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WELCOME MESSAGE



**Dear Colleagues,
guests, and friends,**

On behalf of the European Society of Thoracic Surgeons (ESTS) and the Local Organizing Committee we are pleased to invite you to the 20th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery in Essen, Germany from 10 -13 June 2012. This conference will continue the success of the preceding conferences in Krakow, Valladolid and Marseille and will provide a legacy for those to come. The groundbreaking scientific program will draw together many thoracic surgeons and specialists from Europe and all over the world. More than 1000 participants are expected to join this unique scientific event.

Essen is one of the most important business locations in the Federal Republic of Germany and is a center of decision-makers in German industry. Ten of the 100 companies with the highest sales in Germany have their headquarters in Essen. With roughly 600,000 inhabitants, the trade and services center of Essen is the eighth-largest city in Germany in the heart of North Rhine-Westphalia, the federal state with the strongest economy. With its history spanning 1,150 years, Essen can boast not only lovely areas and fascinating nooks and crannies, but also outstanding examples of urban culture. "Change through culture, culture through change" was the motto with which the city of Essen, representing the 53 cities and communes of the Ruhr area, successfully applied to be European Capital of Culture 2010. This award reflects the enormous achievement of a region that was once dominated by the heavy industry and had to chart a new course after the decline of that industry. Winding towers and blast furnaces are things of the past- the skyline of the former coal and steel city is today dominated by office towers and glass facades. The imposing cityscape silhouette reflects Essen's significance as the business center of the Ruhr Metropolitan Region, which is one of Europe's largest conurbations alongside London and Paris.

The departure from coal and steel was accompanied by the drive towards becoming one of the most diverse and densest cultural landscapes. What used to be boiler houses and machine halls became cultural hotspots and a comparable wealth of different theatres, musical performances, museums, design and architectural achievement can be found nowhere else in Europe. The cathedral and its valuable treasure, the Zollverein colliery- part of the World Cultural Heritage with the Ruhr Museum, the renowned Folkwang Museum designed by the famous architect David Chipperfield, the Old Synagogue, the Aalto Opera House, the Philharmonic Concert Hall and the new ThyssenKrupp Quartier are just some of the many highlights that make Essen so attractive.

Because of the advantageous central location, Essen can be easily reached from every European country within 3 hours. The International Rhine-Ruhr airport in Düsseldorf has connections to about 190 cities in Germany, Europe and other continents. With the airport express bus, taxis or the ICE express train you can get to Essen main railway station or to congress venue in 20 to 25 minutes. Essen main railway station is the starting point for more than 120 ICE, InterCity, EuroCity and InterRegio train connections for all destinations in Germany and other European countries.

The 20th Conference on General Thoracic Surgery will provide a wonderful forum for you to refresh your knowledge base, to meet and interact with leading scientists and physicians of thoracic surgery and explore the most

up-to-date information regarding the science and advances in the diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant thoracic diseases. The 4th Collaborative Symposium on General Thoracic Surgery, the Techno Meeting, presentations from leading experts, Oral and Poster Abstract presentations in the field of thoracic oncology as well as industry and non-industry supported symposia will provide delegates with information on the latest developments in basic science and surgical treatment. A special Young Investigator's Session and hands-on training sessions will be held on 11 June, covering an array of special topics of great interest to young investigators and are specifically designed for those in the early stages of their career.

In addition to an outstanding scientific program, you will be able to enjoy unique sights and culture of Essen and the Ruhr Area. Visit world renowned art galleries and historic sites, take a tour in industrial culture, discover the city at your own pace and participate in an extraordinary social program.

We hope you will join us for a conference of outstanding science, and take a little extra time to enjoy the unique beauty of Essen, the Ruhr Area and its surroundings.

We look forward to welcoming you to Essen



Georgios Stamatis
Chairman Local Organizing Committee

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For updated information,
please visit the Conference website at
www.estsmeetings.org/2012
The website provides detailed
information on the scientific programme,
online registration, abstract submission
and accommodation.

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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

	SATURDAY 9 June	SUNDAY 10 June	MONDAY 11 June
07:00-18:00		Registration Open	Registration Open
08:30-17:00		Poster Display (120)	Poster Display (120)
07:00-07:30			
07:30-08:00			3 parallel breakfast sessions: Transhiatal Esophagectomy Airway Stenting Diaphragmatic Pacing
08:00-08:30			
08:30-09:00		Masters Court Session I 2 Topics	Session 1 Brompton Session Mixed Oral 6 x 20'
09:00-09:30			
09:30-10:00		Coffee Break	
10:00-10:30			
10:30-11:00		Masters Court	Coffee Break
11:00-11:30		Session II 2 Topics	Session II Featured 3 x 10' Session III: Case 3 x 10'
11:30-12:00			Invited Lecture
12:00-12:30		Lunch	Presidential Address P. Thomas
12:30-13:00			
13:00-13:30		Database Session & Quality Certification	Lunch Session IV Lunch Session V Symposium Posters 4 x 15' Symposium Videos 6 x 10'
13:30-14:00			
14:00-14:30			Session VI Session VII
14:30-15:00		Masters Court	Pulmonary Neoplastic Young Investigator Award
15:00-15:30		Session IV 2 Topics	Oral 6 x 15' Forum 9 x 10'
15:30-16:00			Coffee Break Coffee Break
16:00-16:30		Coffee Break	Session VIII Session IX
16:30-17:00		Masters Court	Pulmonary Non-Neoplastic Experimental+Innovative
17:00-17:30	Registration Open	Session IV 2 Topics	Oral 6 x 15' Forum 9 x 10'
17:30-18:00			
18:00-18:30		Opening Ceremony	Thymic Working Group Regenerative Medicine Group Thymic Malignancies approaches for Thoracic Surgery
18:30-19:00			
19:00-19:30		Opening Reception	
19:30-20:00			
20:00-20:30			
20:30-21:00			
21:00-21:30			
21:30-22:00			Dampfbier Brauerei German Evening
22:00-22:30			
22:30-23:00			
23:00-23:30			
23:30-24:00			

Social Event

TUESDAY 12 June**WEDNESDAY 13 June**

Registration Open

Poster Display (120)

Registration Open

3 parallel breakfast sessions:
Drainage after lung resectionReop for hiatal hernia
Surgery for SCLCJoint ESTS-IASLC
Lymph Node Staging NSCLC
Update on GuidelinesTechno
Meeting

Coffee Break

Coffee Break

Joint ESTS-ISDE
Barrett
High Grade DysplasiaTechno
Meeting

Extraordinary Lecture

Lunch
SymposiumSession X
Posters 4 x 15'Lunch
SymposiumSession XI
Videos 6 x 10'Session XII
Chest Wall/Diaphragm/
Pleura - Oral 6 x 15'Session XIII
Pulmonary Neoplastic
Forum 9 x 10'

Coffee Break

Coffee Break

Session XIV
Oesophagus/Mediastinum
Forum 9 x 10'Session XV
Airway/Transplantation
Oral 6 x 15'ESTS
General Assembly3 parallel breakfast sessions:
Uniportal VATS lobectomyGiant oesophageal hernia
Lung cancer invading the spineJoint ESTS-DGT
Perspectives in
Modern Thoracic SurgerySession on
Infectious
Lung Disease

Coffee Break

Coffee Break

Session XVI
Mixed MalignantSession XVII
Mixed Benign

Forum 12 x 10'

Forum 12 x 10'

Colosseum Theatre
Gala Dinner
&
Awards

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

4th Collaborative Symposium on General Thoracic Surgery organized by ESTS-AATS-STJ-JACS-ASCVTS

Sunday, 10 June 2012 08:30 – 12:00 & 14:30 – 18:00

Organizer: David Waller (Leicester)

"The Masters Court"

Format:

- 3 teams competing for the winning presentation on a clinical case
- 8 clinical case scenarios, 45 min each
- interactive voting by the audience

Captains:

Two for each continent: Europe, America, Asia

Topics

- Lung Cancer
- Oesophageal Cancer
- Malignant Mesothelioma
- Emphysema
- Benign Oesophageal Disease
- Chest Trauma
- Infectious Lung Disease
- Airway
- Postoperative Care

Database and Quality Certification Session

Sunday, 10 June 2012 13:00 – 14:30

Organisers: Alessandro Brunelli (Ancona) – Gonzalo Varela (Salamanca)

- ESTS Database: 2012 Annual Report
- ESTS Institutional Accreditation: rules of engagement
- ESTS Institutional Accreditation: the point of view of a local auditor (Regent)
- ESTS Institutional Accreditation: the point of view of a certified unit
- GTS database: International perspectives and collaboration
- ESTS Database/Quality Control: future developments

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Organisers: Federico Venuta (Rome) and G. Alexander Patterson (St Louis)

Monday 11 June 2012 : Meet the Expert

07:30 – 08:20

- Airway Stenting
- Transhiatal esophagectomy
- Diaphragmatic pacing

Tuesday 12 June 2012: Debate

07:30 – 08:20

- Drainage after lung resection: suction versus no suction
- Reoperation for failed laparoscopic hernia: open versus laparoscopic
- Surgery for SCLC: PRO versus CON

Wednesday 13 June 2012: How to do it

08:00 – 08:50

- Uniportal VATS lobectomy
- Laparoscopic treatment of giant oesophageal hernia
- Lung cancer invading the spine

SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA

ESTS WORKING GROUP SESSION ON THYMIC TUMORS

Monday, 11 June 2012 17:30 – 19:00

Organiser: Enrico Ruffini (Turino)

THYMIC MALIGNANCIES: STATE OF THE ART AND GLOBAL COOPERATION

- Introduction and report of the ESTS thymic working group
- ITMIG update and staging issues in thymic malignancies
- ETOP update and Thymoscape project
- Pathology issues and update in histologic classification of thymic tumors
- Minimally invasive approaches in thymic malignancies
- Multimodality approach to thymic malignancies
- Targeted therapy and research studies in thymic malignancies
- Discussion

ESTS WORKING GROUP SESSION ON REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

Monday, 11 June 2012 17:30 – 19:00

Organiser: Thorsten Walles (Gerlingen)

REGENERATIVE MEDICINE APPROACHES FOR THORACIC SURGERY

- ESTS Regenerative working group: aims and scope
- Biological Scaffolds and Tissue Engineering; current concepts & future directions
- Tracheal tissue engineering
- Stem cell therapy applied for bronchial stump healing
- Tissue engineering of autologous fibrin scaffolds for reconstructive surgery

TECHNO MEETING

(sponsored by industry)

Tuesday, 12 June 2012 08:30 – 12:30

Organisers: Konstantinos Papagiannopoulos (Leeds), René Petersen (Copenhagen)

Topics to be announced

JOINT ESTS-IASLC SESSION

Tuesday, 12 June 2012 08:30 – 10:30

Organiser: Paul De Leyn (Leuven)

PREOPERATIVE AND INTRAOPERATIVE LYMPH NODE STAGING FOR NSCLC: CURRENT GUIDELINES

- ESTS 2007 guidelines on preoperative and intraoperative lymph node staging
- The role of TEMA/VAMLA in preoperative staging of NSCLC
- The role of EBUS/EUS in preoperative staging of NSCLC
- The role of PET in preoperative staging of NSCLC
- Intraoperative lymph node staging versus dissection

JOINT ESTS-ISDE SESSION

Tuesday, 12 June 2012 11:00 – 12:30

Organiser: Mark Ferguson (Chicago)

BARRETT HIGH GRADE DYSPLASIA

- Expectations for endoscopic evaluation of HGD
- Expectations for pathologic evaluation of HGD
- Expectations for endoscopic management of HGD
- Endoscopic vs surgical management of HGD – the great debate
- Surgical approaches to HGD

JOINT ESTS – DGT SESSION

Wednesday, 13 June 2012 09:00 – 10:30

Organiser: Bernward Passlick (Freiburg)

PERSPECTIVES IN MODERN THORACIC SURGERY

- VATS anatomic pulmonary resections
- The role of pleurectomy and intraoperative options in the management of malignant pleural mesothelioma
- Malignant pleural mesothelioma: new insights into etiology
- Intrapulmonary growth pattern of metastases – consequences for surgical strategies
- Single versus double lung transplantation: pro's and con's

SESSION ON INFECTIOUS LUNG DISEASE

Wednesday, 13 June 2012 09:00 – 10:30

Organiser: Georgios Stamatidis (Essen)

TOPICS

- Surgery for complications after typical and atypical mycobacteriosis
- Acute lung parenchyma destructions: Surgical diagnosis and treatment
- Multimodality treatment for acute mediastinitis
- Surgical options for complicated bronchial fistula after pneumonectomy
- Lung resection versus cavernotomy and plastic procedures for fungal disease
- Dessobliteration of pleural space for chronic infectious disease

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Participants are requested to submit abstracts online to the Conference Secretariat from **Thursday, 1 December 2011** until **Tuesday, 31 January 2012**.

Please note that abstracts will not be accepted unless they are submitted according to the format and instructions described and posted on the Conference website: www.estsmeetings.org/2012.

Please submit your abstract via: <http://abstracts.webges.com/ests2012>

If, for some valid reason, you are unable to submit your abstract in the format described on the website or encounter any problems with your online abstract submission, please contact the help-desk:

ests@webges.com. Hard copies (by e-mail or fax) of abstracts will not be accepted.

The programme committee will meet 09 - 10 March 2012. The best abstracts are selected based on the average score by the reviewers from 2 rounds and allocated for presentations in oral, forum, case report, video or poster.

Abstract acceptance and programme scheduling will be communicated to the corresponding author's e-mail address early April 2012.

For your abstract to be included in the final scientific programme, it is mandatory to register for the congress and to settle payment as soon as you have received the notification of abstract acceptance.

Abstracts will be published in a supplement of the Interactive Journal for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

IMPORTANT:

ESTS expects that all speakers presenting in oral sessions as well as all ESTS prize winners submit full manuscripts to the European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EJCTS) or Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery (ICVTS) for review one month after the meeting at the latest.

This ensures that the key proceedings from the congress are accurately recorded in the Society's journal along with the ensuing discussion. Note that the Programme Committee will consider the previous manuscript submission record of **all** speakers when preparing future ESTS meetings.

Submission for review of forum, case report, video or poster presentations to either EJCTS or ICVTS is optional but welcomed.

ESTS requires that all speakers competing for the **Brompton & Young Investigators Prizes** sessions submit full manuscripts by e-mail to the Chair of the Programme Committee (sue@ests.org.uk) **one month before the meeting** at the latest, since these papers are included in the total scoring by the jury. ESTS strongly advises the authors to hold electronic submission to EJCTS until after their oral presentation and the ensuing discussion. This will help to improve the quality of their manuscript and increase the chance of being accepted for publication in EJCTS.

The audio-visual recording of the scientific presentations will be the property of the ESTS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Detailed abstract submission information is available on the website: www.estsmeetings.org/2012

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The following Prizes will be awarded:

- **ESTS – Brompton Prize – 2000 EUR**

The Brompton Prize is offered for the best thoracic presentation by an ESTS member at the Brompton Session and comes courtesy of the Trustees of the fund initiated by Professor Peter Goldstraw. It is an annual prize instituted at the 8th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery held in London November 2000.

- **ESTS – Young Investigators Award – 2000 EUR**

To stimulate research, the ESTS has instituted a prize for the best presentation on topics of clinical or experimental research in the field of thoracic surgery by an ESTS member below the age of 35 years.

- **ESTS – Grillo Prize – 1000 EUR**

The prize is offered to the best abstract in the session “Experimental / Innovative Techniques” and is named after our deceased honorary member Hermes Grillo (Boston).

The prize was initially awarded in 2009 by Professor Douglas Mathisen of the Massachusetts General Hospital, a colleague and friend of Professor Hermes Grillo.

- **ESTS – Greek Pioneers Prize – 500 EUR**

This prize is offered for the best poster presentation and comes courtesy of a fund chaired by Dr. Kalliopi Athanassiadi in the name of the first three Greek thoracic surgeons.

- **ESTS – Covidien Prize – VATS Masterclass Elancourt**

This prize is offered to the best case presentation and comes courtesy of a donation by Covidien.

- **ESTS – Dutch Society for Lung Surgery Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by the Dutch Society for Lung Surgery and was created to support a young abstract presenter from a low-middle income country.

- **ESTS – DGT Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Thoraxchirurgie and was created to support a member of ESTS from a low income country.

- **ESTS – FSTCS Travel Grant – 1000 EUR**

This grant is offered by French Society for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. It will be offered to the best oral presentation of clinical work by an author below the age of 35 from a low-middle income country.

The prizes and awards will be presented at the Gala Dinner on Tuesday, 12 June 2012.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the congress is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

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For official delegates to the conference, a certificate of attendance will be provided.

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Full accreditation of the meeting has been requested at the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). The total number of European CME credits (ECMEC's) assigned to the meeting will be printed on the certificate of attendance. To convert ECMEC's credit to AMA PRA category I credit, please contact the AMA. More information at www.uems.net and www.eaccme.eu.

COFFEE AND LUNCH BREAKS

Coffee breaks and lunch are included in the registration fee and will be served in the exhibition area.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Abstract Submission: from Thursday, 1 December 2011
Abstract Submission Deadline:
Tuesday, 31 January 2012
Notification: Early April 2012
Deadline Early Bird: Monday, 23 April 2012*
*After this date, on-site fees will apply

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORING

The Organising Committee of the "20th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery" invites you to exhibit at the conference in Essen, Germany. For delegates, the congress is an opportunity to learn about, discuss and evaluate new and existing resources available in the field of General Thoracic Surgery.

An exhibition & sponsorship brochure is available giving detailed information on the possibilities to sponsor various congress items that will greatly promote your company's image. Early reservations ensure availability of prominent items and/or of prominent spots at this prestigious international event.

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REGISTRATION

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For group registrations (more than 10 persons), we kindly ask you to contact Mondial Congress & Events to arrange details.

CONFERENCE FEES (in EURO)	Early Registration Fee (until 23 April 2012)	Registration Fee Late / On-Site (from 24 April 2012)
4th Collaborative Symposium on General Thoracic Surgery		
Standard Income Countries*	100,00	150,00
High-Middle Income Countries*	50,00	75,00
Low-Middle Income Countries*	25,00	50,00
Congress		
ESTS Member Fee (Standard income)*	100,00	200,00
ESTS Member Fee (High-Middle income)*	35,00	100,00
ESTS Member Fee (Low-Middle income)*	15,00	50,00
ERS Member Fee	50,00	200,00
Non-Member Fee	300,00	350,00
Trainee ESTS-Member	25,00	100,00
Trainee Non-ESTS Member (certificate)**	100,00	150,00
Allied professional (certificate)**	100,00	150,00
Medical student (certificate)**	Fee waived	Fee waived
Techno Meeting	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
Breakfast Session	25,00 (per session)	25,00 (per session)
Accompanying Person	50	55

* countries listed on www.ests.org

** please send letter of chief of department/institution to Mondial Congress & Events to confirm trainee or student status

FEES FOR SOCIAL EVENTS (in Euro)

Early Registration Fee (until 23 April 2012) Registration Fee Late / Onsite (from 24 April 2012)

Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception	INCLUDED	INCLUDED
German Evening	50,00	50,00
Gala Dinner	80,00	80,00

CONFERENCE FEES

Membership Fee is applicable to all those who have applied for ESTS membership and have paid the 2012 membership fee.

To apply for ESTS membership please visit

<http://www.ests.org/sections/membership/application/index.html>

Reduced early registration is available to ESTS members who have paid their 2012 membership fee by Monday, 23 April 2012.

Participant's Registration Fee includes:

(Members, Non-Members, Trainees)

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Poster Area and Commercial Exhibition
- Conference Material (congress bag, conference programme, abstract publication, name badge)
- Certificate of Attendance
- Coffee Breaks
- Lunch
- Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception

Accompanying Person Registration Fee includes:

- Opening Ceremony and Opening Reception
- Admission to General Areas of the Conference Venue (not to Scientific Sessions, except for the presidential address and the invited guest lecture)
- Half-day guided tour of Essen

Ticket for the German Evening includes:

- Informal dinner at Dampfe - Borbecker Brauhaus incl. drinks

Gala Dinner Fee includes:

- Gala Dinner at at Colosseum Theater

Please note that registrations can only be accepted and confirmed upon receipt of the completed registration form (mailed, faxed or filled in via www.estsmeetings.org/2012) and receipt of full payment. For information on payment, please refer to "TERMS OF PAYMENT" on page 20

The date of the remittance order (as stamped on the slip) will be decisive for early-bird and regular registration (i.e. for early-bird registration, the remittance has to be ordered by Monday, 23 April 2012).

As soon as the Organising Secretariat has received your payment, a letter of confirmation will be mailed. Confirmations will be e-mailed if an e-mail address is provided on the registration form. This option is highly recommended as it helps avoid time consuming correspondence. Otherwise, confirmations will be faxed or land-mailed.

CANCELLATION POLICY – REGISTRATION

Written notification is required for all cancellations and changes.

50 % refund of the registration fee – less EUR 25,00 administration fee – will be granted to delegates unable to attend, provided written notice is received by Mondial Congress & Events by **Friday, 4 May 2012**.

No refunds will be granted for cancellations received after that date.

Reimbursements will be made after the conference.

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION/ INFORMATION DESK HOURS

Saturday, 9 June: 16:00 – 20:00

Sunday, 10 June: 06:30 - 19:00

Monday, 11 June: 07:00 - 19:00

Tuesday, 12 June: 07:00 - 18:30

Wednesday, 13 June: 06:30 - 13:00

TERMS OF PAYMENT

The total amount outstanding should be made out in advance in EURO (payments in other currency will not be accepted) in favor of 20th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery and only by one of the following procedures:

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PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

Only Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, Amex and Diners will be accepted. The cardholder's name, card number, expiration date and an original signature must be on the booking form.

HOTEL BOOKING

Mondial Congress & Events has secured a sufficient number of hotel rooms in 5*, 4* and 3* hotels at competitive rates. Early hotel booking, before **Friday, 02 March 2012** is recommended!

Please book your hotel online at: www.estsmeetings.org/2012

(Hotels are described, including photos, hotel map and distance to the venue) or in case of specific questions regarding your accommodation, contact the Conference Secretariat at ests2012@mondial-congress.com.

Hotels listed below have been contracted by Mondial Congress & Events for Conference delegates.

Hotels	Distance to congress centre	Walking distance	Distance by public transportation	SGL per night	DSU per night	DBL per night
5* hotels						
Sheraton Essen Hotel	2,2 km	29 min	7 min	€ 215,00		€ 245,00
4* hotels						
Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen	directly next to the venue	1 min			€ 151,00	€ 173,00
Hotel Bredeney	1,7 km	20 min	13 min	€ 101,00	€ 101,00	€ 117,00
Best Western Hotel Ypsilon	1,8 km	24 min	9 min	€ 145,00	€ 155,00	€ 180,00
InterCityHotel Essen	3,0 km	40 min	11 min	€ 105,00		€ 135,00
Mövenpick Hotel Essen	3,1 km	41 min	10 min	€ 117,50	€ 127,50	€ 145,00
Holiday Inn Essen City Centre	3,5 km	47 min	14 min	€ 127,00	€ 127,00	€ 145,00
TOP CCL Hotel Essener Hof	3,7 km	49 min	11 min	€ 140,00		€ 190,00
3* hotels						
Hotel An der Gruga	0,4 km	5 min			€ 115,00	€ 145,00
Hotel Maximilians	0,55 km	7 min	11 min		€ 115,00	€ 145,00
Hotel im Giradet Haus	0,9 km	13 min			€ 85,00	€ 105,00
Holiday Inn Express Essen	4,0 km	53 min	13 min	€ 74,00	€ 74,00	€ 84,00
City Hotel Essen	4,4 km	60 min	13 min	€ 90,00	€ 110,00	€ 110,00

Rates in EUR, per room and night, incl. breakfast

Please find a city map indicating the location of the various conference hotels and the Conference venue at: www.estsmeetings.org/2012 (Accommodation).

Group Bookings (10 or more hotel rooms)

This can be done via individual contracts. For group registration, we kindly ask you to contact Mondial Congress & Events at ests2012@mondial-congress.com.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – HOTEL BOOKING

Prices are per room per night incl. breakfast, service charges and taxes. Rates are in EUR and include VAT. As soon as the Organising Secretariat has received your payment, a letter of confirmation will be e-mailed or faxed to you. It will confirm the name of your hotel, the room rate per night and the duration of your stay, as well as the total cost of your stay. If the hotel category requested is no longer available, Mondial Congress & Events will do its utmost to offer similar accommodation. This may, however, involve a change in price category.

The number of nights booked is binding and will serve as the basis for your hotel invoice. Please note, that hotel bookings can only be accepted and confirmed upon receipt of the deposit payment required per room (**2 nights**). In case of complete cancellation **from Friday, 02 March 2012**, no show or early departure, the hotel is entitled to charge all nights booked. Please note that your credit card details will be forwarded to your booked hotel and that the hotel is authorized to charge the difference between the paid deposit and the hotel cost of your stay.

Mondial only acts as mediator in the process of signing the travel contract.

The balance between the deposit and your total invoice must be settled directly with the hotel.

All changes or cancellations must be made in writing. Due to organizational reasons we would kindly ask you to make your room reservation **till Friday, 02 March 2012**. Cancellations of rooms received before **Friday, 02 March 2012** will be refunded, less an administration fee of EUR 35,00. For Cancellations received from **Saturday, 03 March 2012** deposit payments will not be refunded.

Only written cancellations will be accepted. Refunds will be made after the conference.

OFFICIAL SOCIAL EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONY & OPENING RECEPTION

SUNDAY, 10 June 2012

The official Opening Ceremony of the conference for registered participants, accompanying persons and exhibitors will take place at the meeting venue, the Messe Essen, with introductory speeches and a musical performance.

Then, toast to the success of the conference at the Opening Reception – also at the venue, during which drinks and snacks are offered. The remainder of the evening is at your disposal, to offer you an opportunity to get to know Essen.

GERMAN EVENING

MONDAY, 11 June 2012

Dampfe – Borbecker Brauhaus

Address: Heinrich-Brauns-Straße 9-15, 45355 Essen

An exceptional evening awaits you!

The official conference event will take place in an informal setting at the brewery Dampfe – *Borbecker Brauhaus*.

Enjoy a traditional buffet dinner with homemade beer and the company of your colleagues and friends at a typical 'German evening'.

Dress code: casual, come as you are

Limited number of tickets available, please book in advance!

Contribution per person: EUR 50,00



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GALA DINNER

TUESDAY, 12 June 2012

Colosseum Theater

Altendorfer Straße 1, 45127 Essen

The Gala Dinner will take place at Colosseum Theater.

The Colosseum Theater is a former mechanical workshop which belonged to the company Krupp and is a prime example of the area's industrial culture and the transition that has taken place in the region.

The building, which is one of the most interesting theatres in Germany, formerly marked the boundary between Essen's city centre and "Krupp City". The mine and steel-producing industries ruled from here and steel set the tone. The atmosphere in this musical theatre is one of a kind due to a mix of history and modernity.

Today popular musicals, such as "Elisabeth", "Aida", "Phantom of the Opera" and "MAMMA MIA!" add to this atmosphere. This listed building with its industrial relics is now dressed up in noble design and modern art.



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Make sure not to miss this evening to celebrate the conference's success and to bid farewell to your colleagues and friends! The prizes and awards will be presented at the Gala Dinner.

Dress code: formal

Limited number of tickets available, please book in advance!

Price per Person: EUR 80,00

OPTIONAL TOURS

GENERAL INFORMATION TOURS

All Tours will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide. Tours are subject to a minimum number of participants. The Organisers reserve the right to change the date or time of any tour for organisational reasons. After receipt of payment, Mondial Conference & Events will send a written confirmation about the tours selected.

Cancellations before Monday, 23 April 2012 will be accepted free of charge. For cancellations after this date, no refunds can be granted. Reimbursements will be made after the conference.

For detailed information regarding the tours, please see the conference website: www.estsmeetings.org/2012

OPTIONAL TOURS

Monday, 11 June 2012

Dusseldorf and Rhine River

Departure by bus at 10 am from the congress centre.

10.45 am – 12.15 am:

Guided tour through the old town of Dusseldorf

The famous Old Town is a wondrous square kilometre that has more to offer than any other district in Dusseldorf.

This is where the waiters ("Köbesse") are diamonds in the rough, where the next beer comes without it being ordered. More than 260 pubs line the "longest bar in the world".

But it's not only body and soul that will feel great in Dusseldorf's Old Town: the district will also provide intellectual stimulation because this is where most of the state capital's art and cultural venues are to be found (e.g. Art Collection Northrhine-Westphalia, Northrhine-Westphalia Forum for Culture and Business, Museum Art Palace and the Film Museum).

Dusseldorf's centre is also home to some of the city's most beautiful churches. For instance, the Sankt Lambertus Basilika, which was first built in the 13th century, and which with its twisting spire helps make Dusseldorf's skyline unique.

You will also learn about the history and famous citizens of the city.



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After the guided tour: 2 hours free time for shopping and strolling.
Arrival at congress centre Essen: around 3 pm.

Lunch is not included.

Price: 45 EUR per person

Minimum number of participants: 20

Tuesday, 12 June 2012

Half Day City Tour Essen

Departure by bus at 10 am from the congress centre.



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This half day excursion includes a guided bus tour through Essen, a guided visit of Villa Hugel, a visit to Zeche Zollverein and impressive views from its rooftop as well as a guided visit of Folkwang Museum.

Completed in 1873, Villa Hugel served the Krupp Family as a home as well as for representation purposes for over 70 years. Since 1953, art and cultural history exhibitions have been taking place here following the initiative of the last company owner Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach.

UNESCO world heritage site Zollverein

Coal mining and the new Ruhr Area

Once the largest and most modern colliery in the world, today the Zollverein Colliery is surrounded by nature and filled with art, culture and creativity. Whether on their own initiative, with a media guide or on guided tours, visitors can trace industrial history here. Men who worked on redhot furnaces here almost 20 years ago today guide visitors through the huge Zollverein Coking Plant.

(guided tour not included in the visit)

Folkwang Museum

New building for great art

The Folkwang Museum is one of the most famous art museums in the world. The excellent reputation of the house can be primarily put down to its collection of sculptures and paintings from the 19th century, classical modern art, art after 1945 and photography. However, the rooms in which the art really become a pleasure are spectacular - and not only following the opening of the extension building in 2010: financed by the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation and designed by David Chipperfield Architects, the Folkwang Museum welcomes its visitors with openness, transparency and a combination of light and topclass art that is second to none.

Entrance fees to Villa Hugel and Folkwang Museum included; lunch not included.

Price: 50 EUR per person

Minimum number of participants: 40

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ESSEN

With ca. 570,000 inhabitants, Essen is one of Germany's ten biggest cities. In the last century, the city gained fame as the centre of the coal and steel industries in Germany, but viewed historically, the period in which these industries held sway was only relatively short. In the year 2002, Essen celebrated the 1150th anniversary of the convent and of the city of Essen. For around 1000 years, Essen was an ecclesiastical principality and was governed by abbesses.

Today, three-quarters of the working population of what was once the biggest coal mining city in Europe are employed in administration, the service industries and commerce. Some of the German companies with the highest turnovers have their administrative headquarters in Essen, including RWE AG, Evonik Industries (formerly RAG-Aktiengesellschaft), E.ON Ruhrgas AG, Karstadt Warenhaus GmbH and Hochtief AG. Thyssen-Krupp AG has its new headquarters on the historical site of the Krupp steel casting factory, including an academy, which will welcome up to 2,500 managers from all over the world.

Monuments of former industry stand as symbols for the city's successful structural transformation. The most famous landmark of the Ruhr region, the Zollverein Colliery, along with the adjacent area of the coking plant, has been listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO. But the colliery and coking plant are not museum-like, forbidden and forbidding places. PACT Zollverein, with its emphasis on dance, the North Rhine-Westphalian Design Centre with its internationally renowned "red dot design museum", and the Zollverein School of Management and Design have their offices at Zollverein XII. The RuhrMuseum will soon be moving into the historical coal washing plant.

A further imposing relic of the industrial era is the Colosseum at Berliner Platz. The historical factory building from around 1900, which formerly belonged to Krupp and where forgings and castings were once produced, is now one of Germany's most impressive musical stages.

"Change through culture - culture through change": the theme that palpably characterises the entire region and the city of Essen has also convinced Brussels. Essen, along with the Ruhr District, has been nominated by the European Commission as the European Capital of Culture of 2010. A title that acts as recognition of the work that has been done here over the years.

The Aalto Opera House has a name that extends far beyond the region - not only for its music, but also for the architecture of the building. The music theatre in Essen, under the leadership of its director and conductor-in-chief Stefan Soltesz, enjoys a reputation among critics that places it right among the leaders in the whole of Germany. As a concert hall with radiance - and resonance, even amongst international music stars - the new philharmonia in historic Saalbau has quickly played its way into the consciousness of music lovers. The "aalto ballett theater" is the best in the region, and the "Essener Sprechtheater" has twice been distinguished as the North Rhine-Westphalian Theatre of the Year: artistic director Anselm Weber convinces audiences with productions of classics, new works, performances and projects.

A collection of international renown can be found in Essen's Folkwang Museum.

"Villa Hügel", the former residence of the industrial Krupp family is a regular venue for world-class exhibitions of cultural history. And even apart from these special and exceptional exhibitions, the visit is worthwhile, for the beautiful park alone.

And generally, people who come to Essen for the first time are nearly always surprised: over 50 percent of the area of the city is green! Favourite places for the Esseners and their guests to relax are the banks of the River Ruhr and Baldeney Lake - or the "Gruga" - one of Germany's biggest and most beautiful city gardens.

CLIMATE

Essen is situated in the temperate zone. In June, the average maximum temperature is 19,9°C with 12 rainy days on average.

ELECTRICITY

The main voltage in Germany is 230V, 50Hz. The standard two-pin European style plugs are used.

TIME

Essen is in the Central European Time Zone, 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT + 1).

SHOPPING

Most shops are open from 09.30 am to 8 pm.

Today, most of Essen city centre is a pedestrian zone. But it is not only in the city centre that excellent shopping is to be had. Metropolis shopping: with the opening of the shopping center at Limbecker Platz, Essen is decidedly gaining ground in importance and denotation as an attractive city. More than 700 retail shops and boutiques are the reason why Essen's downtown area has been such an attractive shopping place of long standing, and its cultural centers of attraction are quite convincing.

TIPPING

Tipping is not included in your check. You can expect a usual tipping of 5 to 10 percent.

VISA REQUIREMENTS / LETTERS OF INVITATION

It is your responsibility to investigate the visa requirements for Germany and apply for a visa if necessary.

Please check here the list of countries whose citizens require/do not require visas to enter Germany:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html

You may request a letter of invitation from the organizer which must be submitted to the embassy when applying for a Visa.

Mondial's policy for issuing official letters of invitation for any conferences is as follows:

- Letters of invitation will be issued only after you have registered for the conference and paid.
- After you have received your payment confirmation, you should e-mail: ests2012@mondial-congress.com to request a letter of invitation.
- Letters of invitation will only be issued for the person accepted to attend the congress.
- When requesting your letter of invitation, make sure to include the following information: name, full address, full mailing address, passport number.

The letter of invitation does not financially or otherwise obligate the conference organizers in any way. All expenses incurred in relation to the conference and immigration requirements are the sole responsibility of the delegate.

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

Delegates are advised to arrange health and accident insurance prior to travelling to the Conference. ESTS is not responsible for any personal injury, loss, damage, accident to private property or additional expense incurred as a result of delays or changes in air, rail, sea, road or other services, strikes, sickness, weather or any other cause.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

ESSEN – HOW TO GET THERE

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

If you are flying, your destination is the Rhine-Ruhr airport, Düsseldorf International. With over 500 take-offs and landings every day, it offers flight connections to over 170 cities in Germany and abroad.

<http://www.duesseldorf-international.de>

From the airport it is only about a 20-minute drive by taxi to Messe Essen.

ARRIVAL BY TRAIN

The Essen main railway station is the junction for over 120 ICE, InterCity, EuroCity and Inter-Regio connections in all directions every day.

From the central junction Essen main railway station you reach the venue Messe Essen in 5 minutes by underground line 11.

ARRIVAL BY CAR

You can come to the CCE by car via the most important Rhine-Ruhr motorways A52, A3 and A40/A42.

Please use car park P6.

Arriving via the A52

Coming from the direction of Bochum or Düsseldorf, please take the exit no. 28 (Essen-Rüttenscheid). Follow Norbertstraße for approx.

350 m and then turn left into Lührmannstraße.

After approx. 100 m, you will find the entrance to the multistorey car park P6 on the right.

Arriving via the B224

Coming from the direction of the Essen city centre or the A40, turn right into Norbertstraße.

Follow Norbertstraße for approx. 660 m and then turn right into Lührmannstraße. After approx. 100 m, you will find the entrance to the multistorey car park P6 on the right.

TAXIS IN ESSEN

Use the standard federal telephone number for taxis 19410 to contact Taxi-Zentrale Essen (SDT code 0201).

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