

Invitation Program & Call for Abstracts



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6th Annual **SERGS** Meeting

on Robotic Gynaecological Surgery
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Congress Center Essen



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Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends,

Impact of minimal invasive surgery on treatment of choice gynecological disorders tremendously increased in the past decade. Robotic-assistance now enables to perform even extremely complex procedures also in anatomically difficult accessible regions with a high degree of accuracy. Excellent visualization, improved dexterity and continuously available recording of the procedures dramatically facilitates clinical research and education.

At the 6th Annual SERGS Meeting 2014 we will put potential and results of robotic surgery in relation to classical laparoscopic techniques and also the vaginal and open surgical approach. In particular, potential and evolution of technique of classical laparoscopy will be compared head to head to that of robotically-assisted laparoscopy. In close cooperation with our partners from ESGO, AGO, ESGE, MESGE, AGE, ARC-gyn and DGGG we will try to define the state of the Art 2014 and the future direction for surgical treatment in gynecology in Europe.

We cordially invite you to join us next year in Essen for three unforgettable days at SERGS 2014. Take the chance to be present.

Kind regards,



Rainer Kimmig
Congress President



Ignace Vergote
SERGS President

Preliminary Scientific Program

Wednesday 21st May 2014

15:30-18:30	<p>Pre-Congress Workshop</p> <p>ROC I Certificate (basic course of ARC-gyn)</p> <p>Basics of robotic surgery – how to start Application of RS in benign indications Application of RS in malignant indications Complications and Management</p> <p>Single port surgery Simulator training How to start with robotic surgery Docking for beginners and professionals Compartmental robotic surgery in uterine cancer: Course and Certificate</p> <p>Video Courses Radical hysterectomy, lymphadenectomy, sacrocolpopexia, endometriosis, supracervical hysterectomy, myomectomy etc.</p>
19:00	<p>Get-Together „First Touch“ Wine & Cheese</p>

The Pre-Congress Workshop will take place in the Essen University Hospital.



Thursday 22nd May 2014

09:30 - 10:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome & Opening Ceremony <i>Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany</i> <i>Christhardt Köhler, Hamburg, Germany</i> <i>and representatives of SERGS, ESGO, ESGE, MESGE, AGO, AGE, ARC-Gyn,</i> <i>University of Duisburg-Essen and the City of Essen</i></p>		
10:00 - 10:45	<p>Session 1: Presidential Lecture Present and future development of robotic surgery in gynecology: Visions, expectations and demands <i>Ignace Vergote, Leuven, European Union – President SERGS</i></p>	<p>Live Surgery: Part I <i>Moderator: Thomas Ind, London, UK</i></p> <p>TMMR in cervical cancer <i>Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany</i></p>	
10:45 - 12:00	<p>Session 2: Videopresentations: Part I <i>Moderator: Thomas Ind, London, UK</i> Abdominal colposuspension/burch <i>Murat Dede, Ankara, Turkey</i> Robotic pelvic and paraaortic lymphadenectomy in gynecological cancer <i>Eric Lambaudie, Marseille, France</i></p>	<p>Sacrocolpopexia <i>Gabriel Schär, Aarau, Switzerland</i></p>	
12:00 - 12:30	Coffee Break		
12:30 - 13:30	<p>Videopresentations: Part II Robotic radical hysterectomy in cervical and endometrial cancer <i>Angelo Maggioni, Milan, Italy</i></p>		<p>Poster Session 1: Benign Disease <i>Chairs: Mete Güngör, Istanbul, Turkey</i> <i>Bahriye Aktas, Essen, Germany</i></p>
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break / Lunch Symposium		

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14:30 - 16:00	<p>Session 3: Training and Education, Registry Chairs: Vanna Zanagnolo, Milan, Italy Sami Kilic, Galveston, U.S.A.</p> <p>European standards in training René Verheijen, Utrecht, The Netherlands</p> <p>Education in robotics: The U.S. experience Sami Kilic, Galveston, U.S.A.</p> <p>How to build a curriculum: The BIARGS experience Ahmed Ahmed, Manchester, UK</p> <p>How to build a curriculum: The ERUS experience Henk van de Poel, Amsterdam, The Netherlands</p> <p>How to implement a registry? Eric Lambdaudie, Marseille, France</p> <p>Concluding statements "Training and Education" Vanna Zanagnolo, Milan, Italy Sami Kilic, Galveston, U.S.A.</p>	<p>Live Surgery: Part II Moderator: Ignace Vergote, Leuven, European Union</p> <p>Extraperitoneal lymphadenectomy Fabrice Narducci, Lille, France</p> <p>Deep infiltrating endometriosis Marc Winter, Laguna Hills, U.S.A.</p>	<p>Nurses Session 1: Welcome and Introduction Chairs: Heike Bieger, Essen, Germany Christina Etén Bergqvist, Lund, Sweden</p> <p>Team spirit; making robotic surgery a success Christina Etén Bergqvist, Lund, Sweden</p> <p>Patient positioning in robotics; a challenge Heike Bieger, Essen, Germany</p> <p>Establishing an education for registered nurse first assistant in robotics / Starting up a centre of robotic surgery Jane Petersson, Aalborg, Denmark</p>
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30 - 17:00	<p>Special Lecture 1: Ovarian Cancer Chair: Vesna Kesic, Belgrade, Serbia</p> <p>Robotic debulking surgery Xavier Magrina, Phoenix, U.S.A.</p>		
17:00 - 18:00	<p>Session 4: Prevention and Management of Complication in Gynecological Robotic Surgery Chairs: Kubilay Ertan, Leverkusen, Germany Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden</p> <p>Introduction and injury of urinary tract Kubilay Ertan, Leverkusen, Germany</p> <p>Injury of the gastrointestinal tract Gökhan Yagci, Ankara, Turkey</p> <p>Vascular injuries Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden</p> <p>Anaesthetic complications Oliver Groll, Essen, Germany</p> <p>Concluding statements "Prevention and management of complications" Kubilay Ertan & Jan Persson</p>		
18:15	General Assembly ARC-gyn		

Friday 23rd May 2014

08:00 - 10:00	<p>Session 5: Lymphadenectomy in Gynecological Cancer <i>Chairs: Eric Lambaudie, Marseille, France, Tanja Fehm, Dusseldorf, Germany</i></p> <p>State of the art – Indication and technique <i>Philippe Morice, Villejuif, France</i></p> <p>Evidence for adequate quality in lymphadenectomy by endoscopy <i>Liliana Mereu, Sesto Fiorentino, Italy</i></p> <p>Robotic surgery and technique of pelvic and periaortic lymphadenectomy <i>Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden</i></p> <p>Perioperative morbidity and outcome analysis of robotically assisted laparoscopic pelvic and periaortic lymphadenectomy <i>Michel Degueldre, Brussels, Belgium</i></p> <p>SPECT/CT & sentinel node – an alternative to lymphadenectomy <i>Ronald Zweemer, Utrecht, The Netherlands</i></p> <p>Conclusion “Lymphadenectomy in gynecological cancer” 2014: How to manage best? <i>Eric Lambaudie and Tanja Fehm</i></p>	<p>Session 9: Surgical Treatment for Myomas <i>Chairs: Vasilios Tanos, Nicosia, Cyprus Arnold Advincula, New York, U.S.A.</i></p> <p>Classical laparoscopic approach: Gold standard? <i>Matthias Korell, Neuss, Germany</i></p> <p>Organ preserving myomectomy by robotically assisted laparoscopic surgery: patient selection, technique and results <i>Celine Lönnerfors, Lund, Sweden</i></p> <p>Supracervical and total hysterectomy for myomas by robotically assisted laparoscopic surgery: patient selection, technique and results <i>Arnold Advincula, New York, U.S.A.</i></p> <p>Adhesion prevention in robotic myomectomy <i>Jasper Verguts, Hasselt / Leuven, Belgium</i></p> <p>Conclusion “Myomectomy” 2014: How to manage best? <i>Vasilios Tanos and Arnold Advincula</i></p>	<p>Nurses Session 2: <i>Chair: Jane Petersson, Aalborg, Denmark</i></p> <p>Safety in robotics; risk reduction and dealing with emergency situations <i>Christina Etén Bergqvist, Lund, Sweden</i></p> <p>Post-operative care after robotic surgery <i>Heike Bieger, Essen, Germany</i></p> <p>The need for guidelines and standards in robotic surgery <i>Dezita Taylor, Wolverhampton, UK</i></p> <p>Nurses Session 3: Proffered papers <i>Chair: Jane Petersson, Aalborg, Denmark</i></p> <p>Starting with a robotic program; from the nurses point of view <i>Ann Wilkens and Annette Henriksen, Odense, Denmark</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break		

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10:30 - 12:30	<p>Session 6: Radical Hysterectomy in Gynecological Cancer</p> <p><i>Chairs: Angelo Maggioni, Milan, Italy Denis Querleu, Toulouse, France</i></p> <p>State of the art – Indication and technique <i>Björn Lampe, Dusseldorf, Germany - AGO</i></p> <p>Evidence for adequate quality in radical hysterectomy by endoscopy <i>Roberto Tozzi, London, UK</i></p> <p>Robotic surgery and technique of radical hysterectomy in cervical and endometrial cancer <i>Angelo Maggioni, Milan, Italy</i></p> <p>Perioperative morbidity and outcome analysis of robotically assisted laparoscopic radical hysterectomy <i>Fabrice Narducci, Lille, France</i></p> <p>Laparoscopic versus robotic-assisted approach in obese endometrial cancer patients – a head to head comparative analysis <i>Kris Jardon, Montréal, Canada</i></p> <p>Conclusion “Radical Hysterectomy” 2014: How to manage best? <i>Angelo Maggioni and Denis Querleu</i></p>	<p>Session 10: Urogynecology – Prolaps and Incontinence</p> <p><i>Chairs: Steven Schraffordt Koops, Amersfoort, The Netherlands, Thomas Dimpfl, Kassel, Germany</i></p> <p>Current surgical strategies in urogynecology <i>Thomas Dimpfl, Kassel, Germany</i></p> <p>Classical laparoscopy – technique and outcome <i>Dimitri Sarlos, Aarau, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Robotically assisted – technique and outcome <i>Barry O’Reilly, Cork, Ireland</i></p> <p>Conclusion “Surgery in Urogynecology” 2014: How to manage best? <i>Steven Schraffordt Koops and Thomas Dimpfl</i></p>	<p>Nurses Workshop Practical training with tips and tricks</p> <p><i>Richard Bastier, Intuitive Surgical Inc. Sarl, Switzerland</i></p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break / Lunch Symposium		<p>12:30 - 13:30 Poster Session 2: Malignant Disease</p> <p><i>Chairs: Grigor Gortchev, Sofia, Bulgaria Daniel Rein, Köln, Germany</i></p>

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14:00 - 15:00	<p>Session 7: Fluorescence-guided Robotic Surgery Chairs: Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany</p> <p>Endometriosis Marc Winter, Laguna Hills, U.S.A.</p> <p>Lymphadenectomy Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden</p> <p>Compartment visualization in embryologically defined surgery Martin Heubner, Essen, Germany</p> <p>Concluding statement: "Fluorescence- guided Robotic Surgery" Jan Persson and Rainer Kimmig</p>	<p>Session 11: Proffered Papers – Benign Disease Chairs: Murat Dede, Ankara, Turkey Pauline Wimberger, Dresden, Germany</p>	
15:00 - 15:30	<p>Special Lecture: Docking Chair: Arnold Advincola, New York, U.S.A.</p> <p>The "Art of Docking": Key for successful robotic surgery Henrik Falconer, Stockholm, Sweden</p>		
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Session 8: Economic Aspects of Robotic Surgery Chairs: Sami Kilic, Galveston, U.S.A. Martin Braun, Mannheim, Germany</p> <p>Cost evaluation (French analysis) Eric Lambaudie, Marseille, France</p> <p>Cost analysis in endometrial cancer patients Frédéric Goffin, Liège, Belgium</p> <p>Chance of cost reduction and increase of efficiency in robotic surgery Petur Reynisson, Lund, Sweden</p> <p>EU reimbursement update and the role of medical expertise in driving DRG change Martin Braun, Mannheim, Germany</p> <p>Concluding remarks: Economic aspects of RS Sami Kilic and Martin Braun</p>	<p>Session 12: Proffered Papers – Malignant Disease Chairs: Jordi Ponce, Barcelona, Spain Christhardt Köhler, Hamburg, Germany</p> <p>Robotic radical hysterectomy – The Bulgarian experience Grigor Gortchev, Sofia, Bulgaria</p> <p>Robotic radical hysterectomy – The Spanish registry Marc Barahona Orpinell, Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Robotic radical hysterectomy – The Turkish experience Mete Güngör, Istanbul, Turkey</p>	
17:15 - 18:15	General Assembly SERGS		
20:00	Congress Dinner Party		

Saturday 24th May 2014

08:00 - 09:00	<p>Session 13: Current Developments in Robotic Surgery in Gynecology <i>Chairs: René Verheijen, Utrecht, The Netherlands Thoralf Schollmeyer, Kiel, Germany</i></p> <p>Innovations of classical laparoscopy <i>Vasilios Tanos, Nicosia, Cyprus</i></p> <p>Innovations of robotically assisted laparoscopy – Single port surgery <i>Fatih Sendag, Izmir, Turkey</i></p> <p>Dual console experience <i>Koen Traen, Aalst, Belgium</i></p> <p>New robotic systems <i>René Verheijen, Utrecht, The Netherlands</i></p> <p>Robotic skills assessment: to score or not score ? <i>Henk Schreuder, Utrecht, The Netherlands</i></p> <p>Concluding statements ‘Current Developments’ <i>René Verheijen and Thoralf Schollmeyer</i></p>	<p>10:30 - 11:30</p> <p>Session 15: Severe Endometriosis <i>Chairs: Peter Barton-Smith, Singapore Thoralf Schollmeyer, Kiel, Germany</i></p> <p>Classical laparoscopic treatment <i>Michelle Nisolle, Liège, Belgium</i></p> <p>Robotic Surgery – less morbidity maintaining efficacy? <i>Pierre Collinet, Lille, France</i></p> <p>Videodemonstration of robotic surgery in severe endometriosis <i>Peter Barton-Smith, Singapore</i></p> <p>Conclusion “Severe endometriosis” 2014: How to manage best? <i>Peter Barton-Smith and Thoralf Schollmeyer</i></p>
09:00 - 10:00	<p>Session 14: Hysterectomy in Benign Indications <i>Chairs: Fatih Sendag, Izmir, Turkey Jasper Verguts, Hasselt / Leuven, Belgium</i></p> <p>Current approach to hysterectomy – abdominal, vaginal, endoscopic <i>John Shepherd, London, UK</i></p> <p>Classical laparoscopic surgery for hysterectomy, indication and outcome <i>Andreas Müller, Karlsruhe, Germany</i></p> <p>Robot-assisted surgery for hysterectomy, indication and outcome <i>Jordi Ponce, Barcelona, Spain</i></p> <p>Conclusion hysterectomy 2014: How to manage best? <i>Fatih Sendag and Jasper Verguts</i></p>	<p>11:30 - 12:00</p> <p>Best presentation, Best poster, other official acknowledgements <i>Ignace Vergote, European Union, President of SERGS Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break	
12:00 - 12:30	<p>Closing Ceremony & Invitation to SERGS 2015 <i>Ignace Vergote, Leuven, European Union Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany</i></p>	
14:00 - 17:00	<p>Post-Congress Workshop ROC-basic Certificate (basic course of ARC-gyn) Basics of robotic surgery – how to start Application of RS in benign indications Application of RS in malignant indications Complications and Management</p> <p>Single port surgery Simulator training How to start with robotic surgery Docking for beginners and professionals Compartmental robotic surgery in uterine cancer: Course and Certificate</p> <p>Video Courses Radical hysterectomy, lymphadenectomy, sacrocolpopexia, endometriosis, supracervical hysterectomy, myomectomy etc.</p>	

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Call for Abstracts

The 6th Annual SERGS Meeting on Robotic Gynecological Surgery welcomes the submission of abstracts in the following scientific categories:

- Oncology
- Basic Science
- Urogynecology
- Controlled Trials
- Other Benign Gynecology
- Other

Abstracts can be only submitted by email:

paul.buderath@uk-essen.de

Abstracts Submission Deadline
28th February 2014

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract:

- Abstracts can only be written in English.
- Abstracts can only be submitted by email; submission by fax or post will not be accepted.
- Authors may submit more than one abstract. The number of submissions is not limited.
- Abstracts are to be authored and co-authored.
- The abstract text body is limited to 350 words. Titles are limited to 30 words.
- It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact in the abstract text will be reproduced as typed by the author.
- A standard font, e.g. Arial, should be used when formatting the text.
- No abbreviations may be used in the title. The title should be in bold letters.
- Do not use capital letters in the title except for words that are always in capitals.

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- Please indicate in the email subject the scientific category, e.g. SERGS-benign or SERGS-malignant.
 - Please indicate if you prefer oral, poster or video presentation.
 - Oral and video presentations will be limited to 10 minutes.
 - Videos of complications and unusual findings will be limited to 10 minutes.

Abstract Structure

All abstracts without exception should be constructed as follows:

- **Background / Hypothesis:** Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem analyzed or evaluated
- **Methods and Materials:** Describe the setting/ location for the study, design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used
- **Results:** Present as clearly and detailed as possible the findings/outcome of the study, with specific results in summarized form

- **Conclusions:** Briefly discuss the data and main outcome of the study

Videos of Complications & Unusual Findings

We encourage submission of intra-operative complications. These will be shown during one of the sessions. We are happy to accept both acknowledged and anonymous videos in this category. If you wish to submit such material please email directly Dr. Paul Buderath: paul.buderath@uk-essen.de

Confirmation of Submission

After submission of the abstract, a confirmation email will be sent to the abstract submitter. In order to receive this important communication, please ensure you use a valid email address. If you do not receive an email confirmation within a week, please write to Dr. Paul Buderath: paul.buderath@uk-essen.de

Abstracts Review and Selection Process

All submitted abstracts will go through a blind, peer-reviewed process carried out by the members of the scientific committee. The scientific committee will then recommend abstracts for acceptance or rejection either as oral, poster or video presentation.

Notification of Acceptance or Rejection to the Corresponding Author

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitting (corresponding) author by March 14th 2013.

Please note that only the corresponding author will receive an email and is responsible for informing all co-authors of the status of acceptance/rejection.

Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will receive instructions for their presentation (time, date and allocation of presentation). Submission of an

abstract implies acceptance of the final decision about method and allocation of presentation by the board of SERGS and no further correspondence will be entertained.

Authors are required to register before **31st of March 2014** in order for their abstract to be published/presented.

Important Dates

Abstracts Submission Deadline
28th February 2014

Notification of Acceptance
14th March 2014

Early Bird Registration Deadline
31st March 2014

Invited Speakers, Surgeons and Chairs

Advincula, Arnold (USA)	Jardon, Kris (Canada)	Rein, Daniel (Germany)
Ahmed, Ahmed (UK)	Kesic, Vesna (Serbia)	Reynisson, Petur (Sweden)
Aktas, Bahriye (Germany)	Kilic, Sami (USA)	Sarlos, Dimitri (Switzerland)
Barton-Smith, Peter (Singapore)	Kimmig, Rainer (Germany)	Schär, Gabriel (Switzerland)
Bastier, Richard (France)	Köhler, Christhardt (Germany)	Schollmeyer, Thoralf (Germany)
Bieger, Heike (Germany)	Korell, Matthias (Germany)	Schraffordt Koops, Steven (The Netherlands)
Braun, Martin (Germany)	Lambaudie, Eric (France)	Schreuder, Henk (The Netherlands)
Collinet, Pierre (France)	Lampe, Björn (Germany)	Sendag, Fatih (Turkey)
Dede, Murat (Turkey)	Lönnerfors, Celine (Sweden)	Shepherd, John (UK)
Degueldre, Michel (Belgium)	Maggioni, Angelo (Italy)	Tanos, Vasilios (Cyprus)
Dimpfl, Thomas (Germany)	Magrina, Xavier (USA)	Taylor, Dezita (UK)
Ertan, Kubilay (Germany)	Mereu, Liliana (Italy)	Tozzi, Roberto (UK)
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		Zweemer, Ronald (The Netherlands)

Registration – SERGS 2014 · Essen

Registration is available only online through the congress website: www.sergs2014.org

Registration Type	Early Bird till 31.03.2014	Late till 14.05.2014	Onsite
SERGS - Members	420 €	550 €	580 €
SERGS joining at registration	480 €	610 €	640 €
Members of Cooperating Societies ESGO, ESGE, DGGG, ARC-gyn, AGE, MESGE, AGO	500 €	630 €	660 €
Non-Members	550 €	680 €	710 €
Residents / Fellows*	180 €	250 €	280 €
Nurses / Students**	140 €	200 €	230 €
Pre- or Post-Congress Workshop			
Pre- or Post-Congress Workshop / stand alone	150 €	150 €	150 €
Pre- or Post-Congress Workshop for registered congress participants	90 €	90 €	90 €
Social Program			
Congress Dinner Party	60 €	60 €	80 €

* Residents / Fellows must submit a statement signed by their Head of Department when registering.

** Nurses / Students must submit a proof of their status.

Registration Fees

The registration fees include:

- entrance to the scientific sessions
- entrance to the industry exhibition
- light lunches
- coffee breaks
- 1 final program
- 1 namebadge

Please note that the pre- and the post-congress workshop is not included in the registration fee and must be booked separately.

The number of participants is limited and registration can only be guaranteed according to availability. SERGS Members and members of the cooperating societies are entitled to the respective registration tariff.

Cancellation Policy

For cancellations submitted in writing until **9th April 2014** following cancellation fees incur:

- Congress registration: € 50
- Pre-congress workshop: € 30
- Congress dinner party: non-refundable

From this date onwards or in case of a no-show, registration fee reimbursements are no longer possible unless the organizers are provided with a named replacement who will take on the registration fee.

Cooperating Societies



General Information

Congress Venue

Congress Center Essen West
 Norbertstraße 1 · 45131 Essen, Germany
www.cc-essen.de

Congress Opening Times

Wednesday, 21 st May 2014*	15:30 – 18:30
Thursday, 22 nd May 2014	09:30 – 18:00
Friday, 23 rd May 2014	08:00 – 17:00
Saturday, 24 th May 2014	08:00 – 17:00

Congress Office

The congress office and registration desk is located in the foyer of the Congress Center Essen West.

Opening Times

Registration Desk

Thursday, 22 nd May 2014	08:30 – 18:30
Friday, 23 rd May 2014	07:00 – 18:30
Saturday, 24 th May 2014	07:30 – 13:00

Industry Exhibition

Thursday, 22 nd May 2014	09:30 – 18:00
Friday, 23 rd May 2014	08:00 – 17:00
Saturday, 24 th May 2014	08:00 – 12:30

Times are subject to change.

* Essen University Hospital

Congress Language

English is the official congress language.
 A simultaneous translation will not be available.

Namebadge

Upon registration all participants will receive a namebadge, which must be worn visibly for the entire duration of the congress. Your namebadge acts as your entrance ticket for the congress. Namebadges will not be reprinted.

Coffee Breaks & Lunches

Coffee breaks, refreshments and light lunches are included in the registration fee.

Program Changes

Should last minute changes be necessary due to functional, private or organizational needs, all changes will be announced – when possible – on the congress website. The event organizer accepts no liability for any additional costs caused by a change of program.

Certification

The congress will be certified with European CME credits.

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Travel Information



How to reach Essen

It could hardly be more convenient – or more flexible to get to Essen. Thanks to its central location in the heart of the Ruhr district, it is easily accessible by car, train and plane.

The city of Essen is located half way between Dortmund and Dusseldorf in the North Rhine-Westphalia region of Germany.

Essen, the geographical and cultural heart of the Ruhrgebiet, is the 6th largest city in Germany.

Its function as a centre point in one of the most varied event and cultural regions in Europe makes the city of Essen an ideal destination and starting point for all visits.

Traveling by Plane

It only takes 20 minutes by car or train from Dusseldorf International Airport to reach Essen. Direct flights to Dusseldorf International Airport are available from all European major cities.



Traveling by Train

In cooperation with the Deutsche Bahn (German Rail) you can travel safely and conveniently to the 6th Annual SERGS Meeting. Over 100 InterCity, EuroCity and InterCityExpress long-distance trains stop at Essen's main railway station every day. In order to book your ticket please visit the Deutsche Bahn website: www.deutschebahn.com



Traveling by Car

The city is connected to the national and international motorway network via the A40, A42 and A52.

If you are traveling by car, be aware that an environmental badge is obligatory for green zones in Germany and badges can be purchased prior to visiting the country. Vehicles without an environmental badge may not drive in the green zone and must pay a penalty of € 40,00 plus points will be deducted from your license. This is valid for all vehicles, including those registered in foreign countries. Tourists and travelers are not exempt from this regulation. www.environmental-badge.co.uk



Hotel Accommodation

The Congress Headquarter Hotel

Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen
Norbertstrasse 2a - 45131 - Essen - Germany
Website: www.messehotelessen.de

Your accommodation in Essen during the SERGS congress 2014 can be no closer than the Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen.

The Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen is a superior business hotel next to the Congress Centre. From the subway station directly outside the hotel, guests can access the rest of Essen in only a few minutes.



Single Room: 169,00 € per night/per room
Double Room: 189,00 € per night/per room
Prices include breakfast and all relevant taxes.

A number of hotel rooms at the Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen have been blocked for the congress participants and will be available up until **7th April 2014**. For reservations please contact the hotel directly and always refer to "**6th Annual SERGS Meeting**".

The hotel reservation must be guaranteed by a valid credit card. A confirmation of your reservation will be sent to you from the hotel directly.

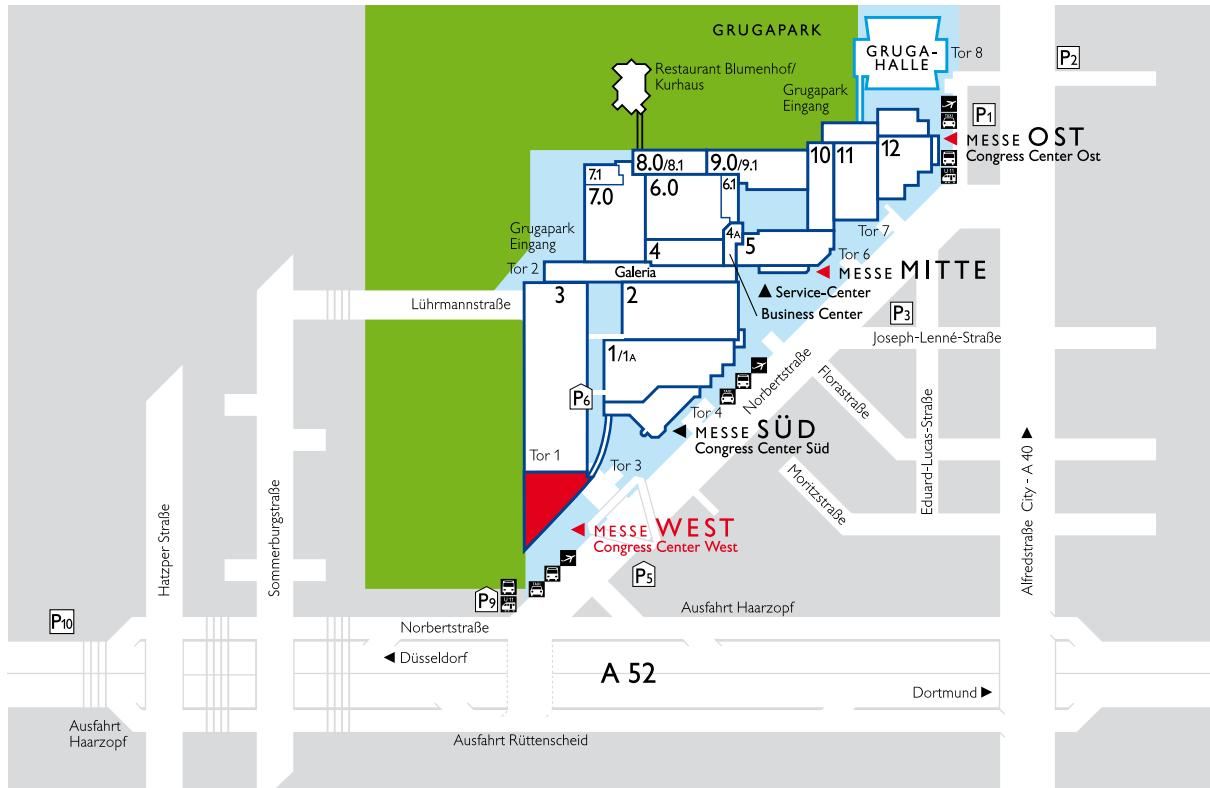
Any further changes as well as payment of the booked hotel rooms must be made directly with the hotel.

After this date rooms can only be booked in accordance with availability.

Hotels

We have blocked further room allotments for the congress in different price categories. Please use the HRS portal available on the congress website in order to place your booking: **www.sergs2014.org**

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