-16.10 The way I do it
Santiago Dexeus

16.10-16.30 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES In principle, this session has the same objective as
the previous one, focusing on the axillary node dissection. With the
advances of applied anatomy, the surgeon can be safely guided to find
the axillary vein, the most important landmark in clearing the axilla.
This will allow for the participants to significantly reduce the surgical
risk in their home practice.
OCTOBER 11, 2002 FRIDAY
16.30-18.00

ELEMENTS OF GROIN NODE DISSECTION: THE WAY I DO IT
Chairman: Neville F. Hacker
Co-chairman: Attila Artner

16.30-17.00  Anatomical landmarks for guiding surgery; my technique  
             Neville F. Hacker
17.00-17.15  The way I do it  
             Hugh H. Allen
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES  Carcinoma of the vulva is relatively rare and not  
                     many centers accumulate enough cases to establish firm  
                     therapeutic guidelines. There are still controversies  
                     regarding the extent of groin node dissection. This  
                     matter, however, is of particular importance because  
                     groin failure is almost invariably fatal in one hand,  
                     and the more radical the node dissection is the more  
                     severe the complications are, particularly the  
                     lymphedema. Recent studies have provided insight into  
                     the exact anatomic localization of the inguinal and  
                     femoral nodes, making possible to remove the nodes  
                     effectively without disturbing normal anatomical  
                     structures. This approach is a key step in reducing  
                     the incidence and severity of lymphedema without  
                     compromising patients’ care.

OCTOBER 11, 2002 FRIDAY
18.00-19.00

TECHNIQUES OF PRESERVING FERTILITY IN CERVICAL CANCER
Chairman: László Pálfalvi
Co-chairman: Vilmos Fülöp

18.00-18.20  Radical tracheectomy: applied anatomy and major tech-  
             nical elements  
             Daniel Dargent
18.20-18.40  Uterine preserving abdominal surgery: the way I do it  
             László Ungár
18.40-19.00  Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES  Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers  
                     of the female genital tract. Traditionally, it has been  
                     treated with radical surgery and/or radical radiotherapy,  
                     with the invariable consequence of compromising further  
                     childbearing. Recent advances have dramatically  
                     changed this practice. Women with early-stage cervical  
                     carcinoma may have the option of preserving the uterine  
                     corpus, i.e. fertility capacity. There are two major  
                     approaches, which will be addressed in detail.
OCTOBER 11, 2002 FRIDAY
19.00-20.00

SURGICAL HISTOLOGY OF CERVICAL CANCER
Chairmen: László Ungár and László Vass

19.00-19.25 Surgical histology of cervical cancer: an overview
   László Ungár
19.25-19.45 My view
   Giovanni Scambia
19.45-20.00 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES The session includes a thorough discussion on the clinical implications of the surgical histology. Important details will be highlighted with special emphases on intra- and postoperative decision-making. The participants will have the opportunity to share their own experience. At the end of the session the attendees should be familiar with this novel concept and its practical clinical value.
HOW TO PERFORM FIGO STAGING: PRACTICAL GUIDANCE
In collaboration with FIGO
Chairmen: Hextan YS Ngan and Claes Tropé

08.30-08.50 FIGO Oncology Committee and principles of setting up FIGO staging
Hextan YS Ngan

08.50-09.30 Practical guidance of staging carcinoma of vulva, vagina, cervix, corpus uteri and ovaries
Claes Tropé

09.30-09.45 My view
Neville F. Hacker

09.45-10.30 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES This session will provide gynecologists, gynecologic oncologists and other physicians dealing with cancers of the female genital tract with up-dated and comprehensive knowledge on the principles of the FIGO staging system. It is also intended to provide practical guidelines in terms of practice, pitfalls and controversies of FIGO staging. By the end of the session, participants should aware of the best way in performing FIGO staging in women with gynecological malignancies.

10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

PRACTICAL GUIDANCE OF DELIVERING CHEMOTHERAPY
In collaboration with ESMO
Chairman: Jan B. Vermorken
Co-chairman: András Szánhő

11.00-11.30 An overview
Jan B. Vermorken

11.30-11.45 Cytoreductive surgery followed by intraperitoneal hyperthermic perfusion in the treatment of recurrent epithelial ovarian cancer
Marcello Deraco

11.45-12.00 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES Chemotherapy is mostly given by medical oncologists. In many centers, however, it is the gynecological oncologists, who treat their patients. Irrespective of the institutional practice, physicians involved in the management of cancer patients should be familiar with the practical administration of cytotoxic drugs. The participants will have the opportunity to get the basic principles and practical hints from one of the leading world experts in the field.

12.00-13.00 LUNCH BREAK
OCTOBER 12, 2002 SATURDAY
13.00-15.00

HOW TO PREVENT AND MANAGE BLEEDING DURING PELVIC SURGERY
In collaboration with the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO)
Chairman: Frans A.N. Zoetmulder
Co-chairman: Miklós Türök

13.00-13.30 Principles: methods of preventing bleeding, management of heavy (life threatening) bleeding, how to deal with oozing, management of bleeding from small vessels retracting in the bones
  Frans A.N. Zoetmulder
13.30-13.50 Step by step approach in clearing the pelvic side wall: applied anatomy
  László Pálfalvi
13.50-14.10 Bleeding: the view of the anaesthetist (systemic anticoagulation)
  János Károlyits
14.10-14.25 Ligation of the large vessels in the pelvis: indication and consequences
  Csaba Dzsintich
14.25-14.40 Novel approaches
  Gianfranco Bellezza
14.40-15.00 Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES This session is designed to suit all surgeons regardless of whether they are gynecologists, cancer surgeons or general surgeons. A comprehensive review will be provided, covering all methods utilized in managing intraoperative bleeding. In addition, the key anatomical structures will be discussed which can be used to avoid vascular injury and bleeding. Participants will learn novel surgical methods of sealing the small vessel and, thereby, they will be able to significantly reduce blood loss and operating time. The role of the anaesthetists in managing heavy bleeding will also be addressed.

15.00-15.30 COFFEE BREAK
OCTOBER 12, 2002 SATURDAY
15.30-16.30

HOW TO PERFORM CONE BIOPSY/LEETZ
Chairmen: Raimund Winter and Ferenc Paulin

THE WAY I DO IT
15.30-15.45  The Graz experience
  Raimund Winter
15.45-16.00  The Oslo experience
  Claes Tropé
16.00-16.15  The Belgrade experience
  Vesna Kesic
16.15-16.30  Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES  Cone biopsy of the uterine cervix is one of the most frequently performed minor surgical interventions in gynecology. In spite of this, there have been a great variety of methods used during the last three decades. Recently, the radiofrequency electrosurgical excision has become very trendy. Controversies, however, still exist. World experts will address the relevant questions and share their experiences.

OCTOBER 12, 2002 SATURDAY
16.30-18.00

HOW TO PERFORM LAPAROSCOPY:
LITTLE TRICKS MAKE THINGS BETTER
Chairman: Daniel Dargent
Co-chairman: Zsolt Csápol

16.30-17.00  An overview
  Daniel Dargent
17.00-17.15  The way I do it
  István Rákóczi
17.15-17.30  My view
  Paul Bartos
17.30-18.00  Discussion

LEARNING OBJECTIVES  Laparoscopy has an increasing role in gynecologic oncology. This involves minor and major surgical procedures. The efficacy of laparoscopic lymphadenectomy, for instance, has been demonstrated. The learning curve of laparoscopic surgery, however, is long and incidental complications are not infrequent. This session, therefore, is specifically designed to discuss the basic roles in performing laparoscopy and to highlight little tricks in order to avoid adverse effects.

OCTOBER 12, 2002 SATURDAY
18.00-19.00

CLOSING CEREMONY
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please present the confirmation as proof of registration at the Registration Desk and pick up your Congress Documents. Registration Desk is located in the EAGC Registration Area in the Congress Venue. On-site registration is available.

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Registered delegates are entitled to attend all Scientific Sessions, receive all official Congress Documents, access to Exhibitions, attend the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception and Closing Ceremony, receive 2 luncheon vouchers (Friday and Saturday) and coffee during the Congress.

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The participants acknowledge that he or she has no right to lodge damage claims against the organizers should the holding of the congress be hindered or prevented by unexpected political or economic events or generally by vis major, or should the non-appearance of speakers or other reasons necessitate program changes. With registration, the participants accept this proviso.

TOURIST PROGRAM

1. “GUARANTEED CLASSICAL BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING TOUR” by bus with tour guide. We show you the most beautiful sights of Budapest: Heroe’s Square, Millennium Memorial, Opera House, St Stephen’s Cathedral, Parliament, Margaret Island, Castle District, Fishermen’s Bastion (walk), Matthias Church, Citadel (photo-stop), Downtown, Market Hall, National Museum, Jewish Synagogue. Tour ends at the pier/city center.

   **Price: 32 EUR / person**

2. "SECRETS OF BUDAPEST" Visit of the Market Hall, Parliament, Opera Backstage with bus and guide

   **Price: 27 EUR / person**

3. "BOAT TRIP TO THE MARGARET ISLAND" One-hour boat trip from city center to the Island, cake and coffee service. One-hour guided tour on the Island – getting acquainted with the history and the monuments. One-hour boat trip back to the city center.

   **Price: 14 EUR / person**

4. "DANUBE TOUR" Full-day trip on the Danube Bend. Visit the towns of archbishops, kings and artists. See Hungary’s greatest Basilica in Esztergom, center of catholic faith. Visegrád houses the former Royal Residence. Panoramic View from the castle followed by trip to Szentendre. Lunch and wine tasting. Walk in the town. Return to Budapest on the Danube by boat. Tour ends at the pier/city center. By low level of water the tour is available only by bus.

   **Price: 85 EUR / person**

5. POST CONGRESS PROGRAM “Castle Tournament with Feast of the Middle Ages in Sümeg”

We turn back the time and evoke the spirit of the most manly contest of the Middle Ages involving both cavalry’s and
infantry's fascinating battles. Faithful to their titles, the knights fought in order to be worthy of the ladies' heart. They set an excellent example in skill, strength, courage and cleverness. The program is followed by the feast with unlimited consumption of food and drinks. According to the customs of the Middle Ages, guests may eat without cutlery. Knights and Ladies of the Castle serve the food and drink. The meal is accompanied by gypsy music. Travel by bus.

**Price: 50 EUR / person**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The prices are subject to changes depending on the number of participants.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**THE CITY OF BUDAPEST**

With its over 2 million inhabitants, Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is the largest city in a country of 11 million people, and is also the richest in attractions. The city lies in the heart of Europe, on both banks of the river Danube.

Thanks to its favorable geographical position, the place was, even in ancient times and the Middle Ages, an important road junction and a major settlement. If we take into account its Roman predecessor, Aquincum, we can say that it is 2,000 years old. Legally, however, Budapest did not come into being until as recently as 1873, when the three independent towns of Pest, Buda and Óbuda (Old Buda) were united. Thus, a settlement with over two thousand years of history has only been 'Budapest' for the past 128 years.

The beautiful setting of the city, its artistic monuments dating from so many different periods, its lively cultural life and numerous medicinal baths, its fine food and drink, and its animated life and warm hospitality - these assets deservedly attract more and more foreign visitors each year.

**CONGRESS VENUE**

Hotel Mercure Buda (1013 Budapest, Krisztina krt. 41-43)

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

The official language of the Congress is exclusively English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

**WEATHER AND CLOTHING**

In October the weather is usually pleasant and sunny. The average temperature ranges from 18 to 22 °C. Fairly light clothing is advisable; however, the evenings may be cool, so a jacket or raincoat may be useful.

**EXHIBITION**

During the congress, a large exhibition, featuring commercial displays by pharmaceutical companies and industries serving the gynecological oncology community will be organized.

**INFORMATION DESK**

Information service will be provided during the Congress from 07.00 to 19.30. The Information Desk will be located in the Registration Area.

**INVITATION LETTERS**

Official letters of invitation to help overcome administrative difficulties including obtaining visa or permission to attend the Congress can be sent upon written request to the Organising Company. This should not, however, be construed as a financial commitment on the part of the Organizers.

**BADGE**

Name badge will be needed for admission to all scientific events including exhibits, and to all social events. Participants, exhibitors and accompanying persons are requested to wear their badge at all times during the conference.

**SLIDE VIEW ROOM AND PROJECTION**

The Slide View Room will be located in the Congress venue and will be open during Congress Hours.

Available projection facilities: single and double slide projection, overhead projection, LCD projection for PC (PowerPoint, JPG, BMP) and video (VHS, S-VHS, PAL, NTSC). Please indicate your preference.

**CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE**

Certificates of Attendance will be provided to all attendees.

**INSURANCE**

The Organizers do not accept liability for individual medical, travel or personal insurance, and participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance policies.

If necessary consult your travel agent.

**LEFT LUGGAGE**

Cloakroom facilities will be available at the Congress Venue every day.

**LOST AND FOUND**

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MESSAGE CENTRE
Message Centre will be operating during the Congress and are located in the Registration area.

SMOKING
There will be a strict no-smoking policy within all areas used by the Conference.

TIPPING
Gratuities are expected and are usually 10% in restaurants and other public places and for taxi drivers. Please note that service charges are included in transportation rates from and to the Airport.

ELECTRICITY
The electricity supply is 220 V, 50 Hz.

CAR PARK
The Hotel Mercure Budapest Buda has an open Car Park and there is a covered Car Park in the vicinity of the Congress Venue. Car Park Tickets are available in the Car Parks. The cost of car parking is not included in the Registration Fee.