XXXIV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 May 2014
Brussels, Belgium

Co-sponsored by the American Academy
of Clinical Toxicology

Second Announcement and Call for Abstracts
The EAPCCT XXXIV International Congress will be held in Brussels, vibrant capital of Belgium, and the seat of the European Commission and most of the major political institutions of the EU. Brussels is also one of the great historical cities of the world. The congress however will take place in the modern and exquisite facilities of the Brussels Meeting Centre Square right in the middle of the city. There are a range of hotels nearby, more information can be found below. Square is situated close to the City Hall and within easy reach of many attractions, including a large selection of exquisite restaurants. Public transport infrastructure is good and all major tourist and night-time attractions of the city are within easy travelling distance.

As in previous years, the Congress is organised both academically and administratively by the EAPCCT Board and Scientific and Meetings Committee. This will ensure that delegates gain maximum benefit from the Congress. The Congress will once again be co-sponsored by the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology, which will also accredit the Congress for continuing medical education. The Pre-Congress will focus on “Natural Toxins”, and will include several case presentations and two Pro/Con-debates using the popular interactive voting system.

The principal themes of the academic programme of the Congress are: Where have we come from and where are we going?; Main challenges for the future; Poisonings in the developing world/resource-limited areas; New insights in mechanisms of toxicity and its clinical relevance; Chemical warfare agents; Revisiting the challenges posed by new recreational drugs.

The Pro/Con-debates on controversial toxicological subjects which proved so popular in London and Copenhagen will again take place during the main Congress, as well as the Pre-Congress. There will be a poster discussion session featuring a selection of interesting and controversial topics, but also short poster presentations imbedded in the main programme. As in previous year there will be a Round Table discussion focusing on the role of poisons centres in the eyes of the European partners.

At the XXXIV International Congress in Brussels we hope to offer you an outstanding academic programme, balanced with the usual social events while celebrating the 50th anniversary of the EAPCCT, in a spectacular and historic city. Your participation will guarantee the quality of our programme and in return you will be stimulated by four days of the finest continuing education in clinical toxicology. We look forward to seeing you in Brussels, and hope that you will take the opportunity to visit Belgium and this part of Europe, and sample its many delights in the days either side of the meeting.
CONTINUING EDUCATION IN CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
Tuesday 27 May 2014

In order to provide Continuing Education in Clinical Toxicology (CECT), the EAPCCT Scientific and Meetings Committee has arranged a TOXUPDATE. This one-day symposium will include state-of-the-art presentations on:

- Natural toxins – to include talks, two Pro/Con-debates and also interactive case study sessions with a voting system.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME
Wednesday 28 May - Friday 30 May 2014

The themes for the Congress are shown below and abstracts on these topics would be particularly welcomed:

- Where have we come from and where are we going?
- Main challenges for the future
- Poisoning in the developing world/resource-limited areas
- New insights into mechanisms of toxicity and their clinical relevance
- Chemical warfare agents
- Revisiting the challenges posed by new recreational drugs

Pro/Con debates
There will be several debates between specialists on hot topics of important concern followed by questions from the audience with a vote before and after the debate.

Plenary lectures
There will be up to three plenary lectures with invited speakers who are acknowledged experts in their fields.

Round Table discussion
This year, the programme will again include a Round Table discussion on the role of poisons centres in the eyes of the European partners. This interactive format will feature experts, both clinical and non-clinical, who will discuss risk assessment, product safety and toxico- and pharmacovigilance, followed by a moderated discussion with the audience.

Poster discussion session
As in previous years, there will be a poster discussion session as part of the programme where posters of special or controversial interest are presented and discussed. Short poster presentations will also be imbedded within the main programme.
Young Investigator’s Award

A Young Investigator’s Award will again be presented this year. A shortlist will be chosen by the Scientific Committee on the basis of the quality of the abstracts submitted. The winner will receive an honorarium of Euro 1000. To be considered for the award the person applying must fulfil the following criteria:

- Young investigators are defined as <40 years of age on the last day of the Congress (Friday 30 May 2014). This will be confirmed prior to the prize being awarded by passport check.

- The young investigator must be the principal investigator of the research being presented. This means that they have taken the lead in performing the research and are the most appropriate person to present the research at the Congress. It is acceptable for the young investigator to have research collaborators over the age of 40 and these can be listed on the abstract. This might include a research supervisor.

- The research submitted must be original and must not have been published or presented at another conference.

- Applicants do not need to be members of the EAPCCT but they must attend the Congress to present the research.

- Previous winners are not eligible.

Judging the winner

Those on the final shortlist will be invited to make an oral presentation of their work at the Young Investigator session at the Congress. Oral presentations for the award will take place in one session. The quality of presentations will be judged by at least 3 senior judges who are invited to do this by the Scientific Committee. These judges will not have relevant conflicts of interest. The judges will score each presentation and at the end of the session will come to a consensus on which presentation should receive the award. The decision of the judges is final.

Assistance with abstracts

Alison Good has been appointed as Abstract Editor for this Congress. She will be happy to help with English before abstracts are submitted. She will also suggest changes for those who request English help during the submission process. However, if abstracts are submitted at the very end of the submission process there is no guarantee that the English corrections can be agreed with the author before the review process starts. Please contact sc@eapcct.org for further information.

Members of the Board and Scientific Committee are ready to help scientists who are not used to presenting data and structuring an abstract. If you think that a review of your abstract prior to its submission might help you, please feel free to send your abstract as soon as possible, to gs@eapcct.org

Please note that this pre-review process is not a guarantee of acceptance of your abstract by the Scientific Committee.
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

General notes

- The EAPCCT Scientific and Meetings Committee, chaired by Bruno Mégarbane, will evaluate the abstracts. The Scientific and Meetings Committee’s decision will be final.
- Abstracts must be submitted by midnight (GMT+1) on Monday 18 November 2013 to be considered by the Scientific Committee. If you request help with English it is important to submit well before the final submission date. If you submit after 11 November there is no guarantee that there will be time to supply help with English before the review process starts.
- All abstracts accepted for presentation at the Congress will be published. The decision of the Scientific and Meetings Committee in this regard will be final.
- Abstracts received after 18 November 2013 will not be considered for the meeting.

On-line abstract submission

- ALL abstracts should be submitted electronically via the EAPCCT website www.eapcct.org. Detailed instructions for this are provided on the website.
- Instructions given below must be adhered to strictly. As time does not permit return of inadequately prepared abstracts for revision, they will be rejected! An exception may be made for minor correctable errors, at the discretion of the Scientific Committee.
- Submission of the electronic form signifies understanding of, and agreement with, all the conditions set out below.

If you do not have Internet access or experience technical problems

- If you do not have access to the Internet, or you encounter technical problems that prevent you from submitting on-line, please contact the Congress Secretariat who will assist with technical problems, or make arrangements for you to submit via e-mail or mail if necessary.

Congress secretariat:
Mr Peter Hultén, General Secretary
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gs@eapcct.org
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Abstract format

These instructions give general guidance for format although the electronic submission tool will format much of your abstract automatically. However, you are strongly advised to pre-prepare your abstract, using the guidance notes below, before attempting to submit your work on-line, since each session on-line is time limited. You will be asked to upload a back-up
version of your abstract (preferably prepared in Word), with a separate file if a table is included. **Note: Graphs and other figures are no longer permitted.**

- Authors should be listed using surname and given name plus any other initial(s). Omit titles, degrees, and academic appointments and do not separate initials with punctuation e.g. Smith Martin P or Jones J Charles
- The affiliation must comprise ONLY department name, institution, city, state/province and country.
- The body of the abstract should be organised as outlined below. You **must** include the underlined words in the body of your abstract (do not attempt to underline these in your submission). Please note that our system requires the presence of the colon (:) after these words to recognise them as headings. You must therefore use the colon, e.g. **Objective:**

  - **Objective:** A statement of the purpose or reason for the report. **Methods:** A brief description of the study design. **Results:** A summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusion. Data must be presented in the abstract. Statements such as “the results will be presented” or “other data will be presented to support...” will result in automatic rejection of the abstract. **Conclusion:** A statement of the conclusion based on the data presented. **References:** All references should appear at the end of the abstract in numerical order as they appear in the text. Ensure references are cited in the text by a number in parentheses e.g. (2,3). Follow the referencing style below. In general the number of references used should be limited to 5 or less (10 or less for an invited lecture).


- For case reports or case series, the words Case report: or Case series: replace the Methods: and Results: headings. Otherwise, the format remains the same.

- Reports of non-clinical studies, such as those describing poisons centre operations or educational tools should attempt to follow these guidelines as closely as possible.

- The number of words is limited strictly to **350** excluding the title, authors and affiliations or **250** words plus one simple table. Each word or number is counted as one word whether it is one character or 10 characters long. (The previous sentence has a word count of 18). Units will count as part of the number with which they are attached. The sentence “The patient’s salicylate concentration was 1000 mg/L” has a word count of six.

- For plenary lectures, keynotes and presentations for the educational pre-congress there is no general requirement to submit an abstract. However, a set of 3 short learning objectives which give a clear summary of the topics to be covered will be required. Each learning objective must consist of a single sentence. Speakers may if they wish submit an abstract of up to 1000 words (including up to 10 references) or 900 words if including a table for peer review by the Scientific Committee alongside the other abstracts. Invited speakers will receive separate notification of the details.

- Please do NOT use automatic Word functions, e.g. numbering, bullet points or footnotes.
Use of tables creates editorial difficulties and these are therefore discouraged. However, you may include one simple table. If a table is used the word count of the abstract must be cut by 100 (i.e. to 250 words).

Figures and graphs/diagrams are no longer allowed.

Please be aware that the on-line submission system removes all special formatting, including bold, italic, underline, superscript, and subscript. Necessary formatting, e.g. H$_2$O and similar, will be replaced in your abstract (if accepted for the Congress) prior to publication. Please also be aware that on-line submission may also affect the appearance of Greek and other symbols – to avoid confusion please spell them out in full (if possible), e.g. “beta-blocker”, “micrograms”.

Use only standard abbreviations. As there is no incentive to using smaller words, non-standard and extensive abbreviations will only detract from your abstract’s acceptability. Numbers may be used to replace words, e.g. 5 rather than five, though the word count remains the same.

An example of abstract style is printed at the end of this section. This represents how abstracts will appear in Clinical Toxicology.

Notification of abstract receipt

The on-line submission tool will allocate your abstract a unique identification number. Please note this for your own records.

A confirmation message will be displayed at the end of on-line submission. We recommend you print a copy of this for your records as well.

Please note that after successful on-line submission it is NOT necessary to provide documentation by mail or e-mail.

Submitters will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of their abstract by Tuesday 4 February 2014 by email.

All abstract presenters must register for the Congress by Friday 21 February 2014. Failure to do so will result in the abstract being withdrawn from publication, and will result in administrative rejection of the abstract.

Posters as PDFs

This year we are asking all presenters to email us a PDF of their accepted posters by 20 May 2014. The PDF will be put on the closed part of the EAPCCT website accessible to members and congress delegates only, and the poster contents thus disseminated to a wider audience.
000 This is an example of abstract style
Martin P Smith 1, Z Nicholas Jones 2, Thomas Brown 1
1Department of Toxicology, Royal Hospital, Townsville, Germany; 2Poisons Unit, Infirmary, Townsville, Czech Republic

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Results: A summary of the results presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusion. Data must be presented in the abstract. References should be indicated in the text like this.1 Statements such as “the results will be presented” or “other data will be presented to support...” will result in automatic rejection of an abstract.
Conclusion: a statement of the conclusion based on the data presented.

(Please note that names, reference numbering and affiliations are formatted automatically on the website)

DOs and DON’Ts for abstract submission
The EAPCCT wants to accept as many abstracts as possible for the Congress so here are a few DOs and DON’Ts in order to try and ensure that your abstract is accepted.

If you would like help with:

(a) THE SCIENTIFIC CONTENT – contact the EAPCCT Scientific Committee early (gs@eapcct.org)

(b) WRITING THE ABSTRACT IN ENGLISH – contact the Abstract Editor (sc@eapcct.org), who will be happy to hear from you as early as possible

Please read the instructions above regarding submission instructions.

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<td>Add suitable keywords so that the interested reader can find the abstract.</td>
<td>Include “poisoning” as a keyword as almost all the abstracts could be key-worded that way.</td>
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CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

The scientific sessions will be accredited for continuing medical and pharmaceutical education. Continuing education credits for physicians and pharmacists are awarded by the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the American Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology and the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists. The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing education for physicians.

The American Academy of Clinical Toxicology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

Requirements for successful continuing education credits registration

Complete the following steps:

1. Select accreditation when filling out the Congress registration form and submit the Continuing Education Registration Fee of Euro 75.

2. Complete an evaluation online for each session attended. Please list your suggestions for topics for future Congresses.

Upon successful completion of continuing education credit requirements, a certificate of credit hours will be available for download.
## REGISTRATION FEES

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The registration fee for the Pre-Congress Symposium includes participation in the Pre-Congress Symposium, Pre-Congress abstract book, coffee breaks and lunch on 28 May 2013 only.

## Main EAPCCT Congress

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## Notes

The registration fee for the main Congress includes Congress participation on 28 - 30 May 2014, Welcome Reception, abstract book, coffee breaks and lunches on 28 - 30 May 2014.

\(\#\) Speakers and poster presenters must register by 21 February 2014 to be sure of getting their abstracts published in the journal Clinical Toxicology. Other congress delegates need to register by 25 March 2014 if they want to qualify for the early bird registration fee.

\(*)\ Must be under 35 years on 31 May 2014. A letter from the Head of Department should accompany the Registration, confirming the age qualification and stating that the person is still in training.

\(\$\) The fee for the accompanying person includes registration and Welcome Reception on 28 May 2014 only.
Congress and hotel registration

The EAPCCT has moved to online registration and would prefer, therefore, that Congress registration be submitted electronically via the EAPCCT website www.eapcct.org. Instructions will be provided on the website.

The hotel accommodation at hotels at various rates can be booked directly via a link found on the EAPCCT website. Specially negotiated rates will be available via a dedicated website booking page that will be announced on the EAPCCT website and by email to members and abstract submitters in due course. Hotel rooms in Brussels at this time of year are always in high demand. The EAPCCT has a guaranteed and time-limited allocation (until 28 April 2014) for a certain number of rooms. You are advised to book early!

All speakers and delegates are responsible for booking their own hotel accommodation!

If you do not have access to the Internet please contact the Congress Secretariat (see next page).

Cancellation policy

Cancellation of registration should be notified in writing to the Congress Secretariat. Any refunds will be paid as soon as practicable.

- Cancellation received up to 22 April 2014 - full refund less handling fee and bank charges will be made.
- Cancellation received up to 6 May 2014 - 50% refund will be made.
- Cancellation received after 13 May 2014 - no refunds will be made.

AWARDS

Central European and EU Accession Countries

The EAPCCT offers awards for both membership and congress attendances for applicants from the following countries: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, and Ukraine.

Membership

One EAPCCT membership is awarded per country per annum. This includes receipt of Clinical Toxicology and all the normal rights and benefits of full membership.

Applicants should

- Be a single member of a poisons centre or clinical department from a country on the inclusive list above

Notes:

1. Priority will be given to new applicants under the age of 40
2. No individual may receive this award more than twice

Applicants need to provide a current CV and submit an EAPCCT membership application form (available on the EAPCCT website) together with a request for this award to the EAPCCT General Secretary.
Congress attendance

Two congress attendance awards are granted per country per annum. The award permits reduced rate registration (at the existing student rates) and free admission to the pre-congress continuing education day.

Applicants should
- Be a single member of a poisons centre or clinical department from a country on the inclusive list above
- Have an abstract accepted for oral or poster presentation at the meeting

Notes:
1. Priority will be given to new applicants under the age of 40
2. No individual may receive this award more than twice

Applications for these awards should be made to the EAPCCT General Secretary, and should include a current CV. These can be sent when the abstract has been submitted but needs to be received by the EAPCCT General Secretary no later than 15 February, 2014.

Congress attendance for non-European countries

One congress attendance award is granted per eligible country per annum, with a maximum of 5 awards for non-European Countries. The award permits reduced rate registration (at the existing student rates) and free admission to the pre-congress continuing education day.

Applicants should have submitted an abstract which has been accepted for oral or poster presentation at the meeting.

Notes:
1. Priority will be given to new applicants under the age of 40
2. No individual may receive this award more than twice
3. If more than five applications are received their abstract review scores will be used to decide who receives the awards.
4. Eligible countries are those outside Europe (that is, countries not on the European countries congress attendance award list), which had a Gross National Income per capita, using the World Bank Atlas method, equal to or lower than 22,810 US Dollars in 2012. For the complete list see data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GNP.PCAP.CD

Applications for these awards should be made to the EAPCCT General Secretary, and should include a current CV. These can be sent when the abstract has been submitted but needs to be received by the EAPCCT General Secretary no later than 15 February, 2014.
CONGRESS SECRETARIAT

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday 28 May 2013 Welcome Reception

Friday 30 May 2013 Congress Dinner Euro 75.-

As you may know the EAPCCT reaches the important milestone of its 50th birthday in September 2014. There are several events and activities planned to recognise and celebrate this fact at the congress in Brussels.

There will be a celebratory Congress dinner, which is to be held at a suitably characterful venue! Of course we hope that a record number of attendees will be present at this 50th birthday congress and at the dinner to ensure the party is a good one!

BRUSSELS

Brussels, capital of the kingdom of Belgium is also the capital of Europe, the seat of the European Commission and most of the major political institutions of the EU.

This cosmopolitan city that loves good food, lives life its own way and expresses itself in a style very much its own: sometimes rebellious and mischievous, sometimes thoughtful and composed, but always very likeable. Despite its European dimension and despite all the different languages spoken on the corner of every street, Brussels is still inspired by a very "village-like" spirit. Of course, it's well known for its Grand-Place, its Atomium, its Manneken-Pis, its Gueuze and its Kriek, its waffles and its chocolates... (don't miss them!). But, just one tip: take the time, too, to soak up the very special atmosphere of its many different districts. Take a stroll to Rue Dansaert, Halles Saint-Géry and Place Sainte-Catherine, or to le Sablon, Châtelain or Flagey... You'll discover a Brussels that's in the spirit of the times, a capital that's relaxed and comfortable, as much in its history as in its present-day reality. Very fashionable. Very designer. Very creative. In other words, to put it in a nutshell, just relish Brussels, a fine and beautiful city to explore and discover...

Some like it, others adore it, but the Art Nouveau buildings set Brussels apart. If you have to pick one, let it be the Bozar, built by Victor Horta himself and now the very centre of cultural and artistic life.
Feeling a bit surreal? In the building of the Royal Museum of Fine Arts visitors can explore the world of Magritte. With no less than 2500 m² it hosts the most complete collection of the artist in the world.

The Grand Place is one of a kind. You’ll find people admiring it, taking pictures of it, day and night. Take a moment to observe the City Town Hall and the rest of the buildings. Have a drink in one of the numerous bars, taverns and restaurants and let the atmosphere carry you away to long forgotten times.

The Musical Instruments Museum is located in the magnificent Art Nouveau building of the Old England stores and has one of the biggest collections of instruments in the world. On the rooftop there is restaurant with a view.

The Comic Strip Museum offers two pleasures in one: it’s housed in what used to be the Waucquez warehouse (built by Victor Horta in 1906) and devotes much of its space to the history of the comic strip in Belgium, with a space dedicated to Hergé.

A unique piece of architectural heritage synonymous with cultural and technological innovation: fully restored and renovated, the Flagey building houses concert halls and studios, including the famous Studio 4 and its unique acoustic.

For more tourist information, visit [http://visitbrussels.be](http://visitbrussels.be)
Or download the VISITBRUSSELS mobile application for free. 100% offline Maps + 1200 embedded addresses. Available on AppStore and Google Play.

**HOTEL**

The EAPCCT has negotiated contracts with a number of hotels close to the Congress centre, providing accommodation for our delegates, which are of varying standards and prices. Further information on booking hotels will be provided later on the EAPCCT website.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

For general information about the Congress view the EAPCCT home page at [www.eapcct.org](http://www.eapcct.org). The provisional and final programmes will be placed on the web site in due course.

**Venue and date**

The XXXIV Congress of the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists will be held at the SQUARE - BRUSSELS MEETING CENTRE from Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 May 2014.

**Location:**
SQUARE - BRUSSELS MEETING CENTRE
Glass Entrance
rue Mont des Arts
B-1000 Brussels

[www.squarebrussels.com](http://www.squarebrussels.com/)
Nearest train/metro station
Brussel Centraal/Bruxelles Central (try to get used to everything being in two or three languages!)

Area
The Brussels meeting Centre is located on the Mont des Arts, which offers a magnificent panorama over Brussels. It’s situated between the Grand Place and the Place Royale. Within walking distance you’ll find the Bozar, the Music Instruments Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Parc of Brussels, the Royal Palace, the Sablon and much more. Descending the street takes you right into the historic heart of the city with its small streets and luxurious galleries. The vibrant Brussels life is all around you.

Arrival in Brussels

Airports
Brussels Airport
Brussels International Airport is at Zaventem, 14 km from the city centre. 
www.brusselsairport.be

By train
The airport train is located below the terminal. All trains stop at Brussels Central (city centre); the journey takes 20 minutes. Frequent connections: first train - 5.32 a.m.; last train - 0.20 a.m. Tickets are on sale in the station for about 8 Euro (one way).

By bus
Airport line 12/21. The bus station is located on level 0. Buses start from platform C. Get your ticket from the machine on platform C for about 4 euro (one way).

By taxi
Fare to the city center is approximately 45 Euro.

Brussels South Airport (Charleroi)
Situated to the south of Brussels, approximately 60 km away, Brussels-South Charleroi airport mainly houses low-cost airlines.
www.charleroi-airport.com/

By bus
A bus links Charleroi Brussels-South and the Gare du Midi railway station in Brussels more than 20 times a day.
Charleroi to Brussels: Shuttle departs 30 minutes after the Ryanair flight arrives at the airport. One-way ticket fare: Approximately 13 Euro (tickets are sold outside the terminal). The timetables are organised to coincide with Ryanair airline flights.
Brussels to Charleroi: The shuttle departure point is situated at the junction of rue de France and rue de l'Instruction (follow "Thalys" exit at the Gare du Midi station).
Charleroi to Brussels: Shuttle departs 30 minutes after the Ryanair flight arrives at the airport. One-way ticket fare: 13 Euro (tickets are sold inside the shuttle).

By train
A bus route (route A) permanently links the Charleroi Brussels-South airport with Charleroi railway station. You can then very easily take the train to Brussels. (Combined, bus and train, ticket approximately 10 Euro)
By taxi
The set price linking Brussels to Charleroi airport is approximately 85 Euro.

Getting around
By train: frequent train connections to Bruges, Gent or Antwerp from the Gare central (Central station) within walking distance from the Square Congress Centre.

Car rental
There are several different options at the airports and also at Brussels-Midi station.

Banking services and currency
Belgium uses the Euro (€). 1 UK pound is approximately 1.2 Euro; 1 US dollar is about 0.7 Euro. All major credit cards are accepted in hotels, shops and restaurants. “CHIP and PIN” systems are very common to validate transactions. Cash can also be withdrawn from ATMs where instructions are provided in several languages. Foreign currency can be exchanged in banks and exchange offices. Cheques can be cashed in banks, but charges may be levied. Banks are usually open from 9 am to 4 pm and are closed on Saturday.

Clothing
Temperatures in Brussels in May can vary from an average high of 18ºC to quite warm temperatures of 25ºC. There is a possibility of rain.

Electricity supply
Electricity is 230V. Plugs are the European type with two round pins. Your 220V appliances may be plugged into a Belgium outlet with an adaptor, though their 110V cousins (e.g. from North America) may require a transformer. Some electric devices – shavers and most laptops – work on both 110V and 220V.

Health and water
Brussels presents no health problems to the sensible traveller. The water is generally safe to drink in all parts of Belgium.

Insurance
In registering for the XXXIV Congress of the EAPCCT, participants agree that neither the Scientific and Meetings Committee nor the EAPCCT assume any liability whatsoever. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements regarding health and travel insurance. The organisers cannot be held liable for any accidents, theft, damage to property, delays, or any modification in the programme due to unforeseen circumstances.

Language
The official language of the conference will be English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Time
Local time will be GMT +2 hours.
**Tipping**
Taxes are included in the bill for most holiday scenarios. Service charges in restaurants are usually included, but sometimes not, so it is advisable to check. If not included, then tipping is customary, but not obligatory. Between 5-10% is usual for tips dependent on quality of service.

**Tourist information**
For further information on Brussels see [www.visitbrussels.be](http://www.visitbrussels.be)

**Transportation**
The city centre itself is compact so there are good walking trails to take when you are touring the city’s main attractions.
Public transport will get you anywhere you wish to go in the capital region and it is made up of the metro, buses and trams that criss-cross the city. All of these services are operated by the same company STIB and therefore share the same ticketing system. This makes it easy to make transfers and to purchase tickets.
The most basic ticket is 1 “jump” ticket which entitles the traveller to take any inner-city journey for 1 hour from time of validation. These can also be purchased in groups of 5 or 10 which can be used by more than one person. One day tickets and monthly season tickets are also available. For more information, see [www.stib.be](http://www.stib.be)

**Brussels Metro**
The Brussels Metro system (underground train) is the most convenient and fastest way to travel to the main destinations of the city centre. There are 4 metro lines and 2 tram lines that service Brussels city centre. Metros run frequently: every 3 minutes at peak; every 10 minutes after 8pm; every 5 minutes on weekends.
Purchase tickets at GO machines in the metro stations. Validate your tickets at the little machines before hopping on the metro or you may be fined. Doors to metro trains and trams do not open automatically so be sure to pull the leaver or press the button on the door before you miss your stop.

**Brussels Bus**
Buses have timetables which are available at each bus stop and also online but they do not run as frequently as the metro so it pays to check the timetable before waiting at the bus stop. Tickets can be purchased from the driver but tickets are cheaper when purchased at a metro station.

**Brussels Tram**
Trams are similar to the bus and metro except they are slightly slower than the metro and slightly more frequent than the bus. Tram lines run along the street and sometimes on the same line as cars because there isn’t a lot of space on some narrow streets! So watch out for cars as well as trams when crossing the road.

**Brussels Train Stations**
There are three main railway train stations in Brussels. All of them have trains that depart to other cities in Belgium and to other cities in Europe. Intercity trains are operated by SNCB ([www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx](http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx)) but all the railway stations are connected to metro stations, tram stops and bus stops.
Brussels Taxi
Taxis can be taken from marked taxi stands in the city or you can wave them from the street if you are more than 100 metres from a taxi stand. Note down telephone numbers of taxi companies and what taxis should look like in general to ensure you are taking a real taxi.

Bicycles
You can rent bikes at several locations all over the city. Payment is possible by credit card.

Visas and immigration
Delegates from many countries do not require visas but Congress delegates are advised to check these arrangements with their local Belgium Embassy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs website may also be helpful http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/services/travel_to_belgium/visa_for_belgium/
If you come from a country where visas are necessary, please make your applications to your embassy as early as possible.

The EAPCCT Congress Secretariat can provide confirmation of payment of Congress registration fees or acceptance of papers for presentation on request. Formal letters of confirmation of payment will also be included in the delegate packs available at the Congress. The General Secretary can provide letters of invitation for those who have abstracts accepted and need to apply for a visa, but please allow plenty of time as response from embassies is often very slow. Please e-mail gs@eapcct.org.

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