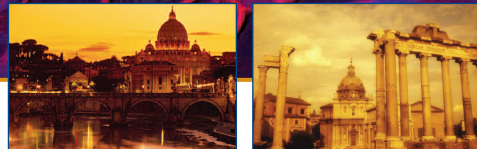




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Full Participation, students/young scientists*	Euro 325,00	Euro 375,00
Accompanying Person	Euro 250,00	Euro 300,00

* Students/young scientists under 30 are eligible when presenting an official confirmation of enrolment in a scientific institution.

The **Full Participation** includes: admission to all scientific sessions, light lunches from August 31 to September 2, the **Welcome Cocktail and Get-Together Party on Sunday**, the **Garden Party on Monday** and the **Congress Dinner on Wednesday**.

The registration fee for **Accompanying Persons** includes: the opening and closing ceremony, the **Get-together Party on Sunday**, the **Reception on Monday**.

Congress Dinner (Sept. 2) for Accompanying Persons can be bought at the price of Euro 75,00 (VAT 20% included).

The registration fees do not include accommodation and travel costs. They include VAT 20%.

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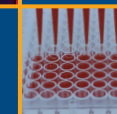
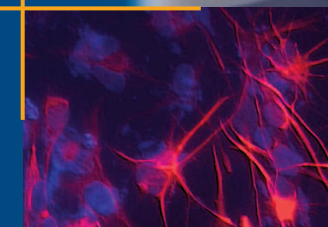


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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

16:00-19:00 Registrations
20:00-22:00 Welcome Cocktail and Get-Together Party

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

09:00-18:00 **THEME 1: INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, CONCEPTS AND APPROACHES**

- **Plenary Sessions**
- **Breakout Sessions**
Integrated approaches
Session Chair: G. Schüürmann, Germany
Chemical and physical methods
Session Chair: S. Morath, Italy
NTP High Throughput Screening Initiative
Session Chair: R. Tice, USA
Omics and systems biology
Session Chair: J. Kleinjans, The Netherlands
Non-invasive technologies
Session Chair: A. Hess, Germany
Non-vertebrate models
Session Chair: H. Knaut, USA
In silico models
Session Chair: J. Jaworska, Belgium
Databases: scientific approaches
Session Chairs: F. Zucco, Italy
In vitro technologies
Session Chair: C. Mummery, The Netherlands
Validation concepts
Session Chairs: H. Kojima, Japan; J. Kreysa, Italy; W. Stokes, USA

• **Extra Breakout Sessions**
Status report on PREDICT-IV
Session Chair: W. Dekant, Germany
Status report on Evidence Based Toxicology Project
Session Chair: S. Hoffmann, Germany

Status report on CAESAR
Session Chair: E. Benfenati, Italy

• **Lunch Sessions**
Databases: Progress Report
Session Chair: B. Grune, Germany
Good cell culture practices
Session Chair: G. Gstraunthaler, Austria

20:00-23:00 Garden Party at the Rome Cavalieri Hotel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

09:00-18:00 **THEME 2: AREAS OF ANIMAL USE**

- **Plenary Sessions**
- **Breakout Sessions**
Basic research
Session Chair: J. Zurlo, USA
Chemicals and pesticides
Session Chair: N. Carmichael, Belgium
Cosmetics
Session Chair: O. De Silva, France
Pharmaceuticals
Session Chair: P. Vanparys, Belgium
Food improving agents
Session Chairs: A. Jacobs and K. Arvidson, USA
Genetically modified organisms
Session Chair: H.A. Kuiper, The Netherlands
Nanotechnology applications
Session Chair: V. Stone, United Kingdom
Vaccines and biologicals
Session Chairs: M. Halder, Italy; M. Landys, Cuba
Education and training
Session Chair: J. Van der Valk, The Netherlands
Animal use policies
Session Chair: R. Kolar, Germany

• **Extra Breakout Sessions**
Status report on ICATM
Session Chair: M. Wind, USA
Status report on EPAA
Session Chair: B. Garthoff, Germany
Status report on ReProTect
Session Chair: M. Schwartz, Germany
Status report on OSIRIS
Session Chair: G. Schüürmann, Germany

• **Lunch Sessions**
Communication strategies
Session Chair: to be decided
Progress in validation
Session Chair: to be decided

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

09:00-18:00 **THEME 3: PROGRESS IN LIFE SCIENCE DOMAINS**

- **Plenary Sessions**
- **Breakout Sessions**
Skin and eye toxicity I
Session Chair: R. Curren, USA
Skin and eye toxicity II
Session Chair: P. McNamee, USA
Systemic toxicity and target organs
Session Chair: W. Pfaller, Austria
Genetics and carcinogenicity
Session Chair: M. Hayashi, Japan
Reproduction, development and fertility
Session Chair: E. M. Faustman, USA
Disease models
Session Chair: J. Everitt, USA

Environmental science
Session Chair: K. Schirmer, Switzerland
Animal welfare science
Session Chair: D. Morton, United Kingdom
Immunology
Session Chair: E. Roggen, Denmark
Neuroscience
Session Chair: P. Lein, USA

• **Extra Breakout Sessions**
Status report on A-cute-Tox
Session Chair: C. Clemedson, Sweden
Status report on ToxCast
Session Chair: R. Kavlock, USA
Status report on Sens-it-iv
Session Chair: E. Roggen, Denmark
Status report on ESNATS
Session Chair: J. Hescheler, Germany

• **Lunch Sessions**
Animal welfare legislation 86/609
Session Chair: S. Louhimies, Belgium
Vaccines: Acceptance of 3R methods
Session Chair: to be decided

20:00-24:00 Congress Dinner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

09:00-13:00 **SPECIAL EVENT: 50 YERS AFTER RUSELL & BURCH**
Plenary Sessions
Awards Ceremony
Special Recognition Event
WC8 Presentation
Closing Speeches by Congress Co-Chairs

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Registered participants wishing to make a presentation in one of the sessions or present a poster should submit an abstract of about 200 words. Abstracts should be submitted electronically through the official website of the Congress:
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The deadline for submission of abstracts is April 10, 2009.
Please be sure to follow carefully the abstract submission

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