



2nd Announcement

ESCV Winter Meeting Copenhagen 2004

*Diagnosis and Treatment
of Viral Diseases*



Joint Meeting

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and
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Danish Society for Clinical Microbiology
Danish Society for Infectious Diseases

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WELCOME

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the ESCV Winter Meeting 2004 in Copenhagen. This meeting is organized together with three national societies: The Danish Society for Virology, The Danish Society for Clinical Microbiology, and The Danish Society for Infectious Diseases.

We have arranged an excellent scientific programme with highly qualified speakers, and in addition exciting social events.

The topics include the newest developments in the fields of molecular diagnostics and antiviral chemotherapeutics. Emerging pathogens will be covered extensively, as well as preventive and therapeutic vaccines.

The venue is ideally located in the centre of Copenhagen at the modern Falconer Congress Centre offering optimal and comfortable meeting facilities.

The programme, together with the venue, will ensure a stimulating and successful meeting.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee I welcome you to Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,

Bent Faber Vestergaard
Chairman

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The ESCV Winter Meeting, Copenhagen 2004, wishes to express a sincere gratitude to the Sponsors of the Meeting. The Sponsors have made it possible to arrange a scientific programme of the highest international standard and to establish a valuable international forum for researchers and clinicians within the disciplines of virology, infectious diseases and clinical microbiology.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

Yours sincerely,

Bent Faber Vestergaard
Chairman

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

European Society for Clinical Virology Winter Meeting, Copenhagen 15-17 January 2004

Diagnosis and therapy

Joint meeting with three national societies: The Danish Society for Virology, The Danish Society for Clinical Microbiology, and The Danish Society for Infectious Diseases.

Wednesday, January 14, 2004

19:00-21:00 Registration. Get-together and welcome reception

Thursday, January 15, 2004

08:00 Registration

09:00 Welcome

Session I: Molecular Diagnostics. Chair: Jurjen Schirm and Sylvie Corbet.

09:15-10:00 Keynote lecture: Does DNA micro-array have a place in diagnostic virology? **Henrik Nordström**, Stockholm, Sweden.

10:00-10:30 Oral presentations

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 Oral presentations

12:00-14:00 Lunch and poster viewing
ESCV council meeting

Session II: Antivirals. Chair: Claus Nielsen and Otto Haller.

14:00-14:45 Keynote lecture: New developments and future aspects.
Erik De Clercq, Leuven, Belgium.

14:45-15:45 Oral presentations

15:45-16:30 Coffee break and poster viewing

Session III: The Gardner Lecture. Chair: Jurjen Schirm.

16:30-17:15 *Emerging infections from the Asian Region.*
Malik Peiris, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China.

Friday, January 16, 2004

Session IV: Emerging Viral Infections. Chair: Herbert Schmitz and Malik Peiris.

09:00-09:45 Keynote lecture: Identification and diagnosis of SARS coronavirus.
Christian Drosten, Hamburg, Germany.

09:45-10:30 Oral presentations

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:30 Lecture: The highly pathogenic H7N7 avian influenza A virus outbreak in The Netherlands, 2003. **Ron Fouchier**, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

11:30-12:30 Oral presentations

12:30-14:00 Lunch and poster viewing

Session V: Vaccines. Chair: Jennifer Best and Britta Wahren.

14:00-14:45 Keynote lecture: Genetic immunization: a vaccine revolution?
Anders Fomsgaard, Copenhagen, Denmark.

14:45-16:00 Oral presentations

16:00-16:30 Poster viewing. Coffee, wine and sandwiches provided

Session VI: Roche Diagnostics Satellite symposium:

16:30-18:30 **Molecular Diagnostics, Past, Present and Future.**

20:00 Conference dinner

Saturday, January 17, 2004

Session VII: Quality Assessment in Diagnostic Virology. Chair: Annika Linde and Bent Faber Vestergaard.

09:00-09:45 Keynote lecture: External quality assessment of molecular diagnostics: past, present and future. **Anton van Loon**, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

09:45-10:30 Oral presentations

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:15 Oral presentations

Session VIII Closing lecture. Chair: John-Erik Stig Hansen and Rafael Fernández Muñoz.

12:15-13:00 *Strategies for control of smallpox and Ebola viruses using novel vaccines and countermeasures.*

Peter Jahrling, USAMRIID, Fort Detrick, USA.

13:00-13:15 Introduction of future meetings

13:15 Closing remarks

Call for Abstracts

Abstract forms are available at the website (www.escv-2004.dk). Completed abstract forms must be submitted by e-mail to the Scientific Secretariat, br@ssi.dk. Please follow the instructions for submission and indicate your preference for a topic. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 7 November, 2003.

Authors whose abstracts are selected for oral or poster presentation will be notified by e-mail no later than 5 December, 2003.

Posters

Maximum size of posters should be 90 cm in width and 140 cm in height to fit the size of the poster boards. Pins for mounting are available. All posters must appear in vertical format and only one poster board will be available for each poster. Posters can be displayed from Wednesday evening on, and must be dismantled Saturday morning. All posters will be on display during the entire meeting. Presenters should be available for discussions during the poster sessions.

Oral Presentations

Oral presentations are 15 min including discussion. Power-point presentations are to be preferred.

Travel Grants

A limited number of travel grants are available (maximum of EUR 400). Travel Grant Application Forms are available at the website (www.escv-2004.dk). Send the completed grant application form together with the abstract and a supporting letter from your supervisor to the Scientific Secretariat (deadline 7 November, 2003).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

The Meeting is held at the Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel & Conference Centre in Copenhagen. Address: Falkoner Allé 9, DK-2000 Frederiksberg. Telephone: +45 38 15 80 01 – Fax: +45 38 15 80 02. The Radisson SAS Conference Centre is one of the best conference centres in Denmark with optimal meeting facilities for more than 600 delegates in the auditorium and very good meeting facilities for smaller parties. The Conference Centre is located only 15 minutes walking distance from the other hotels available for the participants and close to the centre of town. The Conference site is located 100 metres from the local subway station (The Copenhagen Metro) from where the centre of town can be reached in 5-10 min.

The registration desk is located in the lobby of the Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel. At registration, all participants will receive a congress bag, name-badge, the scientific programme, the book of abstracts, and a travel card for free public transportation.

Meeting Days

The Meeting days are 15-17 January 2004. A welcome reception is arranged on the evening of January 14.

Language

The scientific language of the Meeting is English.

Registration

Registration is made on the enclosed Registration Form, and sent by ordinary mail or fax to SYMPOSION INTERNATIONAL A/S. The Registration Form is also available at the ESCV-2004 website (www.escv-2004.dk). Registration is confirmed as soon as payment and/or payment advice is received. If payment is not received registration cannot be confirmed.

Registration Fees

Members of the ESCV* and Danish Organizing Societies

Payment received by 7 November 2003 (reduced fee): EUR 275

Payment received after 7 November 2003: EUR 350

Non-members

Payment received by 7 November 2003 (reduced fee): EUR 375

Payment received after 7 November 2003: EUR 450

Accompanying persons: EUR 125

* **Membership of ESCV.** Application forms for ESCV membership are available at the ESCV website: www.escv.org. The annual membership fee is EUR 40.

The registration fee for participants includes:

- Participation in the scientific programme and the Book of Abstracts
- Get-together and Welcome Reception
- Lunch on Thursday and Friday
- Coffee/tea during breaks
- Conference Dinner on Friday
- Travel card to public transportation in Copenhagen
- Certificate of attendance

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

- Get-together and Welcome Reception
- Lunch on Thursday and Friday
- Coffee/tea during breaks
- Conference Dinner on Friday
- Travel card to public transportation in Copenhagen

Cancellation of registration

Cancellation of registration is only valid in written form, and forwarded by mail or fax.

Cancellation fees are:

Up to 7 November 2003:	EUR 100
After 7 November and up to 15 December 2003:	50% of payment forwarded
After 15 December 2003:	No refund can be made [#]

[#] In case of documented illness or other force majeure events, refund will be made after congress expenses paid and obligations incurred have been deducted.

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel accommodation is offered at the conference hotel, Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel and other nearby hotels at very attractive rates. The Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel is a *superior first class hotel* located within the conference centre. All rooms are very comfortable and tasteful. There is a splendid view over Copenhagen from the rooms of the hotel.

The other hotels chosen for accommodation are located in central town and can easily be reached from the conference centre. They are all comfortable, and rooms are available at attractive rates.

Room reservation. Room reservation is made on the attached Registration Form. The room rates include breakfast, tax and service:

Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel

Single room, standard:	EUR 150 per night
Additional cost for double accommodation:	EUR 25 per night

Scandic Webers Hotel

Single room, standard:	EUR 115 per night
Additional cost for double accommodation:	EUR 25 per night

Hotel Savoy & Hotel Guldsmeden

Single room, standard: EUR 80 per night
Additional cost for double accommodation: EUR 15 per night

A limited number of rooms are available at the above mentioned hotels. However, additional rooms are available at nearby hotels at similar rates. Rooms will be allocated according to 'first come - first serve' principle.
Suites are available on request at additional cost.

Please note that hotel reservation at the above hotels can only be made through SYMPOSION INTERNATIONAL A/S.

Cancellation of Hotel Accommodation

Cancellation of hotel accommodation must be made in writing and forwarded by mail or fax to SYMPOSION INTERNATIONAL A/S. Cancellation fees are:
Up to 7 November 2003: Cancellation fee corresponding to 1 night of stay
After 7 November 2002 and up to 15 December 2003: 50% of payment forwarded.
After 15 December 2003: No refund can be made.

Meeting Secretariat and Information

A registration desk will be open for assistance and information. Further information on the Meeting can be obtained through the ESCV-2004 Secretariat:

SYMPOSION INTERNATIONAL A/S, Tranekaer Slot, Slotsgade 86, DK-5953 Tranekaer, Denmark. Telephone: +45 98332155 – Fax: +45 98332828 and e-mail: kh@symposion-int.dk

All information concerning the Meeting including the Scientific Programme, Abstract-, Registration-, and Travel Grant Application Forms are available on the ESCV-2004 website: www.escv-2004.dk

ATTENTION!

If, for any reason outside the control of the ESCV-2004 Meeting Organizers, such as force majeure events, the Meeting is cancelled, participants will get refunded only after obligations incurred by the congress and congress expenses paid have been deducted. The ESCV-2004 Meeting or the Meeting Organizers cannot be held legally responsible for such events.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

An attractive Social Programme is arranged during the ESCV Winter Meeting 2004 in Copenhagen offering free attendance for both participants and accompanying persons.

Lunch and Coffee

Lunch is served at the Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel in the lobby area of the Hotel. During Coffee breaks, tea and coffee are served within the exhibition area and close to the poster exhibition offering comfortable and relaxed environments.

Wednesday, 14 January at 19:00-21:00

A festive Get-together and Welcome Reception take place in the Radisson SAS Falconer Centre on 14 January from 19:00-21:00.

Friday, 16 January at 20:00

The Conference Dinner will be held at a very attractive place in the Old Town of Copenhagen. Participants may look forward to a very enjoyable evening with excellent food and wine, good company and lots of fun.

Saturday, 17 January at 14:00

An afternoon tour is arranged within the Copenhagen area bringing the participants to one of the most splendid museums, www.glyptoteket.dk, containing a huge tropical winter garden and displaying ancient Egyptian reliefs one of which shows the first polio case in the world. Further on the participants are taken on a tour to various famous sights in Copenhagen, such as The Royal Castle Amalienborg and The Little Mermaid. Participants will be back at the Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel at 18:00.

The tour is not included in the registration fee and tickets are available at EUR 10. Further information can be obtained at the registration desk.

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