39th ESPEN Congress

on Clinical Nutrition & Metabolism

THE HAGUE
THE NETHERLANDS
9-12th September 2017

Nutrition meets Innovation
Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Netherlands Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism (ESPEN), we would like to invite you to the 39th ESPEN Congress 2017, which will be held for the 3rd time in The Netherlands.

After the congresses in Maastricht (1981) and Amsterdam (1997) the Dutch society would like to welcome all ESPEN members to the World Forum in the Hague, our beautiful governmental and international city of peace and justice at the seaside.

The Hague is a renowned city with many faces, home to numerous cultures. Once merely a country house near a pond, The Hague has developed its international character and importance like a never-ending story to which a little bit of history is added every day.

Meet the Dutch and their innovations in healthy nutrition. The largest greenhouse horticulture in the world - the birthplace of healthy food - is literally in the backyard of The Hague. First, we will organize a one-day Healthy Food Congress in collaboration with our Fruit & Vegetable partners on Friday September 8th, after which the ESPEN congress will be launched the next day.

In close collaboration with the ESPEN Committee Members, we have developed an attractive program that aims to be a landmark in ESPEN’s continuing effort to improve Nutritional Care and Education. For the first time there will be 5 parallel sessions run along 4 ‘tracks’ throughout the program focusing on topics in the acute, chronic, pediatrics and geriatrics settings.

We are convinced that the programme of ESPEN 2017 offers a great opportunity for physicians, dietitians, pharmacists, nutritionists, scientists and nurses involved in the field of nutrition and metabolism to meet and discuss cutting edge science in an informal atmosphere, strengthening old and sparking new collaborations.

We sincerely hope to meet you in The Hague in 2017!

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TOPICS OF THE PROGRAMME

4 main tracks:
Acute, Chronic, Pediatric, Geriatric: find your specific interest!

SCIENTIFIC
- Plenary: Cuthbertson lecture and Wretlind Lecture
- 2 ESPEN Fellowships symposia, 1 Clinical Nutrition symposium
- Best abstracts session
- 8 Oral Communications sessions
- 1 Debate: Saturated fat – harmful or harmless?

18 Scientific Symposia
- Nutrition, bile acids and metabolic health
- Interactions between nutrition and physical activity
- Metabolic pathways and muscle maintenance
- Regulation of food intake and clinical applications
- Metabolic phenotyping and precision medicine
- Nutrition and longevity
- Nutrition and the gut microbiome
- Microbiome beyond the gut
- Malnutrition and functional decline
- Nutrition, metabolism and circadian rhythm
- Taste through the life course
- Rehabilitation of the intestine in acute illness
- The link between environment and metabolism
- Nutrient manipulation as a therapy for cancer patients?
- Health consequences of fat storage
- Paediatrics
- Nutrition, metabolism and COPD

EDUCATIONAL
- LLL Courses:
  Friday September 8th: 15 LLL courses and 1 TLLL course
  During the congress:
  Liver and pancreas / Diabetes and dyslipidemia / Respiratory diseases / Assessment and body composition / Let’s talk about nutrition
- 2 Case discussions: bone marrow transplant / œsophagectomy
- ESPEN Guidelines

9 Educational Symposia:
- Using the gut in acute care patients (A)
- Meeting nutritional needs of acute care patients (A)
- Case discussion: œsophagectomy (A)
- Specific needs of patients with chronic disease (C)
- Hospital discharge: and now? (C)
- Novel approaches to optimize dietary intake in older adults (G)
- Altering lifestyle to improve nutritional status in older adults (G)
- Specific nutritional care in children (P)
- Paediatric specificities of nutritional assessment (P)
With the most historic sites per square meter in the Netherlands, The Hague oozes culture and history.

This city has a prominent place in both Europe and the world. The Hague is the international city of peace and justice and the third largest city in the Netherlands. It is also the official seat of the Crown and government, home to hundreds of international organizations and multinationals and one of the world’s top three UN cities.

Visit The Hague monuments such as the Binnenhof, Noordeinde Palace, and the Peace Palace. Discover Holland’s highlights and heritage in miniature at Madurodam.

Make the acquaintance of “The Girl with a Pearl Earring” by Vermeer, “The Goldfinch” by Fabritius and “The Anatomy Lesson” by Rembrandt in the Mauritshuis. Step through the famous entry gate into the historical Binnenhof (Inner Court) in the heart of our democracy.

To be found nearby the fisherman’s village Scheveningen (try to pronounce this right!) has lovely sandy beaches to enjoy the end of summer.

The Hague is in the middle of most of the large cities of the Netherlands: Rotterdam and Amsterdam 30 minutes by train.

TRANSPORTATION

- The international airports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam The Hague are just short distances away from The Hague. A total of around 150 European airports and more than 100 intercontinental airports operate direct connections to Amsterdam, with more than 3,500 flights a week.
- Amsterdam Schiphol Airport has direct trains to the Hague Central Station (30 min, € 8,30)
- Rotterdam/The Hague Airport has a bus to Rotterdam Central Station and from there a train direct to the Hague central station (1 hr, € 6,50)
- The conference center is easy to reach by tram 1 and 16 from the Central station (20 min, € 1,60).
- Getting about by foot is easy. The entire city, from the centre all the way to the beach, can be traversed in under an hour.
- Taxis: Special night rates do not apply in The Hague. It is often possible to hail a taxi in the street, but you can also find special taxi stands at the train stations and various points throughout the city.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- Opening of Abstracts Submission 10 January 2017
- Registration opens 30 January 2017
- Closing of Abstract Submission 5 April 2017
- Opening of late breaking abstract submission 15 May 2017
- Deadline for late breaking abstracts (posters only) 19 June 2017

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