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Huge Congress bookings for Popular Prague

Over 1,500 midwives have booked for the Prague ICM Congress, nine months before the start of the June 2014 event. Interest has been huge and further, large numbers are expected to book during the current six month Early Bird period. To guarantee an opening day space in the main plenary hall, registration should be made early to prevent disappointment.

Student Midwife registrations have soared and, even at this stage, it is clear that they will make a record Congress attendance.





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Opening Day

The main plenary hall has 2,700 seats but over 3,500 registrations are expected. To ensure as many delegates as possible will be able to watch the opening ceremony it will also be broadcast live to an adjacent hall.

Because of limited capacity in the main plenary hall there is a **ticket price for the opening day** and a separate ticket for the four days of the scientific congress. Existing bookings have shown most delegates understand that there is an **opening day fee for 1 June and a separate congress fee for 2–5 June**. The original ticket price for Congress was reduced to make up for the two charges.



Here is how it works:

Tickets for the main plenary hall opening ceremony are based on a first come basis. Tickets are still available for the live opening ceremony in the main plenary hall at 39 euro OR for the broadcast ceremony in the overflow hall at 20 euro. Go to registration information for further details on the Congress web site www.midwives2014.org.

Note: there is no ticket requirement for the daily plenary session with keynote speakers on Monday–Thursday (2–5 June) in the main plenary hall; when the main plenary hall is full, delegates will be directed to the overflow Forum Hall where the session will be relayed live.



Country interest

Bookings have been received from 60 countries to date and will soar to over 100 before the start of Congress. The current highest number of registrations for one country is Australia, followed by United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands and Japan.

From smaller nation registrations, Trinidad and Tobago has a noticeable large contingent.

Congress web site interest has hit a remarkable level with 133,000 viewings from 32,000 visitors in 181 countries. Highest number of unique visits is from USA, followed by Australia, UK, Japan, Czech Republic and Spain.

Gala Night heading for early sell-out

More than half the 1,500 available tickets have been sold for the congress GALA NIGHT event on **Tuesday 3 June 2014**. The ticket-only event, at the Industrial Palace, just outside central Prague, is proving popular with well over half the seats snapped up within a short time of details being advertised. So book soon as the remaining seats are unlikely to be available for much longer.



Where to stay in Prague

Where to stay in Prague?

We have identified a range of hotels and accommodation to fit the purse of most midwives that offers reasonable value for the price charged, reasonable accessibility to the Congress Venue and cleanliness; see www.midwives2014.org for details. There are many hotels in Prague which are available for booking independently through Prague Tourism web sites www.pragueexperience.com.

In each newsletter Congress Manager Malcolm MacMillan gives a review of two or three hotels to help inform your final choice, and in this issue we look at two hotels graded as 3 star on the ICM list.

Oya Hotel

Oya is a 5 minute metro ride or a 10 minute walk to the Congress Centre, and very near central Prague on the metro (3/4 stops). It has 35 rooms which will be soon booked because of the location and price. At 78 euro per twin bedded room, this is a good value clean and basic 3 star hotel (probably more a 2.5 star), in an ideal location. There are some triple rooms available. With a top floor bar and Harry's restaurant serving Czech and international cuisine, the Oya is popular with conference delegates. Handy to have a shopping mall nearby.

Comment; not all rooms have air conditioning so make sure you ask about this at the time of booking. Request a room that is not at the front as the trams can be noisy. Breakfast is included but the choice can be limited. Good reports about level of service. Reviews are consistent with an average score of 7 out of 10. Seems you get what you pay for, and not too many complaints.

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Otar Hotel

The small hotel is housed in a newly renovated 6-storey building. It is a 3 star accommodation with 33 standard guest rooms and 2 business suites. (ask for separate quote for a spacious suite as the rate is higher than the 78 euro for a twin room). A limited choice breakfast is served in the restaurant. Basic rooms are equipped with TV, free Wi-Fi, telephone and most have a work desk. Otar is near the Hotel Oya, featured above, owned by the same company, and the travel distances/times are similar to the Congress centre and central Prague.

Comment: if you want a non-smoking room make sure this is specified at time of booking and that the room is air-conditioned. Checkout on last day is 10hr00 so make an arrangement if you want later check-out. Standard facilities for a small hotel with a good average review rating of over 7.5 out of 10. Fresh, clean and good sized rooms for the price. Sort out reserved car parking and price in advance, if required.

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Mluvme trošku Český!

Let's speak some Czech!

In the last three issues some phrases have been provided to help delegates get the best out of their visit to Prague. Malcolm MacMillan, ICM Congress Manager introduces some new Czech phrases, words and information related to travel. Personal pronunciations are given here but this is not an exact science.

'Vysehrad' (*vee- sherat*) is the metro stop on red Line C for the Congress Centre (and for a famous castle and cemetery).

'Vaclavske Namesti' (*Vas-lav-ski nam-estee*) is Wenceslas Square and useful to know if travelling by tram (3; 9; 14; 24; and others).

'Muzeum' Is the metro stop – line C – at the top of Wenceslas Square, near the national museum.

'Mustek' is the metro stop – line B – at the bottom end of Wenceslas Square.

There are 3 easy to use metro lines in Prague
Line A (green); **Line B** (yellow) and **Line C** (red).



How much is a ticket to ...?

Kolik stojí jízdenka do ...?

(*koh-lihk stoh-ye zeez-dehn-kah doh ...?*).

One ticket to ... please.

Jednu jízdenku do ... prosím.

(*Yehd-noo yeex-dehn-koo doh, ... proh-seem*).

How do I get to ...

Jak se dostanu do ...

(*yahk se dohs-tah-noo doh ...*)

- **hotel Otar?** Hotelu Otar? (*hoh-teh-luh Otar?*).
- **the train station?** Na vlakové nádraží?
(*nah vlah-koh-veh nah-drah-zee?*).
- **the airport?** Na letiště? (*nah leh-tihsh-tjeh?*).