



ERS 16th Annual Congress: Welcome to Munich

Ulrich Costabel (Congress Chair), Karl Haeussinger (Congress Co-Chair) and Andrea Rossi (Scientific Committee Chair) welcome you to the German metropolis of Munich, for the opportunity to participate in one of the most important events in the respiratory medicine calendar.



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Exploring Munich

It is a pleasure for us to welcome you to the 16th ERS Annual Congress, which is being held for the first time in Munich. The Bavarian state capital, situated on the Isar River, is a city of contrasts. The city combines old tradition and broad-minded openness, deep-rooted customs and dynamic innovation. The programme of this year's ERS Congress will be a scientific highlight in this tradition, with Symposia, Hot Topics, Oral Sessions, Poster Discussions and Postgraduate Courses covering every aspect of respiratory medicine and research. This Congress will also see the introduction of Electronic Posters as a new format for Poster sessions.

Munich: an innovative city

The city's innovation is based on science, and science has always been at home in Munich. Ever since King Ludwig I reorganised Munich's University in 1826, the Bavarian capital has ranked among the top few in the hierarchy of medicine and science. Outstanding scientists include Justus von Liebig (1803–1873), the chemist who discovered chloroform, and Alois Alzheimer (1864–1915), who described the disease that was later named after him. The biochemists and Nobel laureates Adolf Butenandt (1903–1995), as director of the Institute of Physiological Chemistry, and Feodor Lynen (1911–1979), the

“architect of biochemistry”, both worked in Munich. At present, more than 5,000 medical students benefit from two campuses where tradition is continuously adapted to modern views and structures.

Take time to enjoy the city and ERS social events

Take your time to stroll through the streets and take in the excellent restaurants, cosy Bavarian inns, tempting shops and architectural splendour, including imposing historical monuments, royal buildings, and various galleries and theatres. On Monday, September 4, we invite you to join us for Museums Night. This involves a free entrance visit to the three Pinakotheks of Munich, which are located very close to each other and house famous art galleries. The musical highlight of the Congress will be the concert on Tuesday, September 5, at the Gasteig Centre where you will enjoy a performance of Carmina Burana in Latin, with 200 stage artists and soloists, which was composed by Carl Orff, a native Munich citizen.

During these exciting days in Munich, hopefully filled with both hard scientific work and leisurely relaxation in local beer gardens, you will be surrounded by the lovely landscape of upper Bavaria with its gentle hills, charming lakes, romantic castles, and the scenic Alps towards the south.

We warmly welcome everybody to

the 16th ERS Annual Congress. Please join us at the Opening Ceremony where the Bavarian spirit will embrace you (September 2, Room 14, 17:45–19:00).

