

Invitation

11th International Meeting of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO11)

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY

DATE 8-12 May, 1999

LOCATION Budapest, Hungary

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Council of the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology, I wish to extend an invitation to you to attend our 11th International Meeting of Gynaecological Oncology, ESGO11, in Budapest, Hungary from May 8-12, 1999.

The organising committee will make every effort to continue the tradition of excellence set in previous meetings of the Society.

The scientific programme will be structured in topic-oriented-sessions. Each will cover one topic from basic science to clinical practice on a multidisciplinary basis - including reviews, debates, free papers, and poster presentations - within the guidelines set out by the Session Chairperson. Most sessions, therefore, will be of interest to the entire spectrum of the audience. The chosen themes will focus not only on the most recent advances made in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of neoplastic diseases of the female genital tract and breasts, but also on the rapidly changing concepts pertaining to the development of cancer, and the ground-breaking and innovative approaches to cancer management based on the discovery that cancer is a genetic disease. Management of tumours which do not originate in, but are related to, the female genital tract will also be discussed. Other scientific features include Teaching Lectures, Symposia and Posters, with the main emphasis of the latter. There will be no parallel sessions. In addition, following the tradition of ESGO IO, a wide variety of pre-congress courses will be organised, all with the aim of helping you improve your care of cancer patients. ESGO11 will offer to participants the opportunity to meet experts and colleagues from all corners of the globe.

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As an indicator of the interest this event is attracting, it is my pleasure to acknowledge that such a large body of International Societies and other organisations have cordially accepted to participate. This amounts to a guarantee of the high scientific level of the Meeting.

As for the venue, Budapest offers warm hospitality, with lots of cultural and tourist attractions. Participants will have an opportunity to experience some of them. The City is proud to host the 11th International Meeting of Gynaecological Oncology.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Budapest - and look forward as well to your invaluable contribution to ESGO11.

Sincerely,

Péter Bősze, M.D., ESGO11 President

THE CITY OF BUDAPEST With its over 2 million inhabitants, Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is the largest city in a country of 11 million people, and is also the richest in attractions. The city lies in the heart of Europe, on both banks of the river Danube.

Thanks to its favourable geographical position, the place was, even in ancient times and the Middle Ages, an important road junction and a major settlement. If we take into account its Roman predecessor, Aquincum, we can say that it is 2,000 years old. However, Budapest did not officially come into being until as recently as 1873, when the three independent towns of Pest, Buda and Óbuda (Old Buda) were united. Thus, a settlement with over two thousand years of history has only been 'Budapest' for the past 125 years.

The beautiful setting of the city, its artistic monuments dating from so many different periods, its lively cultural life and numerous medicinal baths, its fine food and drink, and its animated population and warm hospitality - these assets deservedly attract more and more foreign visitors each year.

CONGRESS VENUE: PESTI VIGADÓ This over 130-year-old building is one of the best existing examples of the Hungarian romantic style, and was designed by Hungarian architect Frigyes Feszli. It is located right in the centre of Budapest at the Danube, in the vicinity of first-class hotels.