



Letter from Vienna

The Austrian Society of Dermatology and Venerology (ASDV) has decided to consider to bid for the World Congress of Dermatology in 2015. Vienna is located in the heart of Europe. It has strong historical and, thus, cultural links to all its neighbour states and has been greatly influenced by them. This is also true for dermatology in that two of our country's giants, e.e. Hebra and Kaposi, came from



World congress 1892

Moravia and Hungary, respectively. The Austrian dermatologists were the first to hold a scientific meeting in Central Europe in 1890. Two years later Moriz Kaposi was the president of the second World Congress of Dermatology in Vienna. The city had a marvelous convention center at that time – the famous Rotunde – an impressive round exhibition center built for the World exhibition in 1888.

It may not be mere incidence that the modern convention center, which may host up to 20.000 participants is located in the same downtown area, surrounded by the Prater with its famous 'Riesenrad'. The Vienna Messe-Center is equipped with advanced technologies serving convenient lecture halls and large space capacities for exhibitions. The Messe Center is within walking distance from the center of Vienna, which is (still) one of the safest urban areas worldwide. The evening you may easily reach the Vienna opera house or the 'Burgtheater' for cultural highlights or the 'Ringstrasse' just for a walk. For those who prefer the beauty of nature, arrangements will be made to visit the 'Wienerwald' or to enjoy the excellent local wines and food in the 'Heurigen'. Vienna has excellent public transportation and is well accessible by air, train, and even by boat via the river Danube. Vienna thus perfectly combines professional, cultural and leisure activities in one spot.

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