13th EFORT Congress 2012

Abstract submission deadline
15 September 2011
Early registration deadline
30 January 2012

First announcement & call for abstracts

Berlin, Germany
23 – 25 May 2012
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Dear Participants,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the Local Organising Committee, we are delighted to invite you to participate in the 13th EFORT Congress in Berlin in 2012.

Following the success of the previous meetings, the scientific programme will be focused mainly on symposia and instructional lectures given by distinguished speakers, as well as free paper submissions from all over Europe. Highlights of the Congress include the aging spine, navigation and soft tissue balancing in total knee arthroplasty, orthopaedic responsibility in pain treatment, arthroscopy in hand surgery, treatment options in difficult cases, and an evaluation in stem cell therapy, to mention only a few.

In view of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011–2020), we will focus in particular trauma topics, such as patients with multiple injuries. In collaboration with our Speciality Societies, we are organising special sessions such as Experts meet Experts (ExMEx), and the Controversial Case Discussions (CCD), which have been highly rated in the past – as has the one-day Comprehensive Review Course (CRC) aimed at younger colleagues and residents. Cross fire sessions will guarantee interesting discussions, while the Mike Freeman and Erwin Morscher Honorary Lectures will offer the views of two of our most experienced surgeons. Industry symposia, workshops and technical exhibits will also be a major part in our Congress.

The scientific programme would, however, be incomplete without your participation, without free paper lectures and e-posters. We encourage all of you to submit abstracts of your work, so that we can put together an exceptional scientific programme. The Local Organising Committee and the EFORT Scientific Committee are certain to make this EFORT Congress a most valuable educational event.

We look forward to meeting you in the vibrant city of Berlin for the 13th EFORT Congress in 2012.
# National Member Societies

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# Speciality Societies and Affiliated Organisations Collaborating in Berlin

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
The abstract submission system is accessible through the EFORT portal at www.efort.org/berlin2012 from August 2011.

CATEGORIES OF ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
EFORT offers the following 18 categories:

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EFORT does not accept resubmissions. Only abstracts submitted electronically can be accepted.

ONLINE SUBMISSION PROCEDURE
After logging on to the EFORT portal, be sure to follow the onscreen instructions precisely as they lead you through the submission process. There is no restriction on the number of abstracts you may submit, however per registered participant a total of 2 oral presentations and 5 e-posters are accepted only.

Some information is mandatory, however, and you will not be able to proceed further if you do not complete the fields. Please also note that you may modify your abstract(s) until the submission deadline date. Consider your submission category carefully. If there is a discrepancy between your topic and its category, EFORT reserves the right to change the category or reject your abstract.

For more details, please visit: www.efort.org/berlin2012/abstract

INFORMATION ON ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE
You will be notified by e-mail about the acceptance of your abstract(s) by 2 January 2012 at the latest. The presenting author of a selected abstract must undertake to attend the Congress and present the abstract in the session and at the time designated by the Scientific Committee. EFORT therefore requires all authors to register by 30 January 2012 at the latest. Only registrations to the full congress are accepted (no day registrations).

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
Technical support will be provided for authors of abstracts, as detailed in the frequently asked questions and help document.

Please send all requests concerning electronic submissions for the 13th EFORT Congress by e-mail to: abstracts@efort.org.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS (Free Paper Sessions)
Computer projection only will be available for presentations in the meeting rooms. To ensure that sessions run smoothly, please refer to the Presentation Guidelines available online on the abstract page.

The best-rated free papers may be put forward for the EFORT Free Paper Award. From the presentations that are received, the three best will be selected for the award. The authors of the selected papers will be informed prior to the Congress, and certificates will be presented during the official opening ceremony.

E-POSTER PRESENTATIONS
The poster presentations will be in electronic format. A large display area with e-posters will be dedicated to poster presentations.

Out of the best-rated e-poster abstracts submitted for the Congress, the ten best will be awarded the Jacques Duparc Award. Authors will be informed prior to the Congress, and certificates will be presented during the official opening ceremony.
**The Congress at a glance**

**Important dates to remember**

**CONGRESS DEADLINES**

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**PRELIMINARY CONGRESS SCHEDULE**

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The scientific programme will consist of:

- A full-day comprehensive review course (CRC)
- Cross-fi res
- Difficult case presentation
- E-poster presentations
- "Experts meet Experts" (ExMEx) sessions
- Honorary lectures
- Free paper sessions
- Industry symposia
- Instructional lectures
- Interactive controversial case discussions
- Symposia

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Bone & joint tumours:** Metastasis
- **Trauma:** Multiple fracture patients / intraoperative imaging
- **Pain:** Orthopaedic responsibility in pain treatment
- **Sports / knee soft-tissue:** Navigation and soft tissue balancing in TKA
- **Shoulder:** Complex shoulder problems
- **Infection:** Treatment options in difficult cases
- **Hand / wrist:** Arthroscopy in hand surgery
- **Spine:** The ageing spine
- **Foot / ankle:** Flatfoot, from childhood to the adult
- **Hip:** Peri-prosthetic fractures and revision arthroplasty
- **Osteoporosis:** New solutions for an old problem
- **Paediatrics:** Early care for the hip in children
- **Basic science:** Evaluation in stem cells therapy
- **Knee osseous:** Indications, techniques and rehabilitation

**THE COMPREHENSIVE ORTHOPAEDIC REVIEW COURSE (CRC) – 25 May 2012**

**Primary target attendees:** Young orthopaedic surgeons, residents in training

**Pre-registration is mandatory**

**Max. capacity:** 150 participants

**Fee:** EUR 115.00 ¹)

This course aims to teach the knowledge that is needed for every specialist, and to broaden the participant’s orthopaedic horizons. This course provides up-to-date presentations in five major areas:

- Lower extremity
  - Lower extremity
  - Upper extremity
  - Spine
  - Paediatrics
  - Basic science

Attending this comprehensive full-day review course will provide the necessary knowledge base to prepare for the European Board examination (EBOT). Registration for this course is separate from the overall Congress registration. More information at: www.efort.org/berlin2012/CRC

**EXPERTS MEET EXPERTS SESSIONS (ExMEx)**

**Primary target attendees:** Confirmed specialists and senior consultants

**Pre-registration is mandatory**

**Max. capacity:** 100 participants per session

**Fee:** EUR 51.00 ¹) (please note that ExMEx sessions may be attended only if the participant is registered for the Congress)

This format is a comprehensive review of specific surgical techniques, and may include a technical workshop. A critical review of the individual presentations will take place.

There will be ample opportunity for each attendee to speak directly with the presenters. Active involvement on the part of attendees will maximise the benefits of this unique encounter between faculty members and experienced participants. The programme for each session is produced in cooperation with the appropriate European Speciality Society.

The following sessions are planned:

- Acetabular fractures
- Revision in cruciate ligament reconstruction
- Periprosthetic fractures around the hip and knee
- Osteoporosis and operative treatment of fragility fractures

¹) Fee applies for pre-registration.
You and your accompanying person(s) are cordially invited
to attend our social programme during the 13th EFORT Congress in Berlin!

**OPENING AND AWARD CEREMONY**

**Date**  
Wednesday, 23 May 2012

**Time**  
18.45 – 20.00

**Place**  
ICC Berlin

**Programme**  
Official welcome by the President and Local Chairs, Award Ceremony

**WELCOME RECEPTION**

The Welcome Reception will take place right after the Opening and Award Ceremony. Don’t miss this opportunity to network, meet seasoned professionals and newcomers, and reunite with friends and colleagues!

**Date**  
Wednesday, 23 May 2012

**Time**  
After official Opening and Award Ceremony

**Place**  
ICC, Berlin

**Programme**  
Reception (drinks & finger food)

**Participants**  
To these events we welcome registered participants, registered accompanying persons and industry representatives

**BERLIN NIGHT**

Right in the heart of Berlin you will find the very traditional Theater des Westens – a theatre building that is one of a kind. It is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful and well-known theatres in Germany. The elegant and glamorous foyer is the most famous room at this venue. This theatre is sure to remain in your memories for a long time.

**Date**  
Thursday, 24 May 2012

**Time**  
20.00 – 23.00

**Place**  
Theater des Westens

**Programme**  
Artistic performance followed by a buffet dinner

**Dress code**  
Semi-formal

**Price**  
EUR 86.00 + local VAT (excl. transport)

**Admission**  
Tickets must be booked in advance

**CHARITY RUN/WALK**

Join us for this sunrise charity event!

**Date**  
Friday, 25 May 2012

**Time**  
06.00 – 07.00

**Place**  
To be announced on the website

**Fee**  
To be announced on the website – all race proceeds will be devoted to research through the EFORT FOUNDATION (www.efortfoundation.org)
Congress dates
Wednesday, 23 May – Friday, 25 May 2012

REGISTRATION
Online registration at www.efort.org/berlin2012 is preferable. Participants and accompanying persons are requested to register in advance using the online portal on the congress website www.efort.org/berlin2012. All fees are indicated in EUR, incl. VAT. In order to avoid double charges, please submit your registration ONCE.

The late registration fee will apply for any forms received after 30 January 2012. Registrations received after 4 May 2012 will be processed as on site registrations.

CONFIRMATION
When appropriate payment has been received, a confirmation/invoice will be sent to participants. This confirmation should be presented at the registration desk, pre-registration counter on site.

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* I certify that I am entitled to the reduced registration fee. Proof of status must be attached to this registration form, otherwise the regular fee will be applied.
Payment and cancellations

Early registration deadline: 30 January 2012  
Pre-registration deadline: 04 May 2012

REGISTRATION FEE FOR PARTICIPANTS INCLUDES
- Admission to scientific sessions and satellite symposia
- Abstract CD
- Congress bag with numerous Congress documents
- Opening / Award Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Admission to the industry exhibition
- European CME credits
- Certificate of attendance
- Voucher for local transport (except for one-day registrations, allied care providers incl. nurses, student and exhibitors)

REGISTRATION FEE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE CRC INCLUDES
- Admission to the full-day CRC course on 25 May (approx. 08.00-17.00)
- Admission to the industry exhibition (day of CRC course only)
- Lunch package
- European CME credits
- Certificate of attendance

REGISTRATION FEE FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS INCLUDES
- Opening / Award Ceremony and Welcome Reception
- Admission to the industry exhibition
- Voucher for local transport

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment should be made in Euros, without charges for the recipient, as follows:
• By credit card (Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa). Your card number, expiry date, credit card verification number, date and signature must be given on the registration form.
• By bank transfer. Please contact EFORTregistration@mci-group.com for bank details. A banking fee of EUR 19 will be charged for every transfer.
• On site payments can also be made in cash, by credit card or travellers’ cheque.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Registration / confirmation / cancellation
The deadline for pre-registration is 4 May 2012. Registration and services booked can only be confirmed after receipt of full pre-payment or valid credit card details. In case of cancellation of participation by 15 December 2011 the registration fee will be refunded, deducting a handling fee of 30% of the paid amount. Between 15 December 2011 and 15 March 2012 the registration fee will be refunded deducting a handling fee of 50% of the paid amount. After 15 March 2012 there will be no refund whatsoever. Cancellations must be communicated in writing. For name changes a EUR 39 handling fee will be charged in any case. Should you have any special requests for the processing of your invoice, kindly let us know when returning your registration form. We will charge EUR 39 for the rewriting of invoices. All refunds will be made within two months of the end of the Congress. Bank charges may be deducted. Registrations sent by fax or mail are subject to an additional EUR 19 administration charge. Rates for sub-contractors are based on the current tariffs and VAT rate. All prices and details that are beyond our control are subject to change.

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E-mail: EFORTinfo@mci-group.com
Badges
All delegates and accompanying persons will receive a name badge on site. The name badge is your ticket for booked activities and sessions. Admission to the Congress will not be allowed without badge identification.

Bank services
Banks are open from 10.00 to 16.00, Monday to Friday. At Tegel airport you will find an International Currency Exchange open from 05.00 to 21.30 - seven days a week. ATM machines and services are generally provided outside of banks and accept all international credit cards, Maestro, Cirrus and Bancomat cards.

Certificate of attendance
All registered attendees, whether they register in advance or on site, will receive a certificate of attendance issued on site.

Climate
Berlin has a humid continental climate. Summers are warm with average high temperatures of 22–25 °C and lows of 12–14 °C. Winters are cold with average high temperatures of 4 °C and lows of -2 to 0°C. Spring and autumn are generally chilly to mild. The average temperature in May and June will be between 14 and 20°C with a 50% chance of rain.

Cloakroom and storage
A cloakroom and luggage deposit located at the main entrance will be available during the official Congress time schedule. The congress centre and the organisers are not responsible for any items lost or left behind.

Congress language
The official Congress language is English. Please note that no simultaneous translation will be provided.

Currency
The local currency is the Euro (EUR).

Disabled persons
The congress centre is easily accessible to disabled persons. Kindly address any request for special assistance to the Congress secretariat: MCI Schweiz AG, EFORTinfo@mci-group.com.

First aid
A first aid room is available at the congress centre. Please ask any staff member for help in case of need.

Food and refreshments
Lunch and refreshments are not included in the registration fee. You can buy lunch and refreshments in several catering areas within the congress centre.

Industry exhibition
The industry exhibition is open to pharmaceutical companies, manufacturers of medical and surgical equipment, software equipment and scientific publishers. The industry exhibition is located at the ICC and will be open from 23 May to 25 May 2012 according to the session time-table. Interested companies are advised to contact the PCO at EFORTEXHIBITION@mci-group.com.

Insurance
The organisers are not responsible for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. Participants and accompanying persons should arrange their own cover.
**Internet connections**

Workstations with an internet connection will be available during the Congress opening hours. Participants are kindly requested to limit internet usage to five minutes to allow as many participants as possible to use this service.

**Letter of invitation**

Those persons needing an official invitation letter in order to attend the Congress may contact EFORTinfo@mci-group.com specifying the necessary details. This service is designed only to assist participants who need to obtain a visa or permission to attend the Congress. It should not be considered as an official invitation covering fees or other expenses.

**Liability disclaimer**

The organisers cannot be held liable for any hindrance or disruption of Congress proceedings arising from political, social or economic events or any other unforeseen incidents beyond their control. The organisers will accept no liability for any personal injuries sustained or for loss or damage to property belonging to Congress participants, either during or as a result of the Congress or during all tours and events. Registration of a participant entails acceptance of these conditions.

**Lost and found**

For lost and found items, please refer to the cloakroom on site.

**Mobile phones**

Mobile phones are strictly prohibited during all scientific sessions.

**No-smoking policy**

Smoking is strictly prohibited during all meetings and sessions and in exhibition halls at all times.

**Passport & visa requirements**

Every person entering Germany should be in possession of a valid passport and/or identity card. For further information on visa requirements, please contact the German embassy or consulate nearest to your home. [http://bundesrepublik.org/Deutsche+Botschaften+und+Auslandsvertretungen/](http://bundesrepublik.org/Deutsche+Botschaften+und+Auslandsvertretungen/)

Germany is one of the member countries of the Schengen Convention. Legal residents of one Schengen country do not require a visa for other Schengen countries. No responsibility is taken by the organisers for the correctness of this information.

**Registration on site**

The registration and information desks will be located in the main entrance hall of the ICC Berlin, Neue Kantstrasse/Corner of Messedamm, 14057 Berlin, Germany

**Social programme and tours desk**

This desk is located in the registration area at the congress centre. Please refer to this desk for information about the Congress social programme and optional tours.
Berlin’s culture is as multi-faceted as the city itself. It is varied, exciting and always original. Berlin is at the cutting edge of music, art and lifestyle trends. At the same time outstanding museums, orchestras and theatres continue to cultivate the city’s great traditions. Drawn to the capital by its wealth of creativity, more and more artists from around the globe are transforming Berlin into one of Europe’s most innovative metropolises.

History
Founded in the 13th century, Berlin has had an eventful history. Excavations from 2008 suggest that the city may be even older than was previously assumed: state archaeologists have discovered an oak beam that probably dates back to 1183. Almost no other city has experienced such frequent, radical change transforming its face. Although Berlin saw steady growth in its importance, dazzling epochs alternated with darker eras. Nevertheless, the formerly divided city has succeeded in becoming a vibrant metropolis in the heart of Europe. Nearly 20 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the city never ceases to change and develop.

Art
Berlin is the city of the muses, artists and museums! Berlin has over 170 museums packed with the world’s art treasures and fascinating historical exhibitions spanning the centuries! But is also home to an amazing creative pool of art producers - more than 6,000 artists and cultural workers busily creating the dynamic young art for tomorrow’s collections.

Entertainment
Berlin is home to the best in light entertainment - musicals, the Wintergarten and Chamäleon vaudevilles, the Friedrichstadtpalast, Europe’s largest revue theatre with its legendary high-kicking chorus girls and breathtaking stage shows, plus entertainment galore at any number of exciting smaller venues. Many theatres also present stunning programmes.

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Hotel information

In order to make a hotel reservation, please:
- Access the congress website at www.efort.org/berlin2012/hotel to make your preliminary choice
- Access the registration platform and choose your hotel accommodation

Advance hotel bookings are handled by:

MCI Deutschland GmbH
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www.efort.org/berlin2012

Rates per room and night including breakfast and local VAT.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
The hotels have limited capacities. It is recommended that you make your hotel booking as early as possible. If the first-choice hotel/category has already been sold out, MCI Deutschland GmbH reserves the right to arrange accommodation in another hotel/category. All changes and cancellations are to be made in writing and addressed exclusively to MCI Deutschland GmbH. In case of partial or total cancellation of the hotel reservation by 22 November 2011, a EUR 40 handling fee per person will be charged. Thereafter and up to 22 December 2011, the cancellation of one night’s accommodation will be charged at the full rate. If two or more nights’ accommodation is wholly or partially cancelled, 50% of the cancelled hotel nights will be charged. In cases of cancellation or no-show without prior notice after 22 February 2012, the full cost of the accommodation will be charged. In case of no-shows the right to the booked hotel room expires the following day at 9.00 local time.

A fee of EUR 30 per person will be charged for changes in hotel reservations. The hotel is liable to pay damages if the reserved room is not made available. To secure adequate overnight capacities, hotel rooms for the Congress have had to be contracted a long time in advance. Hotels occasionally publish online or last-minute promotion rates for a limited number of rooms which may vary from the prices contracted for the Congress.

HOTEL RESERVATION
The details of all Congress hotels will be available www.efort.org/berlin2012 as of July 2011.

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CONFIRMATION OF HOTEL RESERVATION
When the appropriate payments have been processed, a confirmation/invoice will be sent to participants. This confirmation will include all details for the hotel reservation.
TRAVEL BY AIR

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Registered participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the event are automatically granted a discount of up to 20%, depending on the fare and class of travel booked.

The participating airlines for this event are: Air Canada, Air China, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, SWISS International Air Lines, Scandinavian Airlines, Spanair, TAP Portugal, United.

For booking office information, please visit: www.staralliance.com/conventionsplus

Discounts are offered on published business and economy class fares, excluding website/internet fares, senior and youth fares, group fares and Round the World fares.

Please note: For travel from Japan and New Zealand, special fares or discounts are offered by the participating airlines on their own networks.

When making your travel plans, please present confirmation of your registration or proof of attendance.

FLY – AND OFFSET GREENHOUSE GASES

Dear attendees,

Sometimes it is difficult to do without flying, even though it is clear that every flight contributes to global warming. If you want to take responsibility for the emissions your flights cause, there are a number of different organisations engaged in environmental matters (e.g. www.myclimate.com).

Using an emissions calculator, “myclimate” customers can figure out how much greenhouse gas emissions are caused by their individual flights. With your donation you enable “myclimate” or other organisations to run projects in developing countries where these emissions will be saved.
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- 2nd class EUR 99
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The exclusive offer is valid within Germany on all DB trains, including the ICE. The tickets are valid on 23 – 26 May 2012.

Book your ticket by calling the hotline +49 (0) 1805 31 11 53** from Monday to Saturday. Please use the reference “EFORT”.

* Changes and reimbursements before 1st day of validity EUR 15, not possible from 1st day of validity onwards.
** Telephone costs are 14 ct/min from the Deutsche Telekom network.

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TRANSPORT TO THE CONGRESS CENTRE

Public transport – In Berlin, the Verkehrsverbund Berlin-Brandenburg (VBB) fares apply. The Berlin public transport system is efficient and the combination of buses, trams, the U-Bahn (underground) and S-Bahn (commuter rail) reaches every part of the sprawling city and its surroundings. The U-Bahn and S-Bahn are the best ways of getting around, buses cover the parts of the city that cannot be reached by train, and East Berlin has a network of modernised tram lines of pre-war origins. Your advantage: With a VBB ticket, you can use all the means of transport offered the various transport companies in Berlin and Brandenburg.

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TRAVEL BY CAR

Environmental Zone
Please note that the Environmental Zone came into force in Berlin on 1 January 2008. Vehicles may only enter this area if they display a valid sticker showing that their emissions do not exceed a specified level of fine particulates. Signs have been erected on the roads clearly showing where the Environmental Zone begins. The exhibition grounds and ICC are located outside the Environmental Zone. Visitors arriving by car via the motorway system and entering the exhibition grounds directly via the interchange marked „Messegelände/Messedamm“ are outside the zone and do not therefore require a sticker.

More information:
www.berlin.de/sen/umwelt/luftqualitaet/de/luftreinhalteplan/umweltzone_aktuelles.shtml

Autobahns radiate from the German capital like a star, and most of these motorways can now carry six lanes of fast-moving traffic. Once you are on the A10 (Berliner Ring), look for the signs to „Messegelände“ at the „Nuthetal“, „Oranienburg“, „Schönefelder Kreuz“ and „Pankow“ junctions. These will lead you directly to the A100, A111 and A115 (Avus) motorway and the „Funkturm“ junction, where you turn off at the „Messegelände“ exit.

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