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## Invitation

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics that will be held at the University of Vienna (founded in 1365) from August 29, 2011 to September 3, 2011.

With this meeting in Vienna we will be re-visiting a city that is of utmost historical importance for our field of forensic genetics. The first genetic system that was used in forensic genetics, the ABO blood group system, was discovered in Vienna in 1900 by Karl Landsteiner. Furthermore, the first forensic genetic opinion of a medical expert with regard to paternity was given by Anton Werkgartner of the Institute for Forensic Medicine at the University of Vienna in 1925 and forensic genetic expert opinions based on ABO results were accepted by the Supreme Court of Austria (Oberster Gerichtshof) in 1926, which documented that forensic genetic serology was fully accepted as evidence for or against paternity.

We will do our very best to organize an exciting and memorable conference. We invite all scientists interested in forensic genetics to join us in August/September 2011 in Vienna.

**Wolfgang R. Mayr**  
Congress President



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- Mechthild **Prinz**, New York
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### Scientific Topics

- Forensic applications of human polymorphisms (paternity and other relationships, immigration, biological stains, disaster victim identification, human remains, etc.): STRs, SNPs, X and Y chromosomal polymorphisms, mtDNA, insertion / deletions, etc.
- Prediction of externally visible physical traits / forensic DNA phenotyping
- Pharmacogenetics
- Forensic molecular genetics
- Population genetics of polymorphisms of forensic interest
- DNA typing methodologies and strategies
- Biostatistics
- Standards and quality control
- Forensic DNA databases
- Genetic analysis of forensic non-human material
- Ethical and legal issues related to forensic genetics
- Investigations of interest for experts in the area where genetics interact with the law



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## Precongress Educational Workshops

August 29-30, 2011

## ISFG Congress

August 30 - September 3, 2011

## Deadlines

Deadline for submission of abstracts is **April 16, 2011**

Notification of Abstract acceptance is **May 6, 2011**

Early bird registration ends on **June 6, 2011**



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### Congress Venue

The congress will take place at the University of Vienna, A-1010 Vienna, Dr. Karl Lueger Ring 1, which was founded in 1365 and is the oldest university in the German-speaking world as well as one of the largest in Central Europe. At present, about 74,000 students are enrolled in close to 180 courses. The University of Vienna is also the largest teaching and research institution in Austria.



Vienna is one of the most important conference places in Europe.

Vienna's geographical situation makes it an ideal meeting place between the East and the West. It has outstanding international organizations such as the IAEO, IIASA and of course the United Nations.

Not only is Vienna the capital of Austria, but also the largest town in the country and offers all the facilities of a major city. Yet you will find places where Vienna has the character of a small town. There are plenty of parks and other leisure time facilities such as the Donauinsel, a major resort on the banks of the Danube river. But of course Vienna also stands for culture: the Viennese music and the theatres on its own are worth a trip to Vienna which is reached via train, car or airplane. You will enjoy good wine and beer, excellent restaurants and numerous pubs and bars. The countless cafés are oases of the typical Viennese "Gemütlichkeit".

The conference venue can easily be reached by public transportation. The nearest station is "Schottentor - Universität", where subway U2 (violet line) stops, as well as tramway lines 1, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and D.

For a map of surroundings please visit [the following page on Google Maps](#).



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## Registration

Those wishing to attend the congress are kindly requested to complete the

[Online Registration Form](#)

After the successful process of your data, you will receive an automatically generated e-mail reply including your personal access key to login to your registration file and print out your booking and payment status.

Accommodations for participants will be guaranteed until July 1, 2011. After this date registration is still possible, but availability of some accommodation facilities cannot be guaranteed.

After successful registration you can change your personal data below:

### Personal Data Login

(to access your personal data)

Please enter your ACCESS KEY:

Login

### Forgotten your ACCESS KEY ?

Please enter your email address:

Send my Access Key

(Please note that this needs to be the same email address used during the registration process)



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## Registration fees - ISFG Congress

|  | Before June 6, 2011 | After June 7, 2011 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| For members                                | € 380               | € 490              |
| Non members                                | € 470               | € 600              |
| For students                               | € 190               | € 250              |
| Accompanying persons (social program only) | € 130               | € 160              |

Participant and student registration includes:

- \* admission to the **scientific sessions and exhibitions**
- \* **conference kit** (final program, book of abstracts, etc.)
- \* **coffee/tea** during the official breaks
- \* **Get-together Party** on August 30
- \* **Mayor's Reception** on August 31
- \* The Conference Dinner (Heuriger) is not included, but can be booked for € 25,--

It is not expected that **accompanying persons** will attend scientific sessions. Their registration fee includes Get-together Party, the Major's Reception and the Conference Dinner, as well as a half day sightseeing tour on Thursday forenoon.

## Registration fees - Precongress Educational Workshops

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| 1/2 day | € 80  |
| 1 day   | € 110 |
| 2 days  | € 220 |

Registration includes admission to the workshops and coffe/tea during the official breaks

## Payment

All payments for the congress must be made in Euro. Registration must be accompanied by appropriate remittance, otherwise registration will not be accepted.

Payments must be made in full in advance and can be made (in the order of preference) by

- Credit Card (Visa, Euro/Mastercard, Diners, American Express).
- Bank transfer (free of charges for the recipient).

**Credit Card payment** must be accompanied by details of the type of card, account number,

expiry date, and registered name and address of the card holder.

**Paying by bank transfer:**

Please transfer the total amount due in EURO (free of bank charges for the recipient) to:

Austropa Interconvention  
UniCredit Bank Austria AG, Am Hof 2, 1010 Vienna/Austria  
Account no.: 00602 364 218  
Bank Code: 12000  
IBAN-Code: AT56 1200 0006 0236 4218  
BIC-Code: BKAUATWW  
Please remember to include the participant's name.

## Cancellation and refunding

All requests for cancellation or changes have to be made in writing to the Registration and Housing Office Austropa Interconvention.

Refund of registration fees will be as follows:

- **Postmarked/e-mailed until July 1, 2011** - a cancellation handling fee of Euro 80,- will be charged
- **Postmarked/e-mailed from July 2, 2011 until August 1, 2011** 50% refund
- No refund on cancellations received **on/after August 2, 2011**.
- Any refunds will be made after the Congress.
- If cancellation is received on/after August 2, 2011, or if the delegate fails to attend, the entire registration fee has to be paid.
- No refunds can be made for any services not used.



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### Sponsor & Exhibition Information

The Organizing Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics invites you to visit the commercial exhibition that will take place between Wednesday, August 31 and Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the University of Vienna.

For exhibition, advertising & sponsoring opportunities please see [the following document](#).

### Industry Partners

Applied Biosystems Deutschland GmbH  
[www.appliedbiosystems.com](http://www.appliedbiosystems.com)



### Symposia Organised by the Industry

Lunchsymposia:

- Wednesday: Abbott GmbH
- Thursday: Applied Biosystems GmbH  
 For information or to register for the Applied Biosystems GmbH symposium, please follow the link below:  
<http://appliedbiosystems.org.uk/28142/>
- Friday: Promega GmbH  
 For information or to register for the Promega GmbH symposium, please follow the link below:  
[http://www.formstack.com/forms/promega-isfg\\_registration\\_form](http://www.formstack.com/forms/promega-isfg_registration_form)



Symposium on Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm:

- QIAGEN  
 For information or to register for the QIAGEN symposium, please follow the link below:  
<http://www.qiagen.com/forms/isfg/2011/registration.aspx>



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### Language

- The official language of the conference is English.
- No simultaneous translation will be provided.

### Passport and Visas

- All non-residents of the EU are required to have a valid passport.
- Participants should check regarding visa requirements for travelling to Austria. Applications should be made to the nearest Austrian Embassy or Consulate as soon as possible. Citizens of member states of the European Union and the USA do not need a visa.

### Austrian - Our Official Carrier

- [Book your flights](#) to the **ISFG 2011, 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics** [online](#) and save 15% on **all** applicable fares!

Conditions:

- Booking period: as of September 3, 2010 until September 3, 2011
- Valid for flights to Vienna and return as of August 15, 2010 until September 17, 2011 (final date for return flight) on OS flight numbers.

### Travelling to Vienna

Vienna can be reached

- by plane via Vienna International Airport ([VIE](#)). To reach the city you can use taxis (ride takes approximately 20 minutes), busses (ride takes approximately 20 minutes, departure in front of the arrival area of VIE, interval 20 minutes to 'Schwedenplatz'), the City Airport Train ([CAT](#), approximately 16 minutes) or train ('Schnellbahn', ride takes approximately 35 minutes, interval 30 minutes, City Terminal is station 'Landstraße'). From station 'Landstraße' (or station 'Schwedenplatz') take the subway U4 (green line) in direction "Heiligenstadt" and change at station "Schottenring" to the U2 (violet line) in direction "Karlsplatz". Exit at station "Schottenring", where the conference site is in walking distance of the station.
- by train ([ÖBB](#)). Arrival is at Wien-Meidling or Wien-Westbahnhof. From Wien Meidling take U6 (brown line) in direction "Floridsdorf" and change at station "Westbahnhof" to the U3 (orange line) in direction "Simmering". Change at station "Volkstheater" to the U2 (violet line) in direction "Aspernstrasse" and exit at station "Schottenring", where the conference site is in walking distance of the station. From Wien Westbahnhof take the subway U3 (orange line) in direction "Simmering" and change at the station "Volkstheater" to the U2 (purple line) in direction "Aspernstrasse". Exit at station "Schottenring", where the conference site is in walking distance of the station.
- by car via the A1 (from the west) or the A2 (from the south). Follow the signs directly to the center of Vienna ('Zentrum') and proceed to Karlsplatz. Follow the "Ring-Strasse" to north, where you directly pass the University building/Conference venue. Within and around the center of Vienna there is a short term parking zone (payment zone) requiring to park the car in a garage.

### Travelling in Vienna

Information about available tickets and detailed line plans can be found at Vienna's '[Getting Around](#)' website.

### Insurance and Liability

Participants are advised to arrange whatever insurance they consider necessary. No responsibility can be assumed by the Congress for personal accidents, sickness, theft, or property damage suffered by the participants.



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## Climate

Weather in August is usually warm and sunny (18-28°C). However, there is some possibility of brief showers. Thus, a jacket and an umbrella may be useful.

## Electricity

The electrical current is 230 volts, 50 Hz.

## Banking

Bank hours are

Monday - Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

## Currency

Since the beginning of 2002 the EURO is the official currency in Austria. 1 Euro = 100 Cents.

Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 Cents; 1, 2 Euros

Banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 Euros

Money can be changed at the airport, at banks, exchange bureaus, and larger hotels.

For a cash advance, credit cards and Maestro-cards can be used at cash dispensers (Bankomat) which are available all over the city.

## Shopping

Typical shopping hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (5:00 pm). Apart from some tobacconists and small supermarkets at petrol stations and at the main railway stations, shops are closed on Sundays.

Luxury shops with an elegant clientele can be found in the pedestrian zone of the Graben and of Kärntnerstraße (underground U1, U3 / station Stephansplatz). Street entertainers and outdoor cafe's contribute to the special atmosphere of this area.

A well known shopping area is Mariahilferstraße (underground U3 / station Neubaugasse).



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### Official Social Program

Please sign up for the official social program included in the registration fee, unless otherwise stated.

#### Opening ceremony and Get-together party

The Opening ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 30 at 6:00 pm at the Audimax of the University of Vienna.

The Get-together party will start at 7:00 pm at the Arkadenhof. A typical "Viennese Welcome" with traditional snacks and drinks will be provided.

#### Mayor's Reception

A cocktail reception upon invitation of the Mayor and Governor of Vienna will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday, August 31 at 8:00 pm.


#### Conference Dinner - Heurigen Evening

On Friday, September 2 from 7:00 pm you may experience a memorable evening in a typical Viennese Heurigen village and enjoy a few hours in a warm atmosphere with music, wine and genuine food.

"Heuriger" is the Viennese expression for the wine of the latest harvest and the name for the place where it is served. "Let's go to the Heurigen" is the invitation that stands at the beginning of a sociable evening full of fun.

Reduced contribution fee for registered participants: € 25 (included for registered accompanying persons)

#### Optional Tours

The housing office, Austropa Interconvention offers guided tours during the congress. For further information please see [Tours](#) .



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