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First Announcement
41st International Congress on Electrocardiology
June 4-7, 2014, Bratislava, Slovakia

Organised by
International Society of Electrocardiology
Slovak Society of Cardiology
Slovak Heart Rhythm Association
Institute of Measurement Science SAS
Bratislava and the ICE Congresses

After the successful Congresses in 1983 and 1997, Bratislava will host the event for the third time.

In Bratislava there is a long tradition and high concentration of research and educational activities in the field of electrocardiology. They include namely the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, Faculty of Medicine of the Comenius University, Slovak Medical University and several institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences.

Congress Programme

The congress in 2014 will offer an opportunity to exchange expertise on latest results of the research, recent technologies and diagnostic approaches in the field of electrocardiology. The scientific programme will include pre-conference workshop, special symposium and keynote lectures devoted to selected topics of current interest presented by invited speakers as well as regular oral and poster presentations of researchers presenting their own work in various themed sessions. There will be also the traditional Young Investigator Competition supported by the congress sponsors.

The detailed programme will be announced on the congress web page [www.measurement.sk/ICE2014](http://www.measurement.sk/ICE2014).

Main Congress Topics

Several areas of ECG based themes will be included:

**Basic ECG research:** Cardiac Electrophysiology and Ion Channels, Multimodal Modelling and Simulation

**ECG in Cardiac Diseases:** Ventricular arrhythmias, Atrial Fibrillation, Sudden Cardiac Death, Familial Arrhythmia Syndromes, QT Dynamics and Long QT Syndrome, T-wave Alternans and Variability, Cardiac Ischemia and Myocardial Infarction, Ventricular Hypertrophies, Prevention and Risk Stratification of Cardiovascular Diseases

**ECG Based Diagnostic Techniques:** Standard and Exercise ECG, Holter Monitoring, Vectorcardiography, Signal-Averaged ECG, Body Surface Potential Mapping, Noninvasive Cardiac Imaging, Telemedicine

**ECG in Treatment:** Radiofrequency Ablation for Arrhythmias, Cardiac Pacing and Resynchronization Therapy, Implantable Cardioverters/ Defibrillators

Pre-Conference Workshop on QRST Morphology

Guarantee: L. Bacharova
The aim of the workshop is to discuss interpretations of the QRST morphology of the ECG and factors influencing the pathological morphology changes.

Symposium on Identifying and Localizing the Arrhythmogenic Substrate

Guarantee: R. Hatala
The symposium organised by the Slovak Heart Rhythm Association and endorsed by the European Heart Rhythm Association will highlight the role of current electrocardiographic work-up using all available ECG techniques and their clinical application for eliminating and preventing cardiac arrhythmias.

Social Programme

There will be an attractive social programme beginning with a welcome reception, followed by a visit of interesting local monuments, cultural performace and a conference dinner. In addition, the accompanying person’s programme will present fragments from the history and culture of Slovakia. The social program will be included in the registration fee.

Registration, Paper Submission, Accommodation

Registration, submission of abstracts and reservation of accommodation in selected hotels of different categories will be fully electronic at the congress website [www.measurement.sk/ICE2014](http://www.measurement.sk/ICE2014) in due time. Reduced fees will be offered to student participants.

Conference Venue

The Congress will take place in the Austria Trend hotel close to the old city center. This new hotel will offer modern conference facilities and convenient accommodation at favourable conference rates.

Travel Advise

Bratislava is easily accessible by plane, by train or by bus. Besides the local airport, it is well served also by the Vienna airport which is only 50 km from Bratislava and has frequent direct bus and train connections.

For visitors from the European Union and most countries of the world no entry visa is necessary for visits shorter than 3 months. Check the visa conditions at [https://www.mzv.sk/en/home](https://www.mzv.sk/en/home).

Bratislava lies 153 meters above the sea level, its climate is continental, the temperatures in June reach 14ºC - 24 ºC (average 19 ºC), relative humidity is 50%, average rainfall is 64 mm.

The local language is Slovak, most people speak German or English. The local currency is Euro.