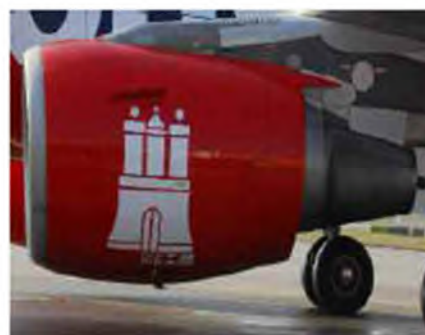


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Welcome Address

On behalf of the European Stroke Conference (ESC) we are very pleased to invite you to our next annual meeting that will take place in Hamburg from 24 – 27 May 2011 – back to Germany, where the conference started in 1990 in Düsseldorf.

With its 1.8 million inhabitants, Hamburg is the second largest city in the country and the economic and cultural centre of northern Germany. The long tradition and prestigious role in the international economic alliance of more than 200 trading cities of the Hanseatic League during the Late Middle Ages and early modern period (13th–17th centuries) from The Netherlands and the North Sea to Poland and the Baltic Sea made Hamburg a cosmopolitan city that is called “Germany's gate to the world” – an excellent choice for the ESC!

Hamburg has always been a maritime city. 2302 bridges illustrate the great history of water, harbour and boats. Huge ships like the Queen Mary 2 with its 345 m length overall are regular guests in the harbour which will be 822 years old in 2011. In the centre of Hamburg, the river Alster forms two lakes, the Inner Alster and the Outer Alster, spacious areas for sailing and other water sports and surrounded by a beautiful park which is one of the favourite spots for running and walking, right in the neighbourhood of the conference centre hosting the ESC. There are extensive zoological and botanical gardens. Noteworthy buildings include the baroque St. Michael's Church (1750–62), rebuilt (1907–12) after a fire, the Church of St. Jacobi (14th century) and the Renaissance-style city hall (1886–97). Currently, the new spectacular concert hall, the Elbphilharmonie, is being built downtown in the growing district of Hafencity at the riverside. Besides these cultural highlights, Hamburg offers a large amount of restaurants, bars, theatres, art galleries and other places for entertainment including the district of St. Pauli with its famous street, the Reeperbahn. Hamburg has a particular connection with neurology, as the first university department of neurology in Germany was established in Hamburg by Max Nonne (1861–1959) in 1919. Several museums, technical and science institutes add to the intellectually stimulating environment.

Following the successful history of the ESC from 1990 to its 20th anniversary conference, the Scientific and Programme Committees will prepare a truly international conference that will collect excellent work of basic science and clinical research related to stroke and cerebrovascular diseases as submitted from continuously increasing numbers of researchers from all over the world. Along these lines we will increase the number of joint symposia with other European and worldwide operating societies active in the fight against the burden of stroke as we did in recent years. In continuity with the tradition, controversies in diagnosis and management, scientific mini-symposia addressing particularly interesting aspects of treatment and prevention and more generally oriented educational symposia covering the full scope of stroke related interests will be organised. As in previous years the progress of this programme can be monitored on our website www.eurostroke.eu. We cordially invite you to contribute to the full success of ESC 2011 communicating your own ideas as well as submitting abstracts reporting your finest scientific work.

See you soon in Hamburg in May 2011, one of the friendliest months of the year!

Christian Gerloff and Michael G. Hennerici

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Preliminary Programme Overview

Tuesday, 24 May 2011		Wednesday, 25 May 2011	Thursday, 26 May 2011	Friday, 27 May 2011
		Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions
		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
		Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions
		Satellite Lunch Symposium	Satellite Lunch Symposium	Closing
Teaching Courses*	Nurses and AHP*	Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions	
		Coffee Break		
Teaching Courses*		Scientific Sessions	Scientific Sessions	
Opening Ceremony	Satellite Symposia	Satellite Symposia		
Welcome Reception				

Teaching Courses

Tuesday, 24 May 2011, 13.00 – 15.00

Teaching Course 1: Stroke and headache

Chairs: M. Zuber, France and J. Stam, The Netherlands

Migraine and stroke

H.-C. Diener, Germany

Headache in stroke

A. Verdelho, Portugal

Thunderclap headache – spectrum of causes and practical management

M. Zuber, France

Headache and cerebral venous thrombosis

J. Stam, The Netherlands

Teaching Course 2: Haemorrhagic strokes

Chairs: C. Cordonnier, France and D. Werring, UK

Is it a primary haemorrhage or secondary haemorrhagic transformation?

V. Caso, Italy

Cerebral amyloid angiopathy and intracerebral haemorrhage

C. Cordonnier, France

Microbleeds – current concepts

D. Werring, UK

Management of haemorrhagic stroke

T. Steiner, Germany

Teaching Course 3: Complications to stroke in the acute phase

Chairs: NN and K. Vonck, Belgium

Deep venous thrombosis and pulmonary embolism

M. Dennis, UK

Infections in acute stroke

L. Kalra, UK

Glycaemia control in acute stroke

S. Kreisel, Germany

Seizures

K. Vonck, Belgium

Teaching Course 4: Difficult treatment and management decisions in acute stroke

Chairs: B. van der Worp, The Netherlands and K. Thygesen, Denmark

Treatment of vertebrobasilar ischaemic stroke

B. van der Worp, The Netherlands

Acute coronary syndromes in acute stroke patients

K. Thygesen, Denmark

Acute antithrombotic therapy in intracerebral haemorrhage

J. Petersson, Sweden

Endocarditis as a cause of acute stroke: when to suspect, what diagnostics to use, how to treat

L. Derex, France

Teaching Course 5: Stroke in young adults

Chairs: J.-L. Mas, France and M.M. Brown, UK

PFO and stroke

J.-L. Mas, France

Pregnancy and stroke

C. Lamy, France

Intracerebral haemorrhage in young adults

W. Whiteley, UK

Obliterative intracranial disease

M.M. Brown, UK

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee break

Tuesday, 24 May 2011, 15.30 – 17.30

Teaching Course 6: Stroke syndromes of the posterior circulation

Chairs: R. Kern, Germany and J.S. Kim, South Korea

Brain-stem ischaemic stroke eponyms – an update

J.S. Kim, South Korea

Oculomotor presentations of brain-stem ischaemia

D. Kömpf, Germany

Cerebellar stroke syndromes

T. Moulin, France

Ischaemic stroke patterns in the posterior cerebral artery territory

R. Kern, Germany

Teaching Course 7: Lacunar stroke and cerebral small vessel disease: from clinical presentation to treatment. Insights on a complex multisystem disorder

Chairs: J. Wardlaw, UK and R. Lindley, Australia

Lacunar stroke: clinical presentation and evidence for different subtypes

R. van Oostenbrugge, The Netherlands

Small vessels elsewhere – what can they tell us about subtypes of cerebral small vessel disease? The retina and beyond

R. Lindley, Australia

Imaging of lacunar stroke and related small vessel disease phenotypes. Relationship to background risk factors and future disease risk

J. Wardlaw, UK

Treatment and secondary prevention of lacunar ischaemic stroke

O. Benavente, Canada

Teaching Course 8: Advances in dissections

Chairs: M. Arnold, Switzerland and E.B. Ringelstein, Germany

The mystery of cervical artery dissections

M.-G. Boussier, France

Advances in pathophysiology of dissections

S. Debette, France

Advances in diagnosis of dissections

E.B. Ringelstein, Germany

Management of dissections

M. Arnold, Switzerland

Teaching Course 9: Secondary prevention of stroke/TIA in high-risk patients

Chairs: C. Gerloff, Germany and J. Röther, Germany

Conflicting stroke mechanisms – how to treat?

C. Gerloff, Germany

Peripheral artery disease and stroke – The PAD history

E. Touzé, France

Carotid stenosis – when to treat?

A. Chatzikonstantinou, Germany

Who is "high risk"? – Lessons from the REACH registry

J. Röther, Germany

Teaching Course 10: Iatrogenic stroke

Chairs: A. Tsiskaridze, Georgia and A. Lindgren, Sweden

Perioperative stroke

A. Lindgren, Sweden

Stroke related to cardiac interventions

S. Willems, Germany

Complications of thrombolytic therapy for ischaemic stroke

N. Nighoghossian, France

Intracranial bleeding complications of anticoagulant therapy

A. Tsiskaridze, Georgia

Please note:

Please register for the Teaching Courses either online or by means of the Registration Form.

Spaces are limited and are allocated on a first-come – first served basis.

For all Teaching Courses, CME accreditation has been applied for at EACCME.

Important Addresses and Dates

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Deadline for abstract submission: 17 January 2011

Deadline for Nurses/AHP's abstract submission: 15 March 2011

Deadline for "Ongoing Trials" abstracts: 12 May 2011

Deadline for early registration fee: 15 March 2011

Deadline for intermediate registration fee: 20 April 2011

Deadline for hotel accommodation: 18 April 2011

Notification of abstract authors: mid March 2011

ESC 2012 (Lisbon, Portugal): 22 – 25 May 2012

Online Registration

Participants are given the opportunity to register for the conference and the social events and tours as well as to book hotel accommodation via the same link.

<https://registration.akm.ch/congress/book?congress=1679&lang=2>

Please do not use the online registration for group registration.

For online registrations, payment by credit card is required.

Registration Form

Should you prefer to make the payment by bank transfer or cheque, please complete the registration form and return the signed form to the Administrative Secretariat by 15 March 2011 in order to profit from the lowest rate.

Online Payment

Open invoices can be paid online by credit card using the information in the top left hand corner of the invoice.

<https://registration.akm.ch/congress/invoice/Plow?congress=1679&lang=2>

A confirmation of payment will be sent to you by e-mail directly.

Group Registration

In order to proceed with your group registration you are requested to contact

esc@congrex.com

For invoicing purposes, please provide us with the contact person of your company along with the company name, complete postal address and contact details (phone, fax and e-mail).

Upon receipt of your registrations you will receive the invoice and the confirmation by post. Payment can be made by credit card (VISA, Mastercard and American Express) or bank transfer.

Onsite Registration

Participants registering onsite cannot be guaranteed to receive all congress documents. Therefore, please arrive early if you wish to register onsite. Please also note that the availability of hotel accommodation at that time may be limited.

Confirmation

Upon receipt of the correct registration fee, each participant will receive a confirmation of registration. Please bring this confirmation to the Registration Desk at the conference centre as proof of your registration.

Cancellation / Refund Policy

Refund of registration fees, less 25 % administrative charges, can be applied for in writing until 24 March 2011 to the Administrative Secretariat in Basel. After this date no refund will be possible.

Name Changes

For any change of names, a fee of € 20 will be charged. Onsite changes of name badges due to incorrect submission of names and/or address data will be charged at € 10.

General Remark

The participant acknowledges that he / she has no right to lodge damage claims against the organisers should the holding of the conference be hindered or prevented by political events (such as acts of terrorism, danger of hostility, war, etc.) or by unexpected economic events or generally by force majeure, or should the non-appearance of speakers or other reasons necessitate programme changes. With his / her registration, the participant accepts this proviso.

Hotel Accommodation

Online Hotel Booking and Registration Link

<https://registration.akm.ch/congress/book?congress=1679&lang=2>

Accommodation in hotels of various price categories in the vicinity of the conference centre and in the city centre has been reserved.

Participants can book their hotel rooms online or by means of the Hotel Reservation Form. Please note that hotel accommodation is subject to availability and will be limited after **18 April 2011**.

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Categories and Rates

	Single room	Double room
Price category A	€ 205 – 235	€ 240 - 270
Price category B	€ 170 – 200	€ 205 - 235
Price category C	€ 135 – 165	€ 170 - 200
Price category D	€ 100 – 130	€ 135 - 165

All rates are per room and per night, including breakfast, service and taxes.

Online Hotel Booking

Please note the following:

- Bookings are only possible against full payment by credit card upon reservation.
- Payment by credit card is mandatory.
- Congrex Travel will send you a secured payment link and confirmation/invoice upon receipt of your booking.
- For Internet bookings, after 18 April 2011 hotel accommodation is as well subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.

Booking by Means of Reservation Form

Please complete the Hotel Reservation Form and return the signed form to Congrex Travel AG as soon as possible but not later than **18 April 2011**. After this date requests will still be accepted, however, hotel accommodation is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.

A deposit of € 175 per reservation is requested. The following forms of payment are accepted:

- Bank transfer to the account of Congrex Travel at UBS AG, 4002 Basel, Switzerland, account No. 595.400.60G, IBAN No. CH95 0023 3233 5954 0060G, BIC UBSWCHZH80A
- Credit card payment: Please fill in your credit card details and Congrex Travel will send you a secured payment link and confirmation/invoice upon receipt of your booking.

Upon receipt of the deposit, each participant will receive a final confirmation with an invoice. Full payment has to be made to Congrex Travel AG by **18 April 2011**.

Cancellation Policy

If your hotel reservation is cancelled **before 18 April 2011**, the amount will be refunded less € 60 handling fee. If your reservation is cancelled **after 18 April 2011**, or if you arrive later or leave earlier than on the dates indicated on your reservation form, the total accommodation amount will be charged and no refunds can be made.

Changes

Any change of reservation will be subject to a handling fee of € 30. Changes or cancellations have to be made in writing to Congrex Travel AG, Basel. Please do not contact the hotel directly.

Hotel Desk

During the conference, Congrex Travel AG will be present at a counter of the Conference Secretariat.

Social Events and Tours

Tuesday, 24 May 2011, 17.45 – approx. 20.30 **Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception**

Following the Opening Ceremony, a Welcome Reception will take place in the conference centre.

All registered participants and accompanying persons are cordially invited to this event.

Wednesday, 25 May 2011, 13.30 – 17.00 **Alster Boat Trip and City Tour**

Experience Hamburg from the boat and enjoy its charm while passing by the Alster Park, idyllic villas and posh sailing boats. This 1-hour maritime sightseeing tour through the Inner and Outer Alster provides a fantastic view of the skyline of Hamburg with its many church towers.

The subsequent city tour includes among others the town hall and Deichstrasse which represents the historic part of Hamburg.

Price per person: EUR 45

Thursday, 26 May 2011, 9.45 – 14.30 **Historic Canal Cruise and City Tour**

Cruise along the city's canals aboard a barge on this 2-hour tour. Enjoy the view on the city's canals, its oldest bridges, the town hall and the 'Speicherstadt' (dockland warehouse district).

The subsequent city tour includes among others the town hall and Deichstrasse which represents the historic part of Hamburg.

Price per person: EUR 55

Thursday, 26 May 2011, 13.30 – 17.00 **Harbour Boat Trip and St. Pauli Tour**

Experience the vibrant harbour district on a 1-hour sightseeing tour. The tour departs from the 'Landungsbrücken' piers and traverses the 'Speicherstadt' (dockland warehouse district) before taking participants to the harbour.

St. Pauli nowadays is a lot more than 'Reeperbahn' (the famous main street of the red light district). It combines the red light district with urban living and many alternative ways of life.

First of all, this walk brings you back to the sixties (Beatles square). Then you will see Grosse Freiheit, a street which in former times was famous for its nightclubs (e.g. Starclub where the Beatles performed in the 60s).

Price per person: EUR 50

Note for All Tours

Tours are based on a minimum of 20 participants. If a tour does not take place due to an insufficient number of participants, the ticket will be reimbursed in full. Otherwise please note that tickets for excursions are non-refundable. An English-speaking guide will conduct all tours. On-site requests for tours are welcome but cannot be guaranteed.

Transportation

Travel to and from Hamburg

By air

Hamburg has plenty of air links with most European cities but only a few direct intercontinental services.

The rapid transit line S1 runs every 10-20 minutes from the airport to the city centre (Hamburg Central Station). The journey takes about 25 minutes.

By

train

In addition to Hamburg Central Station, Hamburg has three other main railway stations: Hamburg-Altona, Hamburg-Dammtor and Hamburg-Harburg. Both InterCity (IC) and InterCityExpress (ICE) trains stop at all four stations.

Hamburg-Dammtor is very close to the conference centre.

Travelling within Hamburg

Public transportation

The Hamburg transport authority HVV brings you quickly and comfortably to any place in Hamburg and its surroundings. HVV tickets are valid on any of the following transport systems: underground (U-Bahn), local fast trains (S-Bahn), regional trains, buses and even on harbour ferries.

For further information, including ticket prices and timetables, please visit www.hvv.de

How to Reach the Congress Center Hamburg

The Congress Center Hamburg (CCH) is located in the centre of the city. There are two stations you can use to arrive at the CCH: Dammtor or Stephansplatz. The way to the CCH is designated from both stations.

From the airport to the CCH

By S-Bahn

Take [redacted] (towards Wedel) to Hamburg Central Station (Hauptbahnhof). Then switch to [redacted] (towards Elbgaustrasse) or [redacted] (towards Altona). Get off at the next station Dammtor.

Travel time is approx. 40 minutes

By taxi

The fare from the airport to the CCH is approx. EUR 20.00. Travel time is approx. 20 minutes.

By train

All high speed trains with national and international rail connections stop at the railway station Hamburg-Dammtor which is next to the CCH.

From Hamburg Central Station take S-Bahn [redacted] (towards Elbgaustrasse) and exit at the next stop (Dammtor).

By public transportation

CCH can easily be reached from any part of the city. The nearest stations are Dammtor and Stephansplatz.

S-Bahn (local rapid
trains) to Dammtor:

■ Direction: Blankenese

■ Direction: Elbgastrasse

■ Direction: Altona

U-Bahn (underground) to
Stephansplatz:

■ Direction: Ohlsdorf

General Information (in alphabetical order)

Abstracts

The abstract submission deadline is Sunday, 16 January 2011. 'Ongoing Trials' can be submitted until Thursday, 12 May 2011.

All accepted abstracts (except for 'Ongoing Trials') will be published in a supplement of the journal *Cerebrovascular Diseases*.

The abstract submission deadline for Nurses is Tuesday, 15 March 2011.

CME Credits

ESC 2011 has applied for CME accreditation at EACCME.

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Exhibition

An industrial exhibition will take place during the conference. Companies from all over the world will be given ample opportunity to display products as well as to promote services and technical innovations.

Companies interested in exhibiting at ESC 2011 should contact the Administrative Secretariat.

Final Programme

The Final Programme will be distributed to all participants at the conference along with all other congress documentation.

Insurance

The congress organisers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss or damage of property belonging to congress participants (or their accompanying persons), either during or as a result of the congress. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

Language

The congress language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Letters of Invitation

The organisers will be pleased to mail letters of invitation to conference participants requesting this service. It is to be understood that such an invitation letter is intended to help to raise travel funds or to obtain visa. It is not a commitment on the part of the conference to provide any financial support. You may request such a letter from the Administrative Secretariat.

Lunches

Lunch packs will be distributed to conference participants on Wednesday and Thursday.

Poster Exhibition

The poster sessions are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Press

Accredited journalists are welcome to attend ESC 2011 free of charge. Please download and complete the Registration Form, on which you are required to clearly mark "Press", and return it to the Administrative Secretariat together with a copy of your press card.

Venue

Hamburg

www.hamburg-tourism.de

Congress Center Hamburg - CCH

www.cch.de

Visa Requirements

Participants are requested to check with a German consulate in their home country or with their travel agency for visa requirements.

Hamburg

There are good reasons why the green city on the river Elbe is said to be one of the most beautiful cities in Germany.

Everybody who has visited Hamburg is enthusiastic about its flair and maritime charm.

With 1.8 million inhabitants, Hamburg is the second biggest city in Germany, and it offers arts and culture at its finest, worldwide successful musicals, superior and entertaining theatres, excellent restaurants, exquisite shopping possibilities, exciting night life and numerous historical landmarks left by the 1200 year-old history of the city.

Hamburg is young, modern, friendly and open to the world – and a city full of contrasts at the same time: on the one hand, the colourful but poorest quarter of the city, St. Pauli with its Reeperbahn, the most sinful mile in the world, on the other hand the rich and tidy quarter Blankenese with its numerous villas.

But what makes Hamburg really special is a certain attitude to life – but this is what you have to find out yourself.

Hamburg's Top Attractions



St. Michael's Church

St. Michael's Church, built in 1751, is the most important baroque church building in Northern Germany. It has the largest clock face in Germany with a circumference of 24 metres. The tower - the "Michel" - is Hamburg's landmark and offers a fantastic view over the city and the harbour – by day and night.



Town Hall

The new Town Hall of Hamburg was inaugurated in 1897 after the old Town Hall was burnt down in 1842 and the council moved into auxiliary premises for 55 years. It is built on more than 4000 oak poles and has more than 647 rooms. In contrary to the Hanseatic style the Town Hall shines with an elaborately decorated facade which is seamed by 20 emperor statues.



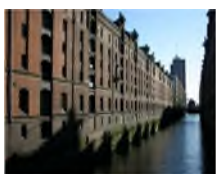
Old River Elbe Tunnel

The tunnel that opened in 1911 is a nostalgic and lovingly maintained piece of Hamburg's history. It is situated 24 metres beneath the surface, has a length of 426.5 metres and connects central Hamburg with the docks and shipyards of Steinwerder, on the south side of the Elbe. The tunnel is still in operation though it has only a limited capacity. Pedestrians can visit and explore the tunnel daily.



Elbe Philharmonic Hall

Hamburg is currently building a new cultural landmark – the Elbe Philharmonic Hall. It is situated in the HafenCity quarter of Hamburg and designed by Herzog & de Meuron on top of an old warehouse. The opening is planned for 2013.



Speicherstadt

This old dockland warehouse district is located in the port of Hamburg and is the biggest connected storehouse complex worldwide. It was built from 1883 to 1927 as a free zone to transfer goods without paying customs. Nowadays it is one of Hamburg's main attractions. Various harbour tours offer a great

view of the historical houses.



St. Pauli

The quarter of St. Pauli offers not only a variety of bars, pubs, clubs and restaurants but also an alternative cultural scene. The most famous street is the Reeperbahn. More and more young people discover the “Kiez” as a place of a pulsing scene life.

Alster



This big lake is situated in the heart of the Hanseatic City – a paradise for yachtsmen, oarsmen and paddlers. With a circumference of 7.6 km it is a popular meeting place for recreation, joggers and walkers. The Alsterboat round trips that depart from Jungfernstieg, offer several tours over the lake and through the canals with a wonderful view of the silhouette of the city.

[Shopping – Fashion and Design at Your Fingertips](#)

Hamburg is a Mecca for shopping fans: whether you are a bargain hunter, a lover of fine art or a fashion victim searching for the latest looks.

There’s nothing you can’t buy in the **city centre** of Hamburg: no matter whether you prefer to indulge your shopping urge in chic little boutiques, shiny shopping malls or superlative department stores: Mönckebergstrasse and Spitalerstrasse are the main shopping streets, Jungfernstieg is a shopping promenade with a long tradition, the Hanse-Quarter is the most beautiful shopping quarter and the Europa-Passage the biggest mall in the city centre.

Fashion trends are made in the **Schanzen- and Karoviertel**. The creativity of the designers in both quarters seems to be endless. The environment inspires painters, writers, actors and musicians. Independence from commerce is the main motto.

The quarter **Eppendorf** and the area around the university also make you experience a special plurality: cinemas, pubs and cafés, book shops and vegetable shops, second hand and designer boutiques as well as snacks from all over the world and many green avenues with their art nouveau buildings mark the image of the streets. The one who goes shopping here is looking for eccentric items off the mainstream - handcrafted jewellery, posters and paintings, tea and spices, antiques or natural cosmetics.

Hamburg has a variety of **shopping malls** where you can find anything you need. There is the “Alstertal Shopping Mall” which has more than 240 shops, the “Hamburger Meile” which is one of the longest malls in Europe or the traditional “Alsterhaus” at the Jungfernstieg, just to name a few.