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IFSO
August 26th - 29th 2015
Vienna, Austria
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Carsten Grieme
Christoph Süme

D-A-CH Medical Group AG
Franz Buchner, CEO
To the
Members of the Executive Board of the
International Federation for the
Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO)

Vienna, May 2011

Dear Members of the Executive Board,

in my capacity as Mayor of the City of Vienna I take great pleasure in inviting you most cordially to hold the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders 2015 in Vienna.

Vienna is well known for its cosmopolitan flair and for being one of the world’s leading convention destinations. Its climate of openness and understanding makes it an ideal backdrop for all kinds of meetings such as medical conferences, technical symposia, corporate meetings and major international scientific conferences.

History has provided ample proof of Vienna’s role as a prominent meeting place. The City’s active commitment to research, its prospering economy and excellent conference facilities, combined with the professional experience of highly skilled management personnel, are the best guarantee for a successful continuation of this tradition. Today, Vienna is home to the United Nations and to other international organisations like IAEA, UNIDO, OPEC and IIASA. Moreover, Vienna is simply a great place to be: the Mercer Quality of Living Survey 2010 has ranked Vienna as number 1 worldwide.

I am confident that Vienna’s attractions, its rich cultural life, stimulating arts and music scene, its refined lifestyle, traditional elegance and emphasis on first-rate service will provide an enjoyable and valuable complement to your meetings.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Michael Häupl
Mayor and Governor of Vienna

Rathaus, A-1082 Vienna, Austria
To the Members of the Executive Board of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO)

Dear Members of the Executive Board,

as member of the Provincial Government in charge of tourism I take the pleasure in cordially inviting you to hold the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders 2015 in Vienna.

Vienna presents itself as the most sophisticated and distinguished venue for conventions. The climate of tolerance and understanding creates ideal conditions for international meetings. Vienna offers an extremely favourable ground for conferences. This has not only been proven by important meetings of the world superpowers but also by a great number of scientific meetings held in this city, chosen especially for its excellent reputation for scientific research and its flourishing economy. Vienna’s excellent infrastructure makes the individual delegate’s experience of attending a meeting in Vienna most enjoyable and as memorable as possible.

I definitely hope to welcome your convention to Vienna!

Yours sincerely,

Mag.a Renate Brauner
Vice Mayor and Executive City Councillor of Finance, Economic Affairs and Vienna Public Enterprises of the City of Vienna

Vienna, May 2011
Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Austrian Society for Obesity Surgery it is my honor, privilege and pleasure to invite the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) to hold the 20th World Congress in Vienna, Austria.

Vienna is a cosmopolitan central European city. The surrounding countries had strong influence on the city’s culture, architecture and cuisine thus Vienna can be considered a true melting pot for many European nations.

Bariatric Surgery has a proud past in Austria back to the sixties influenced by Emanuel Hell. Austria was one of the founding countries of IFSO.

We will continue in the tradition of IFSO to focus on the newly growing discipline of metabolic surgery, endoluminal and mini invasive approaches as well as the concept of team management. We will develop a scientific program of the highest scientific standard covering global perspectives of this ever-evolving discipline that attends to our modern world epidemic that obesity has come to represent.

Vienna would be an excellent destination for the 20th World Congress of IFSO. First, Vienna is among the top conference cities in the world and offers the entire infrastructure required for big conferences: many hotels of different categories, modern conference facilities in traditional places, excellent and reliable public transportation, safety and excellent living conditions in a politically and socially stable country.

Second, Vienna can be easily reached by air from all parts of the world. It can be also easily reached by rail or car from many European countries and there are no restrictions for entering Austria.

Third, the rich cultural heritage but also the modernity of Vienna will contribute to making the 20th World Congress of IFSO a memorable event.
This time, the Congress is scheduled at the end of August thus allowing your partners, spouses, children and families to take advantage of this opportunity to visit Vienna and enjoy some sightseeing across Austria and Europe. Austria’s hospitality will guarantee a stimulating and rewarding social program for all participants.

It will be time again for us to come together, meet each other, learn from one other, share the advances in the field of obesity and metabolic surgery while enjoying the traditional, historical charms and the spirit of the city.

I look forward to meeting you in Vienna, a wonderful place to visit and discover.

Warmest regards

Karl Miller, MD, FACS

IFSO President 2010 – 2011
Dear Dr. Miller,

Thank you for introducing us to your objective to appraise for Vienna to become the host location for the upcoming IFSO World Congress in 2015.

Johnson & Johnson, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, as a traditional main sponsor and supporter of the IFSO scientific congress events would support this location and the congress in the expectation of a solid scientific program with limited social activities.

We would support the IFSO World Congress in Vienna 2015 from the perspective of the regional EES D-A-CH Organization as well as from the perspective of the EMEA EES Bariatric and Metabolic Organization. The level of sponsorship and the appropriate services in return (ie. booth area, promotional activities) need to be aligned on in time.

It is always an honor to have the IFSO World Congress in our geographical D-A-CH region and we believe that Vienna with its international airport and hotel infrastructure provides good access in the middle of western Europe as well as within the D-A-CH region to our customers.

Please be so kind as to let us know if your appraisal has been successful.

Best regards,

Carsten Grieme
Business Unit Director
EES Bariatrics D-A-CH Organization
Johnson & Johnson Medical GmbH
Hummelsbüttler Steindamm 71
22851 Norderstedt

Christoph Sümé
Marketing Director Bariatrics
Europe, Middle East, Africa
Ethicon Endo-Surgery (Europe) GmbH
Hummelsbüttler Steindamm 71
22851 Norderstedt
IFS0 Congress Vienna

Dear Professor Miller,

we are looking forward to supporting you in your intention to bring such an important congress to Austria.

Therefore we are proud to confirm that DACH Medical Group AG will act as major sponsor for the IFSO taking place in Vienna.

Best regards,

D-A-CH Medical Group AG

[Signature]

Franz Buchner

CEO
Vienna – a city of science and culture waits for you!
Vienna because ...

Vienna, the Meeting City. Vienna has established an outstanding reputation as conference city. International statistics confirm year after year that Vienna ranks among the top three congress destinations of the world, providing all the infrastructure and professionalism required to successfully organize the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders 2015 in Vienna.

Vienna, located in the very heart of Europe. This is of benefit to all participants, who will be able to reach Vienna easily. The direct flight time from any European capital to Vienna does not exceed 3 hours. There are no restrictions whatsoever for citizens of any country of the world to enter Austria.

Vienna, gateway to Eastern Europe. Vienna lies in the centre of the new Europe. Due to its geographic location, Vienna has optimum links to the new growth markets in Central and Eastern Europe. More than 300 international corporations have set up their Eastern European headquarters in Vienna. Major international organisations, such as the UN, UNIDO, IAEA and OPEC, are based in Vienna.

Vienna, the University City. Vienna is the location of 9 universities:
- University of Vienna
- Medical University of Vienna
- Technical University of Vienna
- University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna
- Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration
- University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna
- Academy of Fine Arts Vienna
- University of Applied Arts Vienna
- University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna

Vienna, the Science City. Vienna has a long history of excellent scientific and medical research: Semmelweis, Billroth and Landsteiner are all part of this proud history. The traditions of the Vienna Medical School are expressed today in a focus on medical biotechnology centring on vaccinations, antiinfectives, immunology and oncology. It is also the largest thoracic transplantation center in Europe.
In the 1990s a vibrant life sciences scene began to develop in Vienna alongside the larger international corporations already located in the area. A recent study has revealed that Vienna is currently home to 140 life sciences companies.

Vienna, the Quality of Life City. In the Worldwide Quality of Living Survey 2010, Vienna ranks - again after 2009 - on place 1 ahead of Zurich and Geneva. (Source: Mercer Human Resource Consulting).

Vienna, clean, green and safe. The delegates will feel comfortable when discovering the numerous facets of Vienna. No other city in the whole of Europe can boast a higher ratio of green space to total area than Vienna. Forests, grassland, parks and gardens cover some 20,000 hectares or about half of the city. The Vienna Woods are the green lung of the city.

Cleanest cities: # 2 in Europe
(research in ten European capital cities) Behind Riga. Source: IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter), October 2007

European Green City Index 2009: # 4 in Europe

Personal Safety: # 6 worldwide

Vienna, the Imperial City. Walk in the footsteps of the Habsburgs, visit the splendid baroque Schönbrunn Palace and the Spanish Riding School, or stroll along the magnificent Ring Boulevard and take a look at the heart of the former vast Habsburg Empire, the Imperial Palace.

Vienna, the Metropolis of Music. Strike the right note at first-rate concerts and enjoy an unrivalled selection of music – from opera to musical. More famous composers have lived here than in any other city – in Vienna, music is literally in the air: Waltzes and operettas have their home here, and so do musicals „made in Vienna,“ which have conquered international audiences.
Vienna, Facts and Figures.
Area: 414 sq.km
No. districts: 23
Population: 1.7 million
Altitude: 171 m above sea level
Language: German
Currency: € Euro

The Austrian economy is very dependable. No bad surprises for congress organizers - Austria’s inflation rate is low, as its unemployment rate.

Vienna, the destination for Green Meetings. Environmentally, Vienna is a model city meeting all the relevant criteria applying for instance to water supply and waste water management, waste disposal, clean air management and the city’s overall ecological balance. Vienna is not only a city of science, but also internationally renowned as a capital of the environment. The city and several environment organizations strive towards sustainability. Green Meetings is not only a phrase in the international Meetings Industry, but can also be implemented with the help of the Viennese suppliers.

More Information on this topic can be found on the website of the Vienna Convention Bureau www.vienna.convention.at/greenmeetings
Support from Vienna for IFSO 2015

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<td><strong>Free city maps and brochures for delegates</strong></td>
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Reception by the Mayor of Vienna
Subject to a formal application the City of Vienna is ready to provide free of charge the Festive Hall of the City Hall for a reception for up to 1,500 persons.

Delegates of the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders, the invited speakers and other officials will enjoy a special evening with Viennese atmosphere in the City Hall.

Austrian Airlines
The Austrian Airlines Group is pleased to support the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders and act as „Official Carrier“. Please find attached a basic offer for a barter agreement from Austrian Airlines.

Financial Support from the Vienna Convention Bureau
The Vienna Convention Bureau grants financial assistance to organizers of international association congresses from November through to March as well as in July and August.

Taking into consideration that 2,500 delegates are staying in Viennese hotels for 3 nights during the above period, the financial assistance for the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders would range between EUR 18,000,-- and EUR 21,000,--.
To the
Austrian Society for Obesity Surgery
Univ. Doz. Dr. Karl Miller
c.o. Krankenhaus Hallein
Bürgermeisterstrasse 34
5400 Hallein

20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Austrian Airlines is pleased to support the Vienna bid for the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders for the Year 2015.

If the decision is made in favor of Vienna, Austrian Airlines would be pleased to act as “Official Carrier” and to offer a barter agreement in the equivalent amount of up to EUR 3,500,- for the congress.

The tickets issued against this Barter Agreement are valid on Austrian Airlines flights only.

For the participants of this congress we can offer the “Congress Fare”, a tariff-reduction of 15% on all available booking classes, valid only on Austrian Airlines routes/flights, when booked online through the Austrian Airlines homepage www.austrian.com.

This reduction is only applicable for congress-participants with confirmed registration, on which the date of the event and the tour-code designated by the Austrian Airlines is apparent, plus for one accompanying person.
In return for this agreement Austrian Airlines will be given the possibility to place a banner on the homepage of the event (first page) and the “Official Carrier” logo will be placed on all publications concerning the event. A link from the web-site of the event to the Austrian Airlines home-page will be established (www.austrian.com).

Furthermore we require complimentary copies of all publications, in which the logo appears.

If you prefer to receive a “Star Alliance Official Airline Network Agreement” offer, we will be pleased to forward the link to the respective “Request for Proposal” online-form to you.

We hope this outline will assist you in your project planning.

Please let us know your intent and decision concerning further steps.

Looking forward to your response, we remain

Yours sincerely,

Eveline Zafred

Austrian Airlines AG
Manager Global Sales
Meetings, Incentives, Conventions & Events
Support from Vienna for IFSO 2015

VIENNA CONVENTION BUREAU

Advertising Material Our advertising materials range from videos and DVDs of Vienna through to brochures and posters to promote the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders. As organiser you receive our planner’s package which contains all the “need-to-know” information about Vienna as a destination. For your attendees we provide you with information kits including a City Map, a monthly programme of events and a general brochure on Vienna.

Photo Material. The Vienna Tourist Board picture archive on www.wien-bild.at contains more than 1,000 photographs related to sightseeing, architecture, entertainment, art, music, lifestyles, conferences, and other themes. For the production of the congress programme as well as for the design of the congress webpage, the digital pictures are provided free of charge.

Convention Calendar. We are pleased to publicise the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders online in our Vienna Convention Calendar on www.vienna.convention.at and create a direct link to your congress webpage.

Free City Maps. The Vienna Convention Bureau provides city maps for the production of the congress webpage as well as for the printed programme free of charge.
## References of Past and Future Medical Conferences in Vienna

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<td>17,840</td>
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<td>UEGW - United European Gastroenterology Week</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>European Congress of Radiology</td>
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<td>10th EFORT Congress (European Congress on Orthopaedics)</td>
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<td>18th Annual Congress of the European Respiratory Society – ERS</td>
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<td>45th Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>European Association of Nuclear Medicine EANM</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>26th Annual European Congress of Urology EAU</td>
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<td>General Assembly of the European Geoscience Union EGU</td>
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<td>29th Congress of the European Society for Cataract and Refractive Surgeons ESCR</td>
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<td><strong>Future conferences</strong></td>
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<td>European Respiratory Society (ERS) 2012</td>
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<td>European Cancer Care Organisation (ECCO) 2015</td>
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PROPOSED CONFERENCE VENUE: 
HOFBURG VIENNA
Hofburg Vienna

Located in the heart of Vienna
Hofburg Vienna

In order to host the 20th World Congress on Obesity Surgery, the Hofburg Vienna holds a preliminary reservation for the period 26th - 29th August 2015.

The Congress Centre Hofburg is Europe's first address for conferences, corporate events, fairs and banquets in an unforgettable surrounding. The Hofburg Vienna occupies a unique position among the congress centres of the world.

The glittering state rooms of the Imperial Palace, the former winter residence of the Habsburgs, have maintained their original character and today – fitted with state-of-the-art technology - provide an impressive backdrop for very special events. The technical equipment ranges from wireless lan, video and film projection to a simultaneous interpretation system.

The meeting facilities for 50 - 4,900 people in 35 halls offer the perfect location for large international conventions as well as smaller meetings and galas.

The Hofburg Vienna is a testament to the interplay between the historical and modern as it houses imperial halls as well as extravagant modern architecture with breath-taking views over the rooftops of Vienna.

The architecturally striking conference location is distinguished by its immediate proximity to Vienna’s historic city centre with its excellent infrastructure and some 7,500 hotel beds and over 40 restaurants within walking distance.

The Hofburg Vienna has been operating as a multipurpose event centre for some fifty years and has played a formative role in the development of the conference industry in Vienna and Austria.
Hofburg Vienna

Plenty of space for IFSO 2015 in the historical building.

**CONVENTION AREA**
- 17,000 sq.m. of floor space
- 35 meeting rooms for events for 50 to 1,300 people
- capacities for 50 to 4,900 people

The crowning glory comes courtesy of the imperial staterooms - complete with state-of-the-art conference equipment. The unmistakable melange of contemporary events and historic flair can only be found at the Hofburg Vienna.

**EXHIBITION & POSTER AREA**
- 6 rooms with approx. 1800 sq.m.
- directly connected with the plenary room
- Poster area with approx. 500 sq.m.

**ENTRÉE**
- registration area + welcome reception
The imposing entrance area complete with grand staircase is ideal for meeting and greeting, registrations, private and business conversations, product presentations or accompanying trade exhibitions.

**ROOFTOP FOYER**
- the panoramic window provides breathtaking views of the Old City

This unusual event location (316 sq.m.) high above the rooftops of Vienna captivates visitors with its luxurious fixtures and fittings and excellent conference equipment.
Event

**IFSO2015 International Federation of the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders**

Organizer

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Adipositaschirurgie
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5400 Hallein
T +43 6245 799 360
E-Mail karl.miller@kh-hallein.at

Date

Set up: 25. - 26. August 2015
Pre-Congress: 25. - 26. August 2015
Congress: 27. - 29. August 2015

Number of Participants

approx. 3000 persons

**ROOM REQUIREMENTS/FURNISHING**

Entrance

via Heldenplatz

Registration

HOFBURG FOYER
Registration desks

Cloak room

ERZHERZOG KARL SAAL
cloak room furniture

Plenary room

FESTSAAL
furnished for max. 1260 persons theatre style, built-in stage (130m²), built-in sound system, 1 lectern incl. microphone, head table for 3 persons, 2 table microphones, standard stage light,

3 Parallel session rooms

FORUM
room furnished for max. 250 persons theatre style, podium 5mx2m, built-in sound system, 1 lectern incl. microphone, head table for 2 pers., 1 table microphone,

PRINZ EUGEN SAAL
room furnished for max. 250 persons theatre style, podium 5mx2m, built-in sound system, 1 lectern incl. microphone, head table for 2 pers., 1 table microphone,

GARTENSAAL
room furnished for max. 200 persons theatre style, podium 5mx2m, built-in sound system, 1 lectern incl. microphone, head table for 2 pers., 1 table microphone,
Exhibition / coffee breaks
SEITENGALERIE
HOFBURG GALERIE
WINTERGARTEN
ZEREMONIENSAAL
MARMORSaal
ANTEKAMMER
= approx. 1800m² gross; rooms empty for exhibition, tables for coffee stations, cocktail tables for coffee break area according to availability

Poster
GARDEHALLE I
GARDEHALLE II
= approx. 500m² gross; rooms empty for poster display

KÜNSTLERZIMMER
RADETZY APPARTEMENT I
conference table for 20 pers. at each room

1 breakout room, 60-80 Pers., Tues., Aug. 25, 2015
GEHEIME RATSTUBE
each room furnished for max. 150 persons theatre style, podium 5mx2m, built-in sound system, 1 lectern incl. microphone, head table for 2 pers., 1 table microphone,

FORUM
PRINZ EUGEN SAAL
GARTENSAAL
existing set-up: max. capacity theatre style (see above)

Optional meeting rooms for associations Thurs-Sat. (ad hoc meetings)
KÜNSTLERZIMMER
RADETZY APPARTEMENT I
RADETZY APPARTEMENT III
existing furniture (see above)

Platinum Sponsors/Hospit.Lounges
GEHEIME RATSTUBE
RITTERSAL
TRABANTENSTUBE
setup on Wed., 26.8.; rooms empty for sponsors (furnishing, set-up by sponsors)

Speaker's Room
ORCHESTERGANG
working tables, chairs, table for buffet

President's Office
MARIA THERESIEN APPARTEMENT I
office furniture, conference table

Organisation Office
VERANSTALTERBÜRO
existing furniture

Welcome reception
HOFBURG FOYER
Registration desk, cocktail tables
PRELIMINARY TIME TABLE

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

07.00-18.00 Hours  delivery/set-up of exhibition / poster

08.00-18.00 Hours  2 breakout rooms for 15-20 p.
                    KÜNSTLERZIMMER
                    RADETZKY APPARTEMENT I

08.00-18.00 Hours  1 breakout room for 60-80 p.
                    GEHEIME RATSTUBE

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

07.00-18.00 Hours  delivery/set-up of exhibition / poster

07.00-18.00 Hours  delivery/set-up of techn.equipment in plenary room
                    FESTSAAL

08.00-18.00 Hours  set-up Hospit.Lounge/Platinum Sponsors
                    GEHEIME RATSTUBE
                    RITTERSAAL
                    TRABANTENSTUBE

08.00 Hours        Entrance via HELDENPLATZ for post graduate courses:

08.00 – 18.00 Hours Registration at HOFBURG FOYER

08.00-18.00 Hours  3 post graduate courses
                    FORUM
                    PRINZ EUGEN SAAL
                    GARTENSAAL

18.00-21.00 Hours  welcome cocktail HOFBURG FOYER

21.30 Hours        day terminates

Thursday, August 27, 2015

07.00 Hours        entrance via Heldenplatz

07.00-19.00 Hours  registration & office hours

08.00-19.00 Hours  congress & exhibition (all rooms in use)

19.00 Hours        day terminates
Friday, August 28, 2015

07.00-19.00 Hours  entrance via Heldenplatz

07.00-19.00 Hours  registration & office hours

08.00-19.00 Hours  congress & exhibition (all rooms in use)

19.00 Hours  day terminates

Saturday, August 29, 2015

07.00 Hours  entrance via Heldenplatz

07.00-14.00 Hours  registration & office hours

08.00-14.00 Hours  congress & exhibition (all rooms in use)

14.00 Hours  congress terminates

14.00-23.59 Hours  dismantling / removal of exhibition

MISCELLANEOUS

- electrical installations for exhibition to be organised and invoiced by our licencensed partner company: Lesonitzky GmbH, 1180 Vienna, office@leso.at, www.leso.at
- stand cleaning for exhibition stands to be ordered and paid separately by exhibition companies (= in-house cleaning department)
Das Kongresszentrum Hofburg verfügt über 17,000 m² in 35 Räumen für Veranstaltungen von 50 bis 4,000 Personen. Der Eingangsbereich am Heldenplatz mit den angegliederten Sälen eröffnet eine Vielzahl von Möglichkeiten. Die Feststiege führen vom Ort der Begrüßung zu den prunkvollen Räumen der kaiserlichen Residenz, deren Pracht und Größe den Ruf der Hofburg als erste Adresse Europas begründen.

The Hofburg Congress Center offers 182,000 sq.ft. of floor space spread across 35 rooms for events for anything from 50 to 4,000 people. The entrance area on Heldenplatz, with the halls and rooms arranged around it, is truly multifunctional. The grand staircase leads from the reception area to the state rooms of the imperial residence, whose splendour and size give the Hofburg its deserved reputation as Europe’s first address for conferences and events.
Festsaal


The breathtaking imperial atmosphere provides the ideal setting for events celebrated on a grand scale. Our seamless organisation of conferences, balls, banquets and receptions ensures that the most demanding requirements can be met. The hall has a large permanent stage and built-in interpreters’ booths. The unobtrusive state-of-the-art technical equipment rounds off this superb optical and acoustic setting.
KAPAZITÄTEN:
Sesselreihen: 1260 Pax
Klassenzimmer: 560 Pax
Bankett: 660 Pax

MASSÉ:
Länge: 42,8 m
Breite: 23,1 m
Höhe: 14,9 m
Fläche: 987 m²

CAPACITIES:
Theatre: 1260 Pax
Classroom: 560 Pax
Banquet: 660 Pax

DIMENSIONS:
Length: 140,4 ft.
Width: 75,8 ft.
Height: 48,9 ft.
Area: 10643 sq.ft.
Zeremoniensaal


The Habsburg’s former throne room has a majestic beauty. Napoleon came here to court the Emperor’s daughter Marie Louise. 26 double tier crystal chandeliers illuminate convivial gala banquets, glittering balls and prestigious conferences. The Ceremonial Hall is flanked by 24 stucco lustro Corinthian columns.
Überraschende Vielfalt


Every era added to the Hofburg in the style of the day. All rooms are multipurpose. They can be combined or used on their own for presentations, parallel conferences and meetings. We will be delighted to help you plan your event.

Kleinere Salons
Ein attraktives Raumangebot für Konferenzen und Ausstellungen.
An attractive setting for all kinds of conferences and exhibitions.
Rittersaal
Im Prunksaal der Alten Burg wurde 1717 Maria Theresia getauft. 
Maria Theresia was baptised in the State Room of the Alte Burg in 1717.

Forum
Die Erfüllung höchster optischer wie auch technischer Ansprüche. 
The very best visual and technical standards.

Galerie
Moderne Glaskonstruktion im historischen Innenhof. 
State-of-the art glass construction in the historic courtyard.

Wintergarten
Die helle Lounge mit Blick auf den Heldenplatz. 
The light-filled lounge with view of Heldenplatz.
KAPAZITÄTEN:
Sesselreihen: 250 Pax
Klassenzimmer: 200 Pax
Banquet: 250 Pax

MAßE:
Länge: 24 m
Breite: 15 m
Höhe: 10 m
Fläche: 360 m²

CAPACITIES:
Theatre: 250 Pax
Classroom: 200 Pax
Banquet: 250 Pax

DIMENSIONS:
Length: 78.6 ft.
Width: 49.2 ft.
Height: 32.8 ft.
Area: 3870 sq.ft.
Dachfoyer

High above the Redouten Halls there is a surprising modern loft construction with breathtaking views of the Old City. This unusual event location high above the rooftops of Vienna captivates visitors with its luxurious fixtures and fittings and excellent conference equipment. It can be used in combination with the Redouten Halls level or separately for events of any kind.

Hoch über den redoutensälen überrascht eine moderne dachkonstruktion mit einem atemberaubenden blick auf die innere stadt. Der aussergewöhnliche veranstaltungsort über den dächern von wien besticht mit luxuriöser ausstattung und perfekter veranstaltungstechnik. Er kann in verbindung mit der ebene der redoutensäle, aber auch separat für events aller art genutzt werden.
With the right professional support your event cannot fail to be a success. Vienna offers a vast range of support services to meet all your specific needs.

PCOs with references for congresses with more than 2000 delegates:
Local Organizing Committee

Karl Miller, MD, FACS, Assoc Prof. of Surgery is actually President of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO), Chairman of the Austrian Society for Obesity Surgery, Head of the Surgical Department Hallein Clinic, Austria. He is member of IFSO since 1995 and performs bariatric surgery since 1994. Dr. Miller is Associate Editor of the Journal Obesity Surgery and the European Journal of Obesity (Obesity Facts). He was Secretary of the IFSO World Congress 1999 and applies now for the Congress President of the 20th IFSO World Congress in Vienna, Austria.

Stephan Kriwanek, MD, FACS, Professor of Surgery is Vice President and Secretary of the Austrian Society for Obesity Surgery. He is head of the Surgical Department at the Sozialmedizinischen Zentrum Ost – Donaupital, Vienna. Consultant Surgeon of the Lorenz Böhler Unfallkrankenhaus, Vienna. Faculty Member of the European Surgical Institute, Hamburg.

Gerhard Prager, MD, Prof of Surgery is the Chairman of the Scientific Committee of IFSO, Member of the General Council of IFSO and Board Member of the Austrian Society for Obesity Surgery

Philipp Beckerhinn, MD, is Member of the General Council of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) and Board Member of the Austrian Society for Obesity Surgery, Vice Chairman of the Head of the Surgical Department Landesklinikum Hollabrunn, Austria. He is member of IFSO since 2001 and performs bariatric surgery since 2000.
EASY ACCESS TO VIENNA AND THE CONGRESS VENUE
Vienna is located in the very heart of Europe. This is to benefit all participants, who will be able to reach Vienna easily. The direct flight time to Vienna from any European capital does not exceed 3 hours.
Travel to Vienna

By Plane - Austrian Airlines

The Austrian Airlines Group consists of the three brands „Austrian“, „Austrian arrows“ (operated by Tyrolean) and “Lauda Air”. The Austrian Airlines Group flies to 120 destinations worldwide - thereof more than 45 destinations to Central and Eastern Europe.

- 10,7 mio. Passengers
- 84 aircrafts
- Dense route network in Europe
- 13 destinations to the Middle East
- 45 destinations, market leader in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

Austrian Airlines offer a comfortable long haul flight experience as well as smooth nonstop flights to the Star Alliance Hubs in Asia and the Americas. Austrian Airlines offer also extensive interline agreements with Star Alliance partners to enable easy connections.

The Austrian hub Vienna features a geographically ideal position for passengers travelling to Europe. With a “minimum connecting time” of 25 minutes only, passengers move on to their connecting flights easily and very comfortably.
Travel to Vienna

By plane - Star Alliance

28 Partner airlines

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Travel to Vienna

International direct flights to/from Vienna
New York, Toronto, Washington, Bangkok, Dehli, Tokyo, Cairo, Dubai, Tel Aviv

Selected European direct flights to/from Vienna

Low Cost Carriers - direct flights to/from Vienna
Air Berlin/NIKI: Antalya, Barcelona, Belgrad, Berlin Tegel, Bucharest, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, Ibiza, Innsbruck, Munich, Milano, Nuremberg, Palma de Mallorca, Paris (Charles de Gaulle), Rome, (Fiumicino), Sharm el Sheik, Zurich
Air Lingus: Dublin
Blue Air: Bucharest, Larnaka
Brussels Airlines: Brussels
easy jet: London (Luton and Gatwick)
German Wings: Cologne, Hannover, Stuttgart, Kreta
InterSky: Friedrichshafen
Norwegian Air Shuttle: Oslo
SunExpress: Izmir, Antalya, Istanbul
Vueling: Barcelona
Travel to Vienna

Vienna International Airport

Vienna International Airport represents an important and efficient link to the worldwide economy. The airport combines an extensive route network and perfect infrastructure as well as high comfort and excellent orientation systems with an extensive range of air and road connections between Eastern and Western Europe. That makes Vienna International Airport a gateway to the entire world for business and private travelers. Vienna offers a number of major benefits over other airports: an optimal geographic position for destinations throughout Eastern Europe and the Middle East, an attractive tariff model for airlines, high punctuality and first-rate service with a minimum transfer time of 25 minutes that is unique in European comparison as well as infrastructure capacity that is designed to meet the future.

Key Data

- 19.7 million passengers in 2010
- 214 destinations worldwide
- 49 destinations in Eastern Europe
- The hub to Eastern Europe and the Middle East
- 16 km/10 miles east of Vienna

Service

- Minimum transfer time of 25 minutes – unique in Europe
- Perfect infrastructure
- High comfort and excellent orientation systems
- Direct connections to the A4 motorway
- With the City Airport Train (CAT) from Vienna International Airport to the Vienna city centre in only 16 minutes

VIP & business services

Vienna Airport offers modern VIP & business services of top international standard on the ground with individual care in an exclusive environment.

- xpress_SERVICE saves considerable time prior to departure in the priority Terminal
- classic_SERVICE ensures time-saving comfort of the highest quality
- Priority Club GOLD & PLATINUM card for frequent flyers

More information on www.viennaairport.com
Travel in Vienna

City Airport Train (CAT)

With a journey time of only 16 minutes from Wien-Mitte station to Vienna International Airport, CAT is the fastest means of transport by far. The CAT travels between Vienna International Airport and Wien-Mitte station every thirty minutes between 06:95 and 23:35.

In addition, passengers can already check in their baggage at the City Air Terminal at the railway station Vienna-Mitte and get their boarding passes. The City Air Terminal in the city centre offers you the services of an international airport terminal. There are both manned check-in desks and self service check-in kiosks available to you for check-in with or without luggage.

Check-In is possible starting from 6 pm in the evening before departure until 75 minutes before departure. Check-in for all Star Alliance flights is possible between 5 am and 11 pm daily. For NIKI, Air Berlin and Germanwings flights between 5 am and 9 pm daily. Please contact the customer service of the respective airline for exact check-in times.

Particularly wide aisles, ample luggage space which may be kept an eye on by passengers at all times TV, screens on the train providing visitors with relevant information on Vienna.

Tickets may already be booked on the Internet at www.cityairporttrain.com or at the CAT ticket machines at the City Air Terminal and the Vienna Airport.

Rate City Airport Train (valid 2011)
Single Ticket: EUR 10,--
Return Ticket: EUR 18,--

Other Airport Transfers:
- Bus shuttle to city center or Westbahnhof every 20 minutes (Single fare EUR 6,--)
- Suburban railway S-Bahn to city center every 30 minutes (Single fare EUR 3,60)
- Taxis (fare approx. EUR 33,--)
Travel in Vienna

Wiener Linien (Vienna Transport Authority)

- Most modern and efficient network (5 underground lines, 28 tram routes and 84 bus routes, 23 night buses)
- Short waiting times (at peak times between 3 and 5 minutes, in the evening hours between 5 and 15 minutes, night buses operate at hal-hourly intervals)
- Operating hours daily from 5.00 a.m. to 0.30 a.m., night buses from 0.30 to 5.00 a.m.
- Safe, clean, efficient, easily accessible and offers good value for money.

This was proven by a European wide test of public transportation systems in metropolises conducted by the Austrian Automobile Club ÖAMTC, where Vienna was ranked 3rd after Munich and Helsinki.
Travel in Vienna

Flexible Congress Ticket
Wiener Linien also offers a special rover ticket to delegates and accompanying persons for the duration of their respective event, featuring the following benefits:

- Unlimited use of the public transport network for the entire duration of the convention
- Price per ticket: EUR 12.90 for 3 days; EUR 1.80 for every additional day (2011 rate)
- Minimum purchase and straightforward purchase of 100 tickets (no photographs or special procedures necessary)
- Tickets also available with Logos (minimum quantity 500 tickets)
- Congress badge can be used as ticket
- CAT City Airport Train can be included in the congress ticket
- NEW: Congress ticket online for individual delegates
  On request, organizers are provided with a link that can be integrated into their registration websites. At the same time as registering for a congress, the link enables delegates to order and print out their own customized, reduced-price „Vienna Public Transport Congress Tickets“ – including an option for airport transfer by CAT City Airport Train.
Hotel Accommodation

Hotel room allotment for IFSO 2015
The Vienna Convention Bureau has pre-blocked sufficient hotel rooms in various categories for the proposed congress date 26th - 29th August 2015.

In total 3,000 hotel rooms have been reserved for the delegates attending the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders.

Hotel Infrastructure
The delegates attending the 20th World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders will find any category of accommodation they desire in Vienna. The choice ranges from luxury hotels in former city palaces, international and Austrian hotel chains and family-run establishments through to small, quaint pensions and youth hostels.

Hotel Capacities in Vienna

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as by January 2011

Hotel Projects
Up to the end of the year 2013, approximately 25 hotels with more than 4,500 rooms/9,000 beds are planned for opening.
## Hotel Accommodation

### Average room prices

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Prices according to official hotel guide 2011
SOCIAL PROGRAM
Venues for social events

With its successful blend of imperial tradition and contemporary creativity, Vienna offers a wide range of venues for your planned social events.
Accompanying persons program

Accompanying persons will not be bored but will have a hard time choosing from the great variety of tours and activities that will be offered.
Accompanying persons program
Pre- and post-convention tours

Lake Neusiedl - endless sunny days, a wide countryside, rolling hills, a wide sky, storks, roofs thatched with straw. The reflecting water surface is surrounded by reed and sprinkled with many colorful and white spots - the sails of the windsurfers and sailing boats.

Graz, the capital of the federal province of Styria, has a Mediterranean touch, great cultural appeal and beautiful surroundings worth discovering. The Lippizan horses of the Spanish Riding School are bred at the stud farm in Piber in the vicinity of Graz.

Salzburg, the city of Mozart, should not be missing on any post-convention agenda. Walk down the Getreidegasse and discover the ambience of the genius.

Prague (350 km from Vienna) is the third city besides Budapest and Vienna within what is called the „Golden Triangle“. This magnificent city along the river Moldau is well worth discovering.
Vienna welcomes IFSO 2015