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PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATE CITY AND VENUE XXXII EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF PERINATAL MEDICINE

INTRODUCTION

The European Association of Perinatal Medicine (EAPM) was founded in Berlin in 1968. The purpose of the Association is to bring together groups and individuals in a European organization in order to promote the science of perinatal medicine aiming at a high level of physical and mental health for women, mothers and their children in Europe in particular.

The Association organizes a European Congress every two years in order to promote research and disseminate knowledge on different aspects of perinatal medicine. Traditionally the congress hosts between 800-1000 participants, mostly from Europe. The duration of the Congress is 4 days: 3 full days and 1 half day. Pre congress courses are part of the first day. The exhibition space needed is about 500 sqm.



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PAST CONGRESSES

1968	Berlin, Germany
1970	London, UK
1972	Lausanne, Switzerland
1974	Prague, Czech Republic
1976	Uppsala, Sweden
1978	Vienna, Austria
1980	Barcelona, Spain
1982	Brussels, Belgium
1984	Dublin, Ireland
1986	Leipzig, Germany
1988	Rome, Italy
1990	Lyon, France
1992	Amsterdam, Netherlands
1994	Helsinki, Finland
1996	Glasgow, UK
1998	Zagreb, Croatia
2000	Porto, Portugal
2002	Oslo, Norway
2004	Athens, Greece
2006	Prague, Czech
2008	Istanbul, Turkey
2010	Granada, Spain
2012	Paris, France
2014	Florence, Italy
2016	Maastricht, The Netherlands
2018	St. Petersburg, Russia
2021	Live Online Congress
2022	Lisbon, Portugal
2024	Vienna, Austria

NEXT CONGRESS

2026 Warsaw, Poland



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Professional Congress Organizer (PCO)

MCA Events serves as the official Organising Secretariat of the ECPM, responsible for all organisational aspects of the congress in collaboration with the Executive Board of EAPM. In this capacity, MCA Events also conducts the technical evaluation of proposed host locations and holds the final decision-making authority on the assignment of the congress.

Congress hosts

The European Congress of Perinatal Medicine is hosted on behalf of the EAPM by one of its member societies.

Candidatures should be sent to the EAPM secretariat by email, including an official support letter of the National Society.

A. CITY REQUIREMENTS

- **City, full name of the venue, and dates.** The congress usually takes place in May, June or September. The date is flexible and should take into account several aspects e.g. important international events, local holidays, religious holidays (Christian, Muslim, Jewish) and local weather. The final decision regarding the ECPM dates and venue will be made by the EAPM Executive Board together with MCA Events
- **Major scientific meetings held in the city and/ congress venue:** please list a maximum of five meetings held in the last 3 years, with approximate number of participants
- **Transport:** please indicate 20 destinations for direct flights or train connections available from the city's airport and train stations. Please indicate the time it takes from the airport to the congress centre by two alternative means of transport, and average prices for each alternative

B. VENUE REQUIREMENTS

Please include a brief description of the facilities: size and capacity of the main hall, number and capacity of break out halls, size of the industrial exhibition area, congress registration facilities, audiovisual facilities, etc.



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The congress schedule looks as follows:

SET-UP DAY Tuesday	DAY 1 Wednesday	DAY 2 Thursday	DAY 3 Friday	DAY 4 Saturday
EXHIBITION AREA	EXHIBITION AREA	EXHIBITION AREA	EXHIBITION AREA	EXHIBITION AREA
ROOM SET UP	PRE CON- GRESS COURSES	FULL DAY SES- SIONS	FULL DAY SES- SIONS	HALF DAY SES- SIONS
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Meeting space will need to be blocked for set up morning and can be released as of 2.00 pm on Day 3. In addition, small meetings rooms will need to be available on all days for Executive Board meeting and staff.

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The meeting spaces:

- plenary room - capacity about 600-800 pax
- parallel rooms – 1 room of 300-400 pax each
- rooms for pre-congress courses – 6 rooms of 30-50 pax each
- rooms for EAPM Executive Board: 12 people U-shape set up

Venue price quotes should include (please whether VAT is included):

- Set up day for venue and exhibition on day of pregress courses or one day before (it depends on the layout of the venue and location of the rooms) and one half day for dismantling (starting from 1.00 pm on day 4)
- Room rental cost
- Extras not included in rooms rental - cleaning, security, personnel
- Annual increase, if any

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The offer should also include the following items:

- Catering rates for coffee breaks, lunch and welcome reception based on the below schedule (the estimate number should be 600 pax)
- Day 1
 - Welcome reception – 400 pax
- Day 2
 - 10.30 – 11.00 coffee break



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- 13.20 – 14.40 lunch break
- 16.10 – 16.40 coffee break
- Day 3
 - 10.30 – 11.00 coffee break
 - 13.20 – 14.40 lunch break
 - 16.00 – 16.30 coffee break
- Day 4
 - 10.30 – 11.00 coffee break

- Audio-Visual equipment for both plenary and parallel rooms:

- ♣ Sound system and microphones
- ♣ Projectors, screens and laptops (for congress meeting rooms and extra meeting rooms)
- ♣ Technical assistance
- possible recording of the sessions?
- Wi-Fi cost

C. ACCOMMODATION

Please indicate the number of hotels within easy reach (walking, bus, underground under 10 min), with categories, number of rooms and average room prices. Typically, we would require 50-60 rooms for the faculty members.

D. SOCIAL EVENTS

Suggested sites for the social programme: please indicate three possible sites for hosting the networking dinner and faculty dinner, with approximate costs per person.



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E. LOCAL SUPPORT

- **Official support letter** signed by the President of a national scientific society that is a member of the EAPM
- **Local support industry:** Potential to obtain support from industry. The local committee must have an established relationship with sponsors who are willing to support the event
- Local support from government or convention bureau: It will be an important asset if the local committee can count on a concrete support from the government e.g.: free location for the welcome reception, free local transportation, discount on congress venue.
- **Contact details of person who will present the bid at the EAPM General Assembly:** name, title, affiliation, email address, telephone number

IMPORTANT DATES

All bids must be sent to the EAPM Association Management by e-mail to info@europerinatal.eu no later than **July 15, 2026**

PRESENTATION OF BID AND VOTE

MCA Events evaluates the proposals and shares its technical evaluation with the EAPM board. The EAPM Executive Board evaluates each bid. After that, it is presented at the EAPM General Assembly (GA) taking place at each ECPM. Each candidate city has 5 minutes to present the bid. Following the presentations, the EAPM Executive Board may decide to recommend one of the locations, after which the GA will vote to select one of them.