INTRODUCTION

Dear friends and colleagues,

In 2019 the 18th European Burn Association’s congress will be held in Helsinki, Finland. The 2003 congress was hosted by Bergen, Norway and now we have the privilege to host the meeting for the second time in the Nordic countries.

Helsinki, the capital of Finland, is a popular congress city situated by the sea with very good flight connections from everywhere in Europe. The Marina Congress Center is located in the very centre of the Helsinki City, right next to the sea and within easy walking distance from most central hotels. The city offers a variety of interesting tourist attractions, architecture, museums, beautiful nature and, of course, the Finnish sauna, an essential experience for the adventurous!

Towards the end of the Finnish summer, the weather in Helsinki in early September is still warm but not hot. Therefore, it is advisable to also bring some warmer clothing in case of rainy days. The congress venue provides an ideal setting for a meeting of this magnitude. As usual, one of the main purposes of this meeting is to connect with fellow burn professionals involved in all branches of burn care. This will be one of our main focuses during the meeting that will naturally also cover all fields of burn treatment.

The Finnish team and EBA warmly welcomes you all to attend the 2019 European Association’s Congress in Helsinki!

Jyrki Vuola,
Congress President
Helsinki Burn Centre
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PROGRAMME-AT-A-GLANCE

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Confirmed invited faculty

Stian Almeland
Juan Barret
Mette Berger
Ken Dunn
Joel Fisch
Bengt Gerdin
David Herndon
Jacques Latarjet
Thomas Leclerc
Alex Margulis
Martin Meuli
Esther Middelkoop
Naiem Moiemen
Rei Ogawa
Tina Palmieri
Anthony Papp
Clemens Schiestl
Folke Sjöberg
Mikael Skurnik
Peter Vogt
Mimmie Willebrand
Steven Wolf
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The EBA 2019 Scientific Committee would like to encourage authors to submit their abstracts through the congress website, which hosts an electronic abstract submission form as of January 2019. The congress website can be consulted at www.eba2019.org

Submission abstract deadline: 15 March 2019

Abstracts should be submitted according the following main topics:
Surgery - Acute
Surgery - Reconstruction
Wound Healing
Basic Research
Anaesthesia / Critical Care
Outcomes
Burns Centre Organization
Prevention
Nursing
Psychosocial
Rehabilitation – OT / PT
Burn Camp
New ideas and innovations
Tissue engineering
Mass burn casualty incident

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

We have secured hotel rooms in the headquarter hotel connected to the congress center of the EBA 2019.
Please book your hotel accommodation upon registration.

Scandic Marina Hotel
Katajanokanlaituri 7
Helsinki, Finland

Single room: EUR 160
Double room: EUR 180

Prices are including VAT; including breakfast.

REGISTRATION

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* What are EBA PAM members? This covers a wide group of non-medical members of the EBA, including Nurses, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Psychologists, Dieticians and other professionals associated with burn care.

** Residents & students have to provide a written certification by head of department

*** Emerging Economy Rate is applied to individuals (no group registrations) from low-income and lower-middle-income economies according to the World Bank listing available at the website of the World Bank.

In order to make use of the reduced Members registration fee you must have paid your EBA membership contribution!

The registration fee includes the following
Admission to the meeting, welcome reception, programme and abstract book, certificate of attendance, lunches and all coffee breaks.

How to register
Please register via the congress website: www.eba2019.org. For group registrations, please contact the congress secretariat by e-mail: eba@congresscare.com

Cancellation
Cancellations and refund requests must be submitted in writing to the congress secretariat. Cancellations made before 16 August 2019 will be refunded less 30% to cover administration costs. After this date no refunds will be given. All refunds will be made after the congress.

Social programme
Welcome reception
Wednesday 4 September 18:00 - 19:00
Venue: City Hall Helsinki

Gala dinner
Friday 6 September 19:00 - 01:00
Venue: Restaurant Pörssi

EUR 95 per delegate
Please note: You have to register and pay in advance for the gala dinner!
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF SEVERE BURNS COURSE (EMSB)

Resuscitation and stabilisation of patients with severe burns is of the utmost importance for the final outcome of treatment. The Emergency Management of Severe Burns course (EMSB) provides instruction on the assessment, stabilisation and transfer severely burned patients during the first 24 hours.

Prior to the EBA Congress in Helsinki, a one day EMSB course will be organised on Tuesday 3 September 2019, 9:00 - 19:00 hrs. This course can also be attended without participation in the EBA congress.

The EMSB course is originally developed in Australia and has been successfully taught to several countries worldwide. The course has been given to medical and nursing professionals in the Netherlands and UK for more than 15 years.

The EMSB staff now presents the course to the other European countries and hopes this will have a catalysing effect on disseminating the concept of the EMSB and to improve care for severely burned patients in Europe.

The course is an intensive one-day training given by lecturers from the Netherlands, Scandinavia and the UK and will be held in English. The instructors have both extensive clinical as well as teaching experience in the field of burns and emergency care.

Programme

Outline of the course:
• A reference manual outlining all aspects of the emergency management of burns is sent to the participants prior to the course.
• There is a series of brief lectures highlighting important aspects of the aetiology, pathophysiology, emergency examination and treatment of the patient.
• Relevant clinical skills are demonstrated and important topics are explained in group discussions.
• Life-like case simulations in hands-on workshops are used to consolidate and integrate the course material.
• The course concludes with an assessment and a written examination.

Registration and costs

Registration for this course is limited to 24 physicians and/or nurses. Course fee is EUR 495 per participant and includes course manual, lunch and refreshments.

Registration is available via the congress website www.eba2019.org.

This course can also be attended without participation in the EBA congress!
GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue
Scandic Marina Congress Center
Katajanokanlaituri 6
00160 Helsinki, Finland
http://www.marinacongresscenter.com/en

Location
The EBA 2019 Congress will be held in the beautiful city of Helsinki in a modern congress center located right in the heart of Helsinki very conveniently connected with the 4 star hotel Scandic Grand Marina. The congress center is located at Helsinki’s South Harbour (Eteläsatama) which is one of Europe's most beautiful harbours. Many sightseeing cruises let you discover the water and islands. Helsinki is easy to get to from anywhere in the world. Around two hundred international flights arrive at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport each day. The airport consistently ranks among the best in the world and is situated just 19 kilometres (approximately 25 minutes) from the city centre. Getting to and from the airport is easy. Daily ferry services operate to and from Estonia, Sweden and Germany. Car ferries operate on all these routes. There are also daily train services to and from St. Petersburg and Moscow. The Central Railway Station is located in the city centre and just half a kilometre from the congress center. Helsinki has an excellent public transport network with short distances between stops. The metro, tram and local bus services are very reliable. Most places in the city centre are also easy to reach on foot. The compact size of the city makes it easy to get to know, and moving about from one place to another is very simple. A great way to see the city is by bicycle. Bikes can be rented, for example from Greenbike, or borrowed from your hotel. Helsinki’s open and friendly residents wish visitors, along with new events and trends, a very warm welcome to this dynamic and lively city. Restaurant Day, flea markets, We Love Helsinki happenings and block parties are all examples of the flourishing urban culture. Indeed, Helsinki is alive throughout the year. In September the streets and parks are also packed with fun-loving people. Most of the locals speak very good English and are happy to assist visitors. Helsinki’s personable, multilingual and friendly residents are among the city’s greatest assets, also for visitors. For info on Helsinki please check: www.visithelsinki.fi/en

Timing
The congress will start on Wednesday 4 September 2019 with registration, special courses, sponsored symposia and a welcome reception. The congress will end on Saturday 7 September 2019 at noon.

Climate
The end of August and 1st week of September is a turning point for Helsinki, as the sea temperature reach the highest level but daily temperature begins to descend as the northern city heads into autumn weather. The Finnish capital experiences an average daily temperature of 15°C during August / 1st week September, with the average high being a beautiful 19°C. In the evening the average low is dipping down to just 11°C with occasionally showers. The mild summers in Helsinki result in many visitors coming to escape the heat in the south.

Accreditation
Accreditation is applied for at the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME). This accreditation will be endorsed by the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) ensuring that the CME credits awarded to the participants are recognized by the national medical authorities who have agreed to co-operate in this European system. EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician’s Recognition Award (PRA).

Certificate of attendance
Certificates of attendance will be sent afterwards by email.

Congress language
The official Congress language will be English. No simultaneous translation will be available.

Letter of invitation
Applications for a letter of invitation should be received by the Congress Secretariat no later than 1 July 2019. Letters of invitation will only be sent by email. It should be understood that this letter is only to help delegates to raise travel funds or to obtain a visa and is not a commitment on the part of the organisers to provide any financial support. Applications received after 1 July 2019 will not be dealt with. Refunds cannot be made in case of not granted visa applications.

Exhibition
A targeted group of pharmaceutical and medical companies will be invited to expose their products and services.

Insurance
In registering for EBA 2019, delegates agree that neither the organisation nor the congress agency Congress Care is responsible for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. Delegates are requested to make their own travel and health insurance. The organizers cannot assume liability for changes in the programme due to external circumstances.

Website
Further information will be available on www.eba2019.org