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**30th Annual Conference
of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics
23–27 August 2009 – University of Economics – Prague, Czech Republic**



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

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ABOUT PRAGUE



PRAHA Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, is a beautiful city rich in history and architecture. Due to its location in the very heart of Europe, Prague had become an important crossroad of trade and culture in the middle ages as well as a city of science, with the Charles University founded as early as 1348. In the course of its thousand years' history, Prague has always maintained its role of a political, cultural and business centre of the country. Often being called “the golden city” or “the city of a hundred spires”, Prague belongs to a group of architecturally unique European cities and has turned into one of the most popular travelling destinations.

INVITATION TO PRAGUE



On behalf of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics (ISCB, "Society"), the Local Organising Committee and the Scientific Programme Committee, it is our pleasure and privilege to cordially invite you to attend the 30th Annual Conference of the ISCB ("Conference"), to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, on 23–27 August 2009. The Conference is jointly organised by the Czech National Group of the ISCB, Institute of Computer Science of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and European Centre for Medical Informatics, Statistics and Epidemiology, with much support from the conference organising agency Guarant International s.r.o., who joined us to help transform this great occasion to a memorable event in the Society's history. In 2009 the Society will reach a significant milestone on its mission to becoming a leading international scientific forum for exchange of ideas among biostatisticians, epidemiologists, clinical pharmacologists and medical researchers at large, interested in applying statistical methodology in medicine, particularly in the field of clinical trials.

The city of Prague, with its rich cultural and academic tradition, makes an attractive choice and great location for this anniversary event. The scientific programme, featuring versatile combination of state-of-the-art short courses, two Mini-Symposia, invited sessions presented by world renowned speakers, and an exciting contributed programme, will be supplemented by an appealing social programme, which we hope you will also find attractive.

The Conference will take place in the premises of the University of Economics in Prague, conveniently located within reach of the historic city centre. The choice of this venue corresponds well with one of the featured invited topics for the Conference, the Health Economics Evaluation. Statistical Methods in HIV/AIDS Research will represent another hot invited topic for the anniversary event. Additional highlights of the Conference will be the Mini-Symposium on Biomedical Informatics, paralleled with Mini-Symposium on Statistics in Vaccines Research. These topics will nicely complement other more traditional conference themes. Four appealing pre-conference courses will help boost your appetite for the anniversary event. It is our hope that the scientific content of the Conference will match your justifiably high expectations.

The social programme will also try to bring you a few treats. You will have a chance to explore Prague's many attractive historic sites or a charm of Bohemian medieval castles located in Prague's vicinity. You can easily make trips of your own using Prague's highly efficient public transportation system.

We look very much forward to welcoming you in August 2009 in the city of Prague at the occasion of the 30th Annual Conference of the ISCB.

Zdeněk Valenta
Chair, Local Organising Committee

Geert Molenberghs
Chair, Scientific Programme Committee

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL BIOSTATISTICS

The International Society for Clinical Biostatistics (ISCB) was founded in 1978 to stimulate research into the principles and methodology used in the design and analysis of clinical research and to increase the relevance of statistical theory to the real world of clinical medicine. 30th annual conference of the Society to be held in Prague on 23–27 August 2009 will provide a scientific forum for international exchange of theory, methods and applications of biostatistics in medical research and practice among clinicians, statisticians and members of other disciplines, such as epidemiologists, clinical chemists and clinical pharmacologists, working or interested in the field of clinical biostatistics.

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Time	Sunday, 23 August 2009	Monday, 24 August 2009	Tuesday, 25 August 2009	Wednesday, 26 August 2009	Thursday, 27 August 2009
08:00	Registration	Registration	Registration 8:30	Registration 8:30	Registration
09:00	Pre-conference courses	Welcome to ISCB30 09:20 Invited session	Invited session Contributed sessions	Invited session Contributed sessions	Mini-Symposium BMI* 09:00 – 10:45 VACC** 09:00 – 10:45
10:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break 10:45
11:00	Pre-conference courses	Invited session Contributed sessions	Invited session Contributed sessions	Keynote lecture	Mini-Symposium BMI* 11:15 – 13:00 VACC** 11:15 – 13:00
12:00				Annual General Meeting (AGM)	
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:45					
13:00	Pre-conference courses	Contributed sessions	Conference excursions	Contributed sessions	
13:45					
14:00		Contributed sessions		Contributed sessions	
15:30	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	
16:00	Pre-conference courses	Invited session Contributed sessions		Contributed sessions	
17:30					
18:00		Welcome reception at the New Town Hall 19:00 – 20:30		Conference dinner at Kaiserštejn palace	
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All day		Poster session	Poster session	Poster session	Poster session

*) BMI – Biomedical Informatics
 **) VACC – Statistics in Vaccines Research

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

PRE-CONFERENCE COURSES SUNDAY, 23 AUGUST 2009

Course 1 (full-day):

Analysis of Incomplete Data

Presenter:

James Carpenter

(London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, U.K.)

Abstract:

Missing data are ubiquitous in medical research, and raise particular issues as the validity of any analysis depends on inherently untestable assumptions. The aim of this course is to familiarize participants with these issues, and the statistical methods for missing data. This will include a discussion of recent and potential future developments.

Specifically the course will:

- (I) Introduce the issues missing data, review common jargon and argue for a principled, systematic approach
- (II) Review the implications for ITT and 'on-treatment' analysis of clinical trials
- (III) Introduce multiple imputation and mixed models for the analysis of partially observed data discuss their relative merits
- (IV) Introduce inverse probability weighting and doubly robust estimation for missing data, and contrast these methods with model based approaches
- (V) Discuss methods for sensitivity analysis

The course will have a mix of lectures and practical (paper-based) exercises.

Course 2 (full-day):

Clinical Trial Methodology

Presenter:

Stephen Senn

(University of Glasgow, U.K.)

Abstract:

This course will be based on the author's book by the same name and will take a critical look at various aspects of clinical trial design and analysis, in particular as practiced in the pharmaceutical industry. Following introductory sections on causality in clinical trials and different philosophies of statistics, the topics of allocation, analysis and the use of covariate information will be examined in more depth. As much as anything, the object will be to provoke discussion and re-evaluation of issues that are too often taken for granted.

Course 3 (half-day, morning):

Longitudinal Data Analysis

Presenter:

Garrett Fitzmaurice

(Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, U.S.A.)

Abstract:

The goal of this short course is to provide an introduction to statistical methods for analyzing longitudinal data. The main emphasis is on the practical rather than theoretical aspects of longitudinal analysis. The course begins with a review of established methods for analyzing longitudinal data when the response of interest is continuous.

A general introduction to linear mixed effects models for continuous responses is presented. When the response of interest is categorical (e.g., binary or count data), a number of extensions of generalized linear models to longitudinal data have been proposed. We present a broad overview of two main types of models: "marginal models" and "generalized linear mixed models". While both classes of models account for the within-subject correlation among the repeated measures, they differ in approach. Moreover, these two classes of models have regression coefficients with quite distinct interpretations and address somewhat different questions regarding longitudinal change in the response. In this course we highlight the main distinctions between these two types of models and discuss the types of scientific questions addressed by each.

Course 4 (half-day, afternoon):

Strategies for Extracting Reliable Information from Microarray Data

Presenter:

Dharmika Amaratunga

(Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Raritan, NJ, U.S.A.)

Abstract:

Microarrays are a powerful technology which biological researchers use to profile the expression patterns of genes, tens of thousands of genes at a time. How to properly analyze and interpret the enormous amounts of data this technology generates remains somewhat of a challenge but significant progress is being made. Generally, a multi-faceted approach is likely to be the most effective at extracting reliable information while overcoming the danger of overfitting due to overparameterization. Thus, for a standard well-designed comparative microarray experiment, a fairly typical prescription for determining a gene expression signature could include (1) an individual gene analysis to identify differentially expressed genes using a method that borrows strength across genes to increase efficiency (2) an analysis of gene sets to identify affected biological processes and pathways (3) an ensemble classification procedure to identify similarities and/or dissimilarities amongst the samples and the genes associated with any dissimilarities (4) a procedure to integrate concomitant data to assess concurrence of findings. This course will introduce the issues underlying microarray data analysis and review this multi-faceted approach.

INVITED SESSIONS

President's Invited Lecture

Speaker:

Mark Buyse

(International Institute for Drug Development, Louvain-la-Neuve and University of Hasselt, Belgium)

On trial endpoints that combine clinical relevance and statistical efficiency: 'Analyze the data, the whole data, and nothing but the data'

Abstract:

Recent developments in biostatistics and bioinformatics are reshaping the landscape of clinical research. With the number of promising new molecules available for clinical testing, trials need to detect a drug's benefit and harm as fast as possible. There are three major ways in which the clinical development process can potentially be accelerated and/or improved. First, by making use of biomarkers and surrogate endpoints, if any are available. Second, by designing trials with provisions for interim analyses and adaptations whenever appropriate.

Third, by focusing on endpoints that combine clinical relevance and statistical sensitivity. Most endpoints currently recommended for regulatory approval make use of a surprisingly small fraction of the available data, for instance, whether a subject is in a given state of disease or experiences certain symptoms at a fixed time point, without regard to repeated measurements of the disease state or symptoms over time. In situations where the patient may experience a number of untoward events, many trials analyse the time to the first event and ignore all subsequent events. Throwing away some of the available data may result in a loss of statistical power, which could be viewed as a minor price to pay in order to define an endpoint that is “clinically relevant”. The problem becomes more serious, however, when assumptions are made for patients in whom endpoints thus defined are unobserved (or unobservable), for these assumptions may lead to seriously biased inferences, whether data are imputed using sophisticated techniques or silly ones (such as the infamous “last observation carried forward”). This presentation will show ways to avoid all of these problems and to use “the data, the whole data, and nothing but the data”, using actual examples of clinical trials in ophthalmology and oncology.

Indirect Comparisons of Health Care Interventions (Opening Plenary Session)

Organisers:

Andrew Briggs

(University of Glasgow, Scotland, U.K.)

Rolf Holle

(Institute of Health Economics, Oberschleißheim, Germany)

Speakers:

Neil Hawkins

(University of York & Oxford Outcomes Ltd, U.K.)

You can run, but you cannot hide: decision-making and indirect comparisons in a resource limited healthcare system

Tony Ades

(University of Bristol, U.K.)

Pairwise meta-analysis and indirect comparisons: equally biased, or equally meaningless?

Discussant:

Theo Stijnen

(Leiden University, the Netherlands)

Joint Modelling of Longitudinal and Survival Data

Organisers:

Robin Henderson

(Newcastle University, U.K.)

Hélène Jacqmin-Gadda

(INSERM, Université Victor Segale, France)

Speakers:

Jane-Ling Wang

(UC Davis, CA, U.S.A.)

Challenges in modelling longitudinal and event-time data

Daniel Farewell

(Cardiff University, U.K.)

Generalized estimating equations for censored data

Cécile Proust-Lima

(University of Bordeaux, France)

Joint modeling of cognitive decline and time-to-dementia: a latent variable approach

Regulatory Affairs

Organiser:

Robert T O'Neill

(Food and Drug Administration, VA, U.S.A.)

Speakers:

Frank Rockhold

(Glaxo SmithKline, U.S.A.)

Some perspectives on the impact of the International Conference on Harmonization's E9 'Statistical Principles for Clinical Trials' – 10 years of experience

Joachim Rohmel

(Consultant, U.S.A.)

Recent methodological advances contributing to clinical trials and regulatory statistics

Robert T O'Neill

(Food and Drug Administration, VA, U.S.A.)

A perspective on the challenges and opportunities for statistics in the evolution of product development and regulation

Incomplete Data

Organiser:

Geert Molenberghs

(Universiteit Hasselt and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium)

Speakers:

James Carpenter

(London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, U.K.)

Statistical methods for clinical studies with missing data: what's hot, what's cool and what's useful?

Craig Mallinckrodt

(Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A.)

Conceptual considerations regarding endpoints, hypotheses, and analyses for incomplete longitudinal clinical trial data

Robert T O'Neill

(Food and Drug Administration, VA, U.S.A.)

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Statistical Methods in HIV/AIDS Research

Organizers:

Benoit Masse

(Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre, Seattle, WA, U.S.A.)

Michal Kulich

(Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)

Speakers:

Nicholas Jewell

(UC Berkeley, CA, U.S.A.)

Alternatives to intention to treat: direct effects of HIV prevention methods in the MIRA study

Victor deGruttola

(Harvard University, Boston, MA, U.S.A.)

Statistical issues in models investigating the possibility of control of the HIV epidemic

Alex Welte (presenter) and **Tom McWalter**

(University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa)

Inferring rates from instantaneous state variables: Application to HIV incidence estimation

MINI-SYMPOSIA THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2009

Two mini-symposia will take place on Thursday 27 August 2009. Thursday programme will feature mini-symposium on Biomedical Informatics and mini-symposium on Statistics in Vaccines Research.

Mini-Symposium on Biomedical Informatics

Organisers:

Ulrich Mansmann

(Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany)

Jana Zvárová

(Institute of Computer Science AS CR, Prague, Czech Republic)

Speakers:

Wolfgang Huber

(European Bioinformatics Institute, Cambridge, U.K.)

Recent developments in statistical software for analysis of complex genomic data

Alvis Brazma

(European Bioinformatics Institute, Cambridge, U.K.)

Development of data integration for cellular data, development of software and standards to handle related problems

Igor Vajda

(Institute of Information Theory and Automation AS CR, Prague, Czech Republic)

Information theory models for clinical decision support

Pirkko Nykänen

(University of Tampere, Finland)

Data and information in electronic health records-current situation and challenges for the future

Jan H. van Bommel

(Erasmus University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

R&D for knowledge and decisions in healthcare

Mini-Symposium on Statistics in Vaccines Research

Organisers:

Marc Fourneau

(SmithKline Beecham Biologicals, Rixensart, Belgium)

Jingyee Kou

(Food and Drug Administration, Division of Biostatistics, Rockville, MD, U.S.A.)

Allen Izu

(Novartis Vaccines, Cambridge, MA, U.S.A.)

Speakers:

Robert C. Kohberger

(Statistical Consultant, Greenwich, CT, U.S.A.)

Practical Issues in Vaccine Trial Interim Analysis

Bernhard Klingenberg

(Williams College, Williamstown, MA, U.S.A.)

Simultaneous upper confidence bounds for the relative risk in multiple comparisons to control

Several more invited speakers to be confirmed.

You may check the home page for the updates to the invited programme.

IMPORTANT DATES

15 December 2008

Call for abstracts and registration

1 March 2009

Final date for submission of abstracts and posters and Conference Awards applications

1 May 2009

Notification of abstract acceptance

1 June 2009

Final date for a low registration fee

23–27 August 2009

Conference dates

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Contributed papers (oral presentations as well as posters) are welcome in any area of biostatistics, epidemiology and related topics. The Scientific Programme Committee particularly encourages submission of contributed papers about the invited session topics, as well as the following topics. Papers based on the presentations at ISCB30 may be submitted for a special conference issue of *Statistics in Medicine*. Abstracts will be evaluated before inclusion in the programme. Please note that presenters of abstracts are not automatically registered for the conference. Abstracts and registration for the conference are handled separately.

Recommended topics

- Health economics evaluation
- Longitudinal data
- Regulatory affairs
- Survival analysis
- Incomplete data
- Biomedical informatics
- Surrogate marker evaluation
- Screening methodology
- Diagnostic methodology
- Statistical genetics of complex disorders
- Dynamic treatment regimens
- Modelling and simulation in drug development
- New developments in clinical trials
- Statistics in biomarker discovery
- Statistics in systems biology
- Advancements in statistical methods for clinical epidemiology

The Scientific Programme Committee will review all abstracts and notification of acceptance will be given by May 1, 2009. If the abstract has been accepted, an abstract number will be assigned, which should be given as a reference when making any inquiries pertaining to the abstract. Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book. All correspondence regarding the abstracts will be sent to the submitting author. The authors will be informed as to whether or not has the paper been accepted for an oral or poster presentation. Postgraduate students who apply for Student Conference Award should also submit a regular abstract. Student award winners automatically qualify for an oral presentation. Scientist award applicants should also submit a regular abstract, scientist award winners may be assigned an oral or poster presentation. Applicants for student or scientist award should indicate their applying by clicking/checking an appropriate button at the end of online/printed registration form. Scientist award winners may be assigned oral or poster presentation.



How to Use the On-line Abstract Submission System

The Conference uses EasyChair online submission system (<http://www.easychair.org>). Each author planning to submit an abstract must first register with the system to obtain his/her username and password. You can then register for abstract submission to ISCB30 at <http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=iscb30>.

The online abstract submission system will let you edit the submitted abstracts and make corrections later on. With the user name and password you can enter the system freely and at any time during the period from opening of the system until the deadline (March 1, 2009).

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be submitted not later than March 1, 2009

The submitting author of an abstract must register for the Conference prior to submitting the abstract.

Presenting authors of accepted abstracts must pay the registration fee immediately after learning that their abstract has been accepted.

Please read the guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract at <http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=iscb30>.

Abstract Submission Instructions

- abstracts should be submitted in English
- all abstracts must be original. Abstracts previously published or presented at international scientific meetings may not be submitted
- abstracts should be submitted as plain text using the online submission form. When additional information, such as tables etc., is considered necessary, abstracts may be submitted using a Word format, following the layout instructions stated below
- structure your abstract using the five sections given with the abstract layout instructions

- supplementary graphical information may be submitted along with an abstract as JPEG graphics
- the corresponding author's name and e-mail address has to be filled in carefully – these contact details will be used for further correspondence
- the online submission form will guide you in filling in all the details about the co-authors, title of your submission, text of the abstract, keywords and topic categories
- abstract title should use all CAPITAL letters
- select the appropriate topic for your abstract. If you are not sure which topic is appropriate, please, select 'general (unspecified) topic category'.

Abstract Layout Instructions

- your abstract should be as informative as possible
- use 11 point Times New Roman font and single line spacing throughout the whole abstract
- use left alignment
- type the body of your abstract using a free paper structure covering the following sections:
 - Background
 - Objective
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusion
- maximum length of your abstract is 2000 characters, including spaces
- your abstract title must be in bold and CAPITAL letters
- check spelling and grammar carefully – direct reproduction from your electronically supplied abstract text means that any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific data will be reproduced as submitted
- only standard abbreviations should be used

Abstracts, which do not conform to the above guidelines, will not be accepted.



ISCB AWARDS

For both award schemes, application forms and details of the selection process, please visit <http://www.iscb2009.info>.

The closing date for application is March 1, 2009. Interested applicants should use the application forms that will be made available via the Conference website in the section ISCB awards.

ISCB Conference Awards for Students

Student Conference Awards are available for registered postgraduate students to attend and present a paper at the 30th ISCB Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, during 23–27 August 2009. At least three awards will be made. Selection will be made on the basis of a summary of the paper to be presented, which should illustrate the application of statistical methodology to clinical or epidemiological research. Results of particular studies are of interest only if the analysis has methodological implications or shows a novel and interesting application of biostatistics. Applications should be sent to:

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ISCB Conference Awards for Scientists

Conference Awards for Scientists are available for biostatisticians from ISCB targeted countries (in particular countries of Central and Eastern Europe as well as Third World countries) to attend and present a paper. Up to six such awards will be granted. An award consists of free accommodation, a short course and registration paid by ISCB. Scientists should submit the application form, the abstract of the poster/oral presentation and the complete poster or presentation slides, respectively, to Julia Singer at the address below. Abstracts not granted the award will be forwarded to the Scientific Program Committee to participate in their review only on request.

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INFORMATION TO PRESENTERS

The auditoria will be equipped with PCs/notebooks with MS PowerPoint and Adobe PDF Reader software. Data projectors will be available.

Please, come to the Speakers Ready Room well in advance before your presentation (at least 120 minutes before the beginning of your presentation, preferably on the previous day) and contact the technician, who will make sure your presentation is ready in the appropriate hall.

Your own laptop will be not accepted for the presentation.

For more information, please, visit <http://www.iscb2009.info>.

INFORMATION FOR POSTER PRESENTERS

Posters will be on display in the Poster Area. Poster boards' dimensions (including frames) will be 100 cm in width and 200 cm in height. To keep good legibility of the poster, we recommend a maximum size of 95 cm (37.4 inches) in width and 100 cm (39.4 inches) in length. Pins for fastening the posters will be available in the Poster Area.

REGISTRATION

We encourage early registration to benefit from the low registration fee. You are welcome to register on-line for the Conference at www.iscb2009.info. You can also download the form at www.iscb2009.info and send it by mail or fax it to the Conference Secretariat:

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Registration Fees and Deadlines

CATEGORY	EARLY REGISTR.	LATE AND ON-SITE REGISTR.
	(Before and on June 1, 2009)	(After June 1, 2009 and on-site)
ISCB members	425 EUR	475 EUR
ISCB non-members	465 EUR	515 EUR
Students / ISCB members	200 EUR	250 EUR
Students / ISCB non-members	220 EUR	270 EUR
Pre-conference 1-day course	300 EUR	350 EUR
Pre-conference 1-day course / students	150 EUR	200 EUR
Pre-conference 1/2-day course	200 EUR	250 EUR
Pre-conference 1/2-day course / students	100 EUR	150 EUR

Registration Fees Include:

- Admission to all scientific sessions (including the mini-symposia)
- Admission to the exhibition
- Admission to the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Conference materials
- Refreshment breaks and light lunches

Reservation Confirmation

- Upon receipt of the Registration Form and payment, a letter of confirmation will be sent to each participant. You will be asked to present the letter of confirmation at the Registration Desk to pick up your Conference materials.
- Please note the deadline of June 1, 2009 to benefit from the reduced rates. Registrations made without payment cannot be processed. Early registration fees will only be confirmed if the Registration Form and payment are received by the Conference Secretariat by June 1, 2009 at the latest.

Mini-Symposium Fees

(only for those not registered to the Conference, who wish to attend a mini-symposium)

ISCB-members	200 EUR
Non-members	250 EUR

Pre- Conference Courses

Please note that the number of participants in each-Pre-Conference Course is limited, so early registration is recommended. The registration fee for the Pre-Conference Courses includes the printed course material, refreshments and lunch.

Students

Documentation proving registered student status (e.g. a letter from a student supervisor written on the notepaper of the institution) should be sent together with the registration form.

Non ISCB Members

Non-members of the ISCB who attend ISCB-30 will automatically become a member for the year 2009 and are encouraged to attend and contribute to the Society's Annual General Meeting.

Terms of Payment

Registration fee must be paid in Euro using either of the two following options:

Credit Cards

Only Mastercard/Eurocard, VISA, Diners Club and American Express credit cards are accepted.

For the payment by credit card kindly use the Online Payment System (available after login). Please note that payment through the online system is available only after the Letter of Confirmation is issued.

You can also complete The Credit Card Payment Authorization Form and send it signed by a card holder to Conference Secretariat by fax: +420 284 001 448. This form can be found on www.iscb2009.info.

According to the Czech law, credit cards will be charged in local currency – Czech Koruna (CZK) by using the exchange rate of the Czech National Bank on the date of payment. The approximate exchange rate is 1 EUR = 25 CZK (November 2008).

Bank Transfer

Please transfer the payment in EURO to:

Bank name	Ceskoslovenska obchodni banka
Bank address	Na Prikope 18, 110 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic
SWIFT	CEKOCZPP
Account number	478 533 893
Account name	GUARANT International
IBAN	CZ69 0300 0000 0004 7853 3893
Details of payment	ISCB 2009 / Participant's Name

The Participant's name should be clearly legible otherwise the payment cannot be identified. All payments made by bank transfer have to be net of all bank charges. To simplify the identification of your payment, please, enclose a copy of your bank transfer with the registration form and send it to the Conference Secretariat by fax: +420 284 001 448.

Cancellations and Refunds

The Conference Secretariat must be notified in writing of any registration cancellations. The appropriate refunds will be made after the Conference. The following cancellation conditions apply:

Cancellation before and on 1 April 2009

	50 EUR cancellation fee
Between 1 April – 15 July 2009	150 EUR cancellation fee
After 15 July 2009	100% cancellation fee

Name Change

Should you be prevented from attending, you will be given the opportunity to send a colleague in your place. Any name changes should be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat.

A handling fee of 30 EUR will be charged for each name change.

ACCOMMODATION

GUARANT International has been appointed the official hotel accommodation agent for the 30th Annual Conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics (ISCB) and will handle all related arrangements.

A number of hotels of various categories will be available to the Conference participants at reduced rates.

To make a hotel reservation, please, fill in the on-line Accommodation Form or you can also download the form at www.iscb2009.info and send it by mail or fax it to the Conference Secretariat.

Reservations will be processed on a "first come, first-served" basis. Due to heavy demand and to the fact that distribution of rooms in many hotels is limited, accommodation cannot be guaranteed after 23 June 2009 although GUARANT International will make every effort to meet participants' requirements.

Any reservation made after 23 June 2009 is subject to availability.

All rates quoted are per room per night including breakfast and 9 % VAT. Should VAT change before the beginning of the Conference, the Conference Secretariat will automatically change the price of your hotel room and inform you in writing about the new rate.

Extras are to be paid directly at the hotel reception before departure.

Reservation Confirmation

A one-night deposit is required to guarantee the reservation. After the first night deposit is received, your hotel reservation will be confirmed by e-mail. The remaining amount has to be paid directly to the hotel upon check-in/out.

A one-night deposit must be paid until 23 June 2009.

The full payment of hotel accommodation is required to guarantee the reservation at University Residence Jarov. After the full payment is received, your hotel reservation will be confirmed in writing by e-mail.

Cancellations, Changes and Refunds

Please inform the GUARANT International about any amendments or cancellations in writing by fax: +420 284 001 448 or e-mail: iscb2009@guarant.cz. Telephone amendments will not be accepted. Please do not contact the hotel directly for any reservation changes or cancellations. The appropriate refunds will be made after the Conference.

Cancellation conditions for all hotels (except University Residence JAROV)

The following cancellation conditions apply to the cancellation of a hotel reservation:

Cancellation before and on 23 June 2009:

**full refund less 30 EUR
cancellation fee**

After 23 June 2009:

one night cancellation fee

No show:

one night cancellation fee

In case of a no show, the room will be kept for the guest until 12 noon of the day following the date of expected arrival; the room will then be released.

Change of the date of arrival is possible until 12 a.m. prior to the scheduled arrival date. In case the request of a change is received after 12 a.m., 1 night cancellation fee will be charged.

University Residence JAROV

Reservation Confirmation:

The full payment of hotel accommodation is required to guarantee the reservation in University Residence JAROV. After the payment is received, your hotel reservation will be confirmed in writing by e-mail.

Total amount must be paid until 23 June 2009.

Cancellation Conditions:

The following cancellation conditions apply to the cancellation of a hotel reservation in University Residence JAROV:

Before and on 23 June 2009	Full refund (less 30 EUR cancellation fee)
24–30 June 2009	30% of total amount
1–7 July 2009	50% of total amount
8–14 July 2009	90% of total amount
From 15 July 2009	100% of total amount
No show	100% of total amount

Terms of Payment

Accommodation must be paid in Euro using credit card or by bank transfer.

Credit Cards

Only Mastercard/Eurocard, VISA, Diners Club and American Express credit cards are accepted.

For the payment by credit card please use the Online Payment System (available after login). Please note that payment through the online system is available once the Letter of Confirmation is received.

You can also complete the Credit Card Payment Authorization Form and send it signed by a card holder to Conference Secretariat by fax: +420 284 001 448.

According to the Czech law, credit cards will be charged in local currency – Czech Koruna (CZK) by using the exchange rate of the Czech National Bank on the date of payment. The approximate exchange rate is 1 EUR = 25 CZK (November 2008).

Bank Transfer

Please transfer the payment in EURO to:

Bank name	Ceskoslovenska obchodni banka
Bank address	Na Prikope 18, 110 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic
SWIFT	CEKOCZPP
Account number	478 533 893
Account name	GUARANT International
IBAN	CZ69 0300 0000 0004 7853 3893
Details of payment	ISCB 2009 / Participant's Name

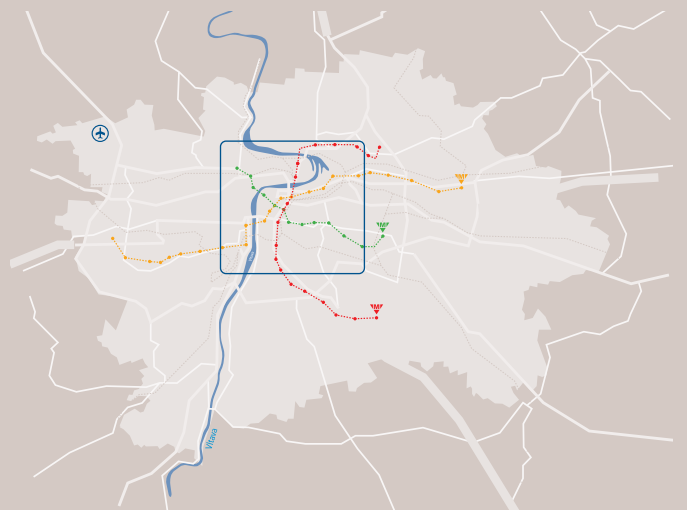
The participant's name should be clearly legible otherwise the payment cannot be identified. All payments made by bank transfer have to be net of all bank charges. To simplify the identification of your payment please enclose a copy of your bank transfer with the registration form and send it to the Conference Secretariat by fax: +420 284 001 448.



List of Hotels

All hotels are located within reasonable distance from the Conference Venue – University of Economics:

Hotel	Category	Price in EUR SGL / DBL	Chamber of Deputies Zone*
1 Boscolo	*****	150 / 150	2
2 987 Prague Hotel	****	115 / 120	2
3 Bílá Labuť	****	84 / 96	3
4 Yasmin	****	110 / 110	2
5 Alfa	***	87 / 114	2
6 Ariston	***	65 / 86	1
7 Ariston Patio	***	65 / 86	1
8 Atlantic	***	94 / 94	3
9 Harmony	***	95 / 107	3
10 Chopin	***	92 / 104	3
11 Ibis Prague Old Town	***	99 / 109	3
12 Melantrich	***	95 / 107	3
13 Merkur	***	82 / 98	3
14 Victoria	***	75 / 90	1
15 Jarov I	UR	31 / 42	3
16 Jarov III.F	UR	28 / 36	3



UR – University Residence

*Travelling time to the Conference Venue:

Zone 1 – less than 5 min

Zone 2 – from 5 to 10 min

Zone 3 – from 10 to 17 min

Boscolo Luxury Hotel Carlo IV.

Senovážné náměstí 13, 110 00 Prague 1

<http://www.boscolohotels.com/>

Location:

The hotel is situated in the heart of Prague, just a short distance from Europe's most important and beautiful architectural landmarks. Hotel is located in one of the most imposing neo-classicist building in Prague which was turned into a hotel in 2003. Brilliant designer Adam T. Tihany masterfully combined a neo-classicist building with contemporary, modern design. From the hotel's ambience, you can feel historic legacy, tranquillity, relaxed atmosphere and immediate luxury.

Rooms:

The hotel offers 152 rooms including 42 Deluxe rooms, 20 Junior Suites and Suites. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, cable TV, direct dial telephone, internet access, radio, hair dryer, mini-bar, safe in room, work desk area, non-smoking rooms, smoke detector.

Services:

Restaurant, bar, laundry, currency exchange, fax and copy service, express check-in, express check-out, luggage storage, babysitting, sauna, Turkish bath, swimming pool.

How to get to the Conference venue:

The hotel is located within walking distance from the Conference venue. You will be passing Bolzanova Street, U Bulhara Street and Seifertova Street (under the railway bridge). The journey should take about 10 minutes and you will find the Conference venue on the right hand side.

Distance from the airport:

20 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

987 Prague Hotel

Senovážné náměstí 15, 110 00 Prague 1

<http://www.987hotels.com/>

Location:

The hotel is situated between the modern Prague and the historical part of the old city. All the major sights including Municipal House, Old Town Square, Charles Bridge and the Jewish Cemetery are within walking distance.

Rooms:

The hotel offers 80 rooms and suites. All guest rooms are comfortable and well-equipped to give a feeling of relaxed luxury. All the bedrooms feature modern amenities such as satellite TV, individually adjustable air-conditioning, direct-dialling phone, PC connection and in-room safe.

Services:

Restaurant, lobby bar, internet access, concierge services, parking, dry cleaning, business centre, disabled facilities.

How to get to the conference venue:

The hotel is located within walking distance from the conference venue. You will be passing Bolzanova Street, U Bulhara Street and Seifertova Street (under the railway bridge). The journey should take about 10 minutes and you will find the conference venue on the right hand side.

Distance from the airport:

20 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

Yasmin Hotel

Politických vězňů 12/913, Prague 1

<http://www.hotel-yasmin.cz/>

Location:

New-design hotel is situated in the city centre and it is surrounded by the most significant monuments of historical Prague. All major sight-seeing points are within walking distance of the hotel. The hotel's location allows guests to walk directly into the Wenceslas Square.

Hotel is also situated within walking distance to all public transportation. The Main Railway Station, the underground station "Museum" and "Mustek" are just around the corner.

Rooms:

The hotel offers 198 fully air-conditioned rooms (187 standard rooms and 11 apartments). There are also non-smoking rooms or rooms for disabled guests available. Each room is equipped with individually controlled air-conditioning system, mini-bar, safe, spacious bathroom with toilet, hair dryer, bathtub with shower, LCD TV with satellite paid channels and broadband internet connection.

Services:

Restaurant, summer garden, concierge desk, business centre, foreign currency exchange, internet connection, room service, laundry and dry cleaning, sauna and fitness centre, parking.

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.9 on Jindřišská Street. The conference venue is situated only 2 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Spojovací"). The journey should take about 10 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

25 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

Hotel Atlantic

Na Poříčí 9, Prague 1,110 00

<http://www.hotel-atlantic.cz/>

Location:

The hotel is situated 10 minutes (walking distance) from Wenceslas Square and 5 minutes from the banking centre of Prague. The underground station "Náměstí republiky" (The Square of the Republic) on the line B is in the close proximity.

Rooms:

The hotel offers 62 comfortable rooms.

Each room is equipped with WC, shower, mini-bar, colour TV, AM/FM radio, and direct-dial telephone.

Services:

Hotel Atlantic offers a billiard bar, a winter garden, a banqueting room and a conferencing room "Atlantic". In the billiard bar and winter garden you can taste Moravian wines, cocktails and drinks including the world-famous Pilsner beer.

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.5 or 26 on Havlíčkova street (the tram stop "Masarykovo nádraží" is located about 150 metres from the hotel). The conference venue is situated only 2 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Spojovací"). The journey should take about 12 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

15 km; 35 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 25 minutes off-peak.

EA Hotel Harmony

Na Poříčí 31, 110 00 Prague 1

<http://www.euroagentur.com/en/ea-hotel-harmony>

Location:

Hotel Harmony with its central location in the business city centre offers ideal accommodation in the heart of Prague. All major attractions are within walking distance and the nearest metro station is only 200 meters from the hotel.

Rooms:

Each of the 60 rooms has its own shower and toilet, direct-dial telephone and a TV set with the possibility of satellite TV, mini-bar.

Services:

Disabled accessible, parking, restaurant, souvenir shop, safe deposit box, tourist services, laundry, business services.

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.26 (the tram stop "Bílá Labuť" is situated directly in front of the hotel). You will find the conference venue only 3 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Spojovací"). The journey should take about 12 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

15 km; 35 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 25 minutes off-peak.

Chopin Hotel Prague

Opletalova 960/33, Prague 1

<http://www.chopinhotel.cz/>

Location:

This newly renovated building from the 19th Century is located within close proximity to Wenceslas Square.

Rooms:

The hotel offers 80 comfortable well-furnished rooms fitted with air-conditioning, open-shut windows, satellite colour TV with films in each room, telephone with a direct line and facilities for laptop connection, hairdryer and a kettle for making tea and coffee.

Services:

Restaurant, café, office service, parking.

How to get to the conference venue:

The hotel is located within walking distance of the conference venue. You will be passing Opletalova Street, Bolzanova Street, U Bulhara Street and Seifertova Street (under the railway bridge). The journey should take about 15 minutes and you will find the conference venue on the right hand side.

Distance from the airport:

20 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

Ibis Prague Old Town Hotel

Na Poříčí 5, 110 00 Prague 1

<http://www.hotelibis.cz/>

Location:

The hotel is situated in the very heart of the city just five-minute walk from Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square and 150 meters from Municipal House. Due to its excellent location it is very easy to explore both Prague faces – the face of the historical Prague and a modern Prague.

Rooms:

The hotel offers 271 rooms including Suites. All rooms are equipped with TV, satellite, Wi-Fi connection, air-conditioning, shower and a toilet, telephone.

Services:

Restaurant, laundry, Wi-fi connection, business services, lending of hair dryers, parking.

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.5 (the tram stop "Náměstí republiky" is situated about 50 metres from the hotel). You will find the conference venue only 3 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Spojovací"). The journey should take about 15 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

15 km; 35 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 25 minutes off-peak.

Merkur Hotel Prague

Těšnov 9, 110 00 Prague 1

<http://www.orfea.cz/>

Location:

The hotel is situated in the city centre. All the historical sights are within the walking distance from the hotel.

Rooms:

The hotel offers 50 comfortably furnished rooms. All of them have

bathroom (shower/bath) with toilet, hair dryer, direct dial telephone, safe and satellite TV.

Services:

Restaurant, lobby bar, concierge desk, internet access, parking.

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.26 (the tram stop "Těšnov" is situated directly in front of the hotel). You will find the conference venue only 4 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Spojovací"). The journey should take about 15 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

15 km; 35 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 25 minutes off-peak.

Bílá Labuť

Biskupská 9, Prague 1

<http://www.bwhotelbl.cz/>

Location:

Hotel Bílá Labuť offers modern comfort in a pleasant and quiet atmosphere. It is ideally located in the business and cultural centre, just a few steps from historical heart of Prague.

Rooms:

All rooms are equipped with bathroom, WC, hair dryer, phone and TV set with satellite programs.

Services:

Restaurant, night bar, fitness centre, sauna, parking.

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.26 (the tram stop "Bílá Labuť" is located about 70 metres from the hotel). You will find the conference venue only 3 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Spojovací"). The journey should take about 12 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

15 km; 35 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 25 minutes off-peak.

Alfa Hotel

Milíčova 415/5, 130 00 Prague 3

<http://www.alfahotel.cz/>

Location:

A reconstructed hotel, only 7 minutes by tram from the centre of Prague – Wenceslas Square.

Rooms:

There are 32 rooms available. The rooms are equipped with connection to the internet and fax installation, satellite television, telephone with direct dialling, safe which you can use for free, fridge – minibar, hair dryer, bath/shower cubicle. The LUX rooms (suites) are equipped with air-conditioning and a balcony.

Services:

Restaurant, lobby bar, indoor parking is available.

How to get to the conference venue:

The hotel is located within walking distance from the conference venue. You will be passing Milíčova Street and Seifertova Street. The journey should take about 8 minutes and you will find the conference venue on the left hand side.

Distance from the airport:

20 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

Hotel Ariston

Seifertova 65, 130 00 Prague 3

<http://www.europehotels.cz/>

Location:

Comfortable hotel with a family atmosphere and attractive location is located within walking distance from the historical and business

centre of Prague. The Main Railway Station is situated just 5 minutes from the hotel. There is also a tram stop with connection to the city centre in front of the hotel.

Rooms:

The hotel offers accommodation in 62 standard rooms. All rooms are with private facilities, satellite TV, telephone, safe, coffee and tea making facilities, bathrooms with shower and hairdryer. The hotel also offers rooms for non-smokers and disabled guests. For the most demanding travelers there are comfortable rooms with minibar and marble bathroom available.

Services:

Internet in the lobby, lobby bar and old style multifunctional ballroom with the seating for up to 150 people offers excellent possibilities for various events.

How to get to the conference venue:

The hotel is located within walking distance from the conference venue. You will be passing only Seifertova Street. The journey should take about 5 minutes and you will find the conference venue on the left hand side.

Distance from the airport:

20 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

Hotel Ariston Patio

Seifertova 65, 130 00 Prague 3

<http://www.europehotels.cz/>

Location:

A newly-opened stylish hotel is located in a beautiful historical building with a private courtyard. It has been completely rebuilt in order to preserve the former ancient construction. The hotel has a good location and is only a five minute walk from the centre.

Rooms:

There are 54 rooms offering comfortable and quiet accommodation, beautifully equipped with modern furniture and parquet or ceramic floor, TV/Sat, minibar, safe and tea/coffee making facilities. Bathrooms are with shower or tub, toilet and hairdryer.

Services:

Parking in a courtyard.

How to get to the conference venue:

The hotel is located within walking distance from the conference venue. You will be passing only Seifertova Street. The journey should take about 5 minutes and you will find the conference venue on the left hand side.

Distance from the airport:

20 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

Hotel Victoria

Seifertova 26, 130 00 Prague 3

<http://www.hotelvictoria.cz/en/>

Location:

A recently opened elegant hotel in Prague with an excellent location, only 15 minutes walk from Prague's main boulevard Wenceslas Square and 10 minutes from the underground station „Hlavní nádraží“ (metro-line C).

Rooms:

The guests are offered 42 stylishly furnished rooms, each equipped with an electronic security lock system, shower, WC, satellite TV, fixed direct telephone line, internet access, mini bar, room safe and hair dryer.

Services:

A rich breakfast is served in a buffet style. The lobby bar and reception staff is available 24 hours a day, offering services such as an exchange office, a souvenir shop, sightseeing-tour reservations, etc.

How to get to the conference venue:

The hotel is located within walking distance of the conference venue.

You will be passing only Seifertova Street. The journey should take about 5 minutes and you will find the conference venue on the left hand side.

Distance from the airport:

20 km; 40 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 30 minutes off-peak.

Hotel Melantrich

Melantrichova 5, 110 00 Prague 1

<http://www.hotel-melantrich.info/>

Location:

This recently renovated hotel is located in the real centre of Prague, just on the "golden tourist way" that leads from Wenceslas Square to Old Town Square through the historical part of the city.

Rooms:

Guests will find maximum comfort in 24 comfortably equipped rooms, all of them with bathroom/WC, telephone and TV/SAT.

Services:

Phone, fax or a copying machine in the reception is available. The hotel also offers foreign currency exchange and sale of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries, postcards etc...

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.9 (the tram stop "Václavské náměstí" is situated about 450 metres from the hotel). You will find the conference venue only 2 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Spojovaci"). The journey should take about 12 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

15 km; 35 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 25 minutes off-peak.

University Residence JAROV I.

Koněvova 202, 130 00 Prague 3

<http://suz.vse.cz/eng/>

The residence offers double-bedded rooms with bathroom (WC, shower, wash-basin), refrigerator, electric hot plate and kitchen unit (without cooking utensils and dishes). 100 % of the accommodation fee has to be paid in advance. Prices don't include breakfast!

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.9 (the tram stop "Strážní is situated directly in front of the residence). You will find the conference venue 9 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Sídliště Řepy"). The journey should take about 17 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

28 km; 45 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 35 minutes off-peak.

University Residence JAROV III.F

V zahrádkách 67/1953, 130 00 Prague 3

<http://suz.vse.cz/eng/>

Please note that breakfast is not included in the price of accommodation. 100% of the accommodation fee has to be paid in advance. Hall of the residence Jarov III. F is placed in amenity district Žižkov, approximately 15 minutes from the city centre. There are two double-bedded rooms in each unit sharing WC, shower, two wash-basins, kitchen with electric hot plate and refrigerator (without cooking utensils and dishes). Every room has a balcony.

How to get to the conference venue:

Take a tram no.9 (the tram stop "Chmelnice" is situated directly in front of the residence). You will find the conference venue 10 stops away ("Husinecká" stop, in the direction of "Sídliště Řepy"). The journey should take about 17 minutes.

Distance from the airport:

28 km; 45 minutes by taxi in rush hour, 35 minutes off-peak.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Reception at the New Town Hall

Monday, 24 August 2009

19:00 – 20:30

Included in the registration fee



The Conference organisers are pleased to invite the delegates and their registered accompanying guests to a reception at the beautiful and historic building of the New Town Hall. The New Town Hall is part of a gothic building complex built in the years 1377 – 1418. It is located on Prague's largest square was founded by Emperor Charles IV as the main centre of the city's New Town. It was rebuilt in the Renaissance style in the 16th century, but the parts of the original Gothic construction can be still found here – late Gothic tower and the entrance hall. The whole town hall complex was renovated during 1975 – 1994. The New Town Hall is a historical monument opened to public. Visitors can visit the 50m tall tower and see the representative rooms. The representative rooms are often used for weddings, festival ceremonies and art exhibitions (<http://www.novomestskaradnice.cz/en/>).

Conference Dinner

Wednesday, 26 August 2009

20:00 – 22:00

Full Price: 60 EUR

Reduced Price for Students: 35 EUR



The Conference Dinner will be served in the historic premises of Kaiserštejn Palace located in Prague's Lesser Town. It is a real treasure trove of architectural elements and details that was founded in 15th century. The Petzold Building, today known as Kaiserštejn Palace, has been restored in 1970s. It preserves objects of history of art and valuable furnishing and collections. Kaiserštejn Palace's unique position, and, its great historic atmosphere in particular, render the Palace a unique place for meeting your colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere (see more details at <http://www.kaiserstejnskypalac.cz>).

TOURS

Special tours and excursions will be arranged exclusively for the delegates and accompanying persons attending the 30th annual conference of the ISCB. All tours will leave from and return to the Conference Venue.

The minimum number of participants is 15. The Conference Secretariat reserves the right to cancel the tour if a minimum number of participants have not registered. In this case another tour will be offered or a refund will be paid at the Registration Desk.

Cancellations & Refunds

The Conference Secretariat must be notified in writing of a cancellation of the tour. The appropriate refunds will be made after the Conference.

The following cancellation conditions apply:

Before and on 15 July 2009	Full refund less a cancellation fee of 20 EUR
After 15 July 2009	No refund

Tours Overview

Day	Time	Tour	Cost
Tuesday	14:00 – 18:00	Prague City	25 EUR
25/8	14:00 – 18:00	Prague Castle	40 EUR
	14:00 – 18:00	Old Town and Jewish Quarter	55 EUR
	14:00 – 17:00	Prague by Boat	38 EUR
	14:00 – 18:00	Karlštejn Castle	45 EUR
	14:00 – 18:00	Pilsner Brewery	48 EUR
	14:00 – 18:00	Glassworks in Nižbor	38 EUR

Karlovy Vary no.: E4 – 9hrs 09:00 – 18:00

Price includes: Excursion to the Becherovka factory and Moser glassworks, lunch, English speaking guide, transportation

Price pp: 80 EUR



This full-day tour out of Prague will take you to the most famous West Bohemian spa town of Karlovy Vary, which was founded by the Bohemian King Charles IV in the 14th century. You can taste the water from the 12 curative thermal mineral springs, admire the beauty of both the historic and modern colonnades, and purchase some of the typical souvenirs such as special wafers, Moser porcelain and glass, or Becherovka liqueur, also known as the 13th curative spring of Karlovy Vary. The Karlovy Vary spa is known for the treatment of diseases of the digestive tract and metabolic and endocrinal disorders. The tour includes city sightseeing and a visit to the Becherovka factory, where participants will taste this delicious liqueur.

Prague City no.: C1 – 4 hrs 14:00 – 18:00

Price includes: English speaking guide, 2 transfers, no admissions

Price pp: 25 EUR



This tour offers a general impression of the "Golden City" through walks and visits to several important sites. It starts at Prague Castle and continues to the Lesser Town, Charles Bridge and the Old Town Square where you can see the Old Town Hall and its

15th century astronomical clock, as well as the Church of Our Lady of Tyn and the romantic streets of the Royal Way. Enjoy this tour, full of ancient legends and tales, while observing and experiencing the vibrant heart of a Central European metropolis.

Prague Castle no.: C4 – 4 hrs 14:00 – 18:00

Price includes: Admission to the Prague Castle circle B and St. Vitus Cathedral, English speaking guide, 2 transfers

Price pp: 40 EUR



This half-day sightseeing tour of Prague Castle, which is the seat of the Czech President, includes the Royal Palace – the seat of the kings of Bohemia – along with Vladislav Hall, St. Vitus Cathedral from the 14th century, St. George's Basilica with its treasury of old Czech art, Baroque paintings and sculpture, the Royal Garden and the Golden Lane whose famous inhabitants included the writer Franz Kafka.

Old Town and Jewish Quarter no.: C5 – 4 hrs 14:00 – 18:00

Price includes: Admission to area of the Jewish Quarter and Old-New Synagogue, English speaking guide, 2 transfers

Price pp: 55 EUR



This half-day walking tour will take you to the historical heart of the city – the Old Town, which was settled more than 1000 years ago. The tour begins at the Powder Gate, through which you get to the Old-Town Square with its beautiful houses, palaces and churches of various architectonic styles and the famous astronomical clock. The tour continues to the Jewish Quarter, where the medieval Jewish Ghetto was located. The story of Prague's Jewish community can be traced back to the mid-10th century. You will visit the impressive Old Jewish Cemetery, which dates from the 15th century, Europe's oldest Synagogue – the Gothic style Old-New Synagogue, the High Synagogue, the Town Hall, the Pinkas Synagogue and the Ceremonial Hall with its collection of children's art from Terezin concentration camp.

Prague by Boat no.: C11 – 3hrs 14:00 – 17:00

Price includes: Short sightseeing during the transfer, boat cruise 50 minutes, refreshment, English speaking guide, 2 transfers

Price: 38 EUR

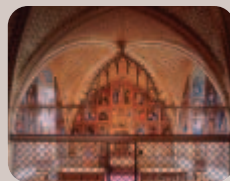


This tour offers you the opportunity to observe Prague from the deck of a boat. The river cruise calms the psyche, evoking a romantic atmosphere and reviving one's fantasies. During the cruise you will have the opportunity to admire Prague's cultural, historical and architectural jewels. Further you can enjoy the tour by relaxing over coffee and cake, and some music on the river under the ancient stone abutments of Charles Bridge.

Karlštejn Castle no.: C15 – 4hrs 14:00 – 18:00

Price includes: Admission to the Karlštejn Castle circle I, English speaking guide, transportation

Price pp: 45 EUR

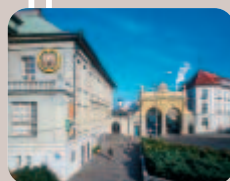


This half-day trip to the 14th century Karlštejn Castle takes you on a tour of a historical site where the crown jewels and personal relics of the Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV are stored. The castle, surrounded by a beautiful romantic countryside, ranks among the most visited castles in the Czech Republic.

Pilsner Brewery no.: C13 – 4hrs 14:00 – 18:00

Price includes: Admission to the Pilsner Brewery with tasting, English speaking guide, transportation

Price pp: 48 EUR



Plzeň is the place where golden lager beer was born in 1842, since when the whole beer world has been trying to imitate it. Beers bearing names such as "pils", "pilsner" or "pilsener" number in the hundreds; however, the only original recognized worldwide is Pilsner Urquell. In the Pilsner Urquell Beer World you will discover the secret of this original and will become acquainted with the renowned Czech art – that of brewing good beer.

Glassworks in Nižbor no.: S1 – 4hrs 09:00 – 13:00

Price includes: Admission to the Nižbor Glassworks, English speaking guide, transportation

Price pp: 38 EUR



Internationally renowned Bohemian crystal will be featured on this half-day tour to the Nižbor Glassworks. Company owner Jiří Ruckl continues the family tradition of manufacturing and marketing high-quality household and decorative glassware, perfume bottles, decanter sets and other beautiful items in crystal and glass.

TRADE EXHIBITION

A trade exhibition will be an important part of the 30th annual conference of the ISCB. The trade exhibition is located in area directly connected to the various meeting rooms. Coffee will be served in the exhibition area during the intervals between the meetings. If you are interested in participating as an exhibitor, please, do not hesitate to contact the Conference Secretariat.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Official Language

The official language of the Conference is English.

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held on the campus of the University of Economics in Prague, Winston Churchill Square 4, 130 67 Prague 3, Czech Republic. More information is available at the university's website (<http://www.vse.cz>).

The campus is located within 15 minutes walking distance from the historical centre of Prague.

Programme Changes

The organizers cannot assume liability for any changes in the programme due to external or unforeseen circumstances.

Name Badges

Entrance to the Conference area and to the various social events will be limited to badge holders only. If your badge is lost, please, contact the registration desk. A fee of 5 EUR will be charged for each new badge.

Certificate of Attendance

Certificate of Attendance will be included in the conference material.

Registration & Information Desk

Opening hours:

Sunday, 23 August 2009	08:00 – 17:30
Monday, 24 August 2009	08:00 – 17:30
Tuesday, 25 August 2009	08:30 – 13:00
Wednesday, 26 August 2009	08:30 – 17:30
Thursday, 27 August 2009	08:00 – 12:30

Lunches and Refreshment

Lunches and refreshments are included in the registration fee. Participants requiring a special diet are requested to notify the organizers using the registration form.

Transportation in Prague

All registered participants will obtain a free ticket for Prague public transport valid for the days of the duration of the conference.

Public Transport

Prague has a good public transport system, which includes 3 metro lines, trams and buses. Prague's Metro system is quite new and efficient. During peak hours trains run every 1 or 2 minutes and at least every 10 minutes off peak.

Tickets: Journeys of up to 20 minutes long without transfer – 18 CZK per ticket.
Longer trips or journeys with transfer – 26 CZK per ticket.
Multiple-day passes are also available.

Taxi

Most taxis in Prague do not accept credit cards! Although it is easy enough in the centre to hail a taxi on the street, it is recommended that you book one in advance.

The official fare is approximately CZK 30 per kilometer, so please check the price before you get into the car.

Airport

Prague International Airport handles the flights of most European carriers and also overseas flights. It is located 30–45 minutes from the centre of Prague. Good connection between the Airport and the city centre is provided by public transport bus services and taxis.

Official Carrier



Czech Airlines (CSA) is the official carrier for ISCB 2009 and offers connections via Prague to an entire network of major destinations worldwide.

As an official carrier of the Conference, CSA offers ISCB 2009 attendees a discount on tickets: 15% in Economy Class and 20% in Business Class. The discounts can be claimed on tickets to be flown within one week prior to the event and one week after the event, and are available for registered participants with one accompanying person. The discounts apply even for flights with codes OK 3000 – 5999, which are operated by our SkyTeam alliance partners (Aeroflot, Aero Mexico, Air France, KLM, Alitalia, Continental Airlines, Delta, Korean Air, and NWA). If you are a member of Czech Airlines' frequent flyer programme 'OK Plus', you will earn miles even for flights operated by the SkyTeam alliance partners.

HOW TO PURCHASE A DISCOUNT TICKET?

MAKE USE OF THE NEW OPTION OF PURCHASING TICKETS ON-LINE!

When you register for the Conference, with the 'Letter of Confirmation' you will also receive an event code that will serve as your password to the reservation system. Please, use the exact reading of the given code, including lower and upper case letters of the alphabet. The Czech Airlines reservation system is available at: http://www.csa.cz/en/portal/online_services/conventions/conventions_list.htm. The name of your convention is "ISCB – 30th Annual Conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics".

If you cannot purchase your ticket on-line, please contact of the CSA sales points. Their contact information may be found at <http://www.czechairlines.com>. You may also call the CSA Contact Centre at +420 239 007 007.

To purchase your ticket at a CSA sales point, you will need to present an official letter of invitation, or a document confirming your payment of the registration fee, or the event code.

If you want to become a member of the Czech Airlines' frequent flyer programme 'OK Plus' and earn points immediately, please, register at http://www.csa.cz/en/portal/loyalty_programs/ffp_okplus/become_member.htm.



Visa Requirements

Staff of the Conference Secretariat is ready to help you with obtaining the visa for the Conference by issuing an official Letter of Invitation for the event. Please, note that such a letter can only be issued if you are registered for the Conference and your registration fee has been paid in full. If you would like to inquire about the visa application procedure, please, do not hesitate to contact the Conference Secretariat. Please, note that for some countries the visa application procedure can take for up to two months.

Comprehensive information regarding visa for the Czech Republic is available at the official website of the Czech Republic, <http://www.czech.cz>

With Schengen Visa you can move freely within the borders of the EU, including any Schengen area member state. For more information, please, contact the Czech Embassy.

Entry Formalities

All foreign visitors to the Czech Republic must possess a passport valid for at least the next three months. Participants who need entry visa for the Czech Republic should apply well in advance to consular offices of the Czech Republic or diplomatic missions in their countries in order to avoid delay in travel to the Conference.

Climate

The climate is a mixture of ocean and continental influences. The weather in August is usually pleasant with temperatures around 24° C. However, it is recommended to bring along a light coat and an umbrella.

Currency and Banking

Czech Koruna is the official currency in the Czech Republic. Foreign currency exchange is available at Prague International Airport and at most hotels, banks and exchange offices throughout the city. International credit cards are accepted for payment in hotels, restaurants and shops. Paying by cash in Euro is also possible in some restaurants and shops.

Shopping

Most shops in Prague are open from 9:00 to 18:00, Monday through Saturday. Shops in the city centre are usually open from 9:00 to 20:00, Monday through Sunday.

Tipping

Service is usually included in the bill in bars and restaurants, but tips are welcome. If you consider the service good enough to warrant a tip, we suggest about ten percent.

Electricity

The Czech Republic uses a 230 volt 50 Hz system, sockets are the standard European type and two-prong round pin plugs, with a hole for a male grounding pin. To use electric appliances from your country you may need a special voltage converter with an adapter plug.

Liability and Insurance

The organizers do not accept responsibility for individual medical, travel or personal insurance and all participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance before travelling to the Conference.

Useful Telephone Numbers

First Aid	155
Emergency (International number)	112
Police	158
Taxi (Profi taxi)	+420 261 314 151
Flight reservations and changes	+420 239 007 007

Slovník

Ahoj!	Hello!
Dobrý den!	Good day!
Dobrý večer!	Good evening!
Dobrou noc!	Good night!
Jak se máte?	How are you?
Mám se dobře.	I am just fine.
Děkuji.	Thank you.
Dobrou chuť.	Enjoy the meal.
Mohu Vám představit...	Let me introduce ...
Kolik to stojí?	How much is it?
Můžete mi, prosím, pomoci?	Could you, please, help me?
Jak se dostanu do...	How can I get to ...
Ztratil jsem se.	I got lost.
Kde si mohu koupit lístek na metro (tramvaj, autobus)?	Where can I buy a ticket to subway (tram, bus)?
Kde je nejbližší ...	Where is the nearest...
Nechceš jít na pivo?	Would you like to go for a beer?
Jeden	one
Dva	two
Tři	three
Deset	ten

Vocabulary