Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Polish Society for Parenteral, Enteral Nutrition and Metabolism (POLSPEN), we would like to invite you to the 41st ESPEN Congress 2019, which will be held for the first time in Poland.

The Polish Society for Parenteral, Enteral Nutrition and Metabolism (POSLPEN) would like to welcome all ESPEN members to the ICE in Krakow, our beautiful international city located at banks of Vistula river.

Krakow is the former capital of Poland, a city with many faces, home to centuries of cultural heritage. It has developed its unique international character and importance like a never-ending story to which a little bit of history is added every 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. As since 2015, there will be 5 parallel sessions along 4 ‘tracks’ throughout the program focusing on topics in the acute, chronic, pediatric and geriatric settings.

We are convinced that the programme of ESPEN 2019 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 ambience, reinforcing old and stimulating new collaborations.

We sincerely hope to meet you in Krakow in 2019!

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A warm welcome from Krakow

Situated in southern Poland, Krakow is one of the country’s most ancient cities and its former capital and a real pearl in its crown. The city lies on the banks of the Vistula River which is called the Queen of Polish Rivers. Krakow receives visitors from the whole world.

The town is filled with monuments and is impossible to visit in just one day which is not really enough to experience the emotions this city can evoke. Its unique atmosphere has inspired artists and writers. Visitors fall in love with Krakow and if they leave, then it is only to return another day. The city’s rich cultural and artistic life contributes to this fascination as much as the genuine character of its streets and little squares lined with restaurants serving local delicacies.

The city also buzzes with bars and nightlife and the diversity of a university town. It’s also an easily walkable city with plenty of charming backstreets and alleyways in which to get pleasantly lost.

The range of accommodation and gastronomic services is very wide and easily available, which makes planning a trip to Krakow very straightforward. It is also a base from where to visit southern Poland. Zakopane, called “the mountain capital” of Poland and Wroclaw are within easy distance from Krakow.
Transportation

- The international airports of Krakow – Balice is just a short distance away from the city center (20 – 25 min).
  More 40 airports worldwide operate direct connections to Krakow, and hubs like Frankfurt, Zurich, Munich, Vienna, Amsterdam, Paris offer further flight options.
- Krakow – Balice Airport has direct trains to Krakow Central Railway Station (20 min, € 4.00)
- The conference center is easy to reach by tram from the Central station (20 min, € 1.00).
- Getting about by foot is easy. The walk from the city center to ICE takes about 20-30 min, depending on pace.
- Taxis: Special night/ weekend rates apply in Krakow. 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 ......................... 7 January 2019
Registration opens .......................................................... 25 January 2019
Closing of Abstract Submission ................................. 5 April 2019
Opening of late breaking abstract submission .......... 10 May 2019
Early Bird Deadline .......................................................... 22 May 2019
Deadline for late breaking abstracts (posters only) ..... 14 June 2019

Organising Secretariat

MCI has been selected by Central ESPEN as the official Congress Organiser to process registrations, abstracts submission and hotel reservation.

Information on the commercial exhibition as well as organisation and sponsorship of special events may also be obtained from the Organizing Secretariat.

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The registration fees and full list of hotels will be available on the ESPEN website end of 2018:
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