28th Annual Meeting of the German Association of Endocrine Surgeons (CAEK)

Joint Meeting with the Polish Club of Endocrine Surgeons

Łódź (Poland)
26 – 28 November 2009

INVITATION

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Welcome to Łódź!

Dear colleagues and friends, dear guests,

This year the Annual Meeting of the German Association of Endocrine Surgeons (CAEK DGAV) will take place for the first time in Poland together with the Polish Club of Endocrine Surgeons. We are very grateful for their invitation to Łódź coming together and sharing our recent experiences in the field of endocrine surgery in both countries. For many years the polish colleagues from many centers have been playing an active role in our association. It is our great pleasure to invite all interested surgeons to this joint meeting. The programme will cover all areas of endocrine surgery. On Saturday, November 28, 2009, there will be a separate programme for both the Polish Club of Endocrine Surgeons, and the CAEK, each held in their national languages. On November 26 and 27, 2009, the official language is English.

Łódź is a fascinating modern city situated in the heart of Poland. Founded in 1423 in the 19th century Łódź was the melting pot of various languages, cultures, religions and national traditions. Today Łódź is a very dynamic city, full of highly interesting historic buildings and places worth seeing.

On behalf of the CAEK I would like to invite you to attend the 28th Annual Meeting of the CAEK joining our Polish colleagues and friends of the Polish Club of Endocrine Surgeons.

Prof. Dr. Henning Dralle  
Congress President
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is our great honor to be the organizers and hosts of the Symposium of Polish and German Associations of Surgery, which is dedicated to the surgical treatment of endocrine diseases. Łódź is a city which underwent great development during the XIXth century and was the product of the common and strenuous efforts of people descended from four cultures. Before World War II, the community of Łódź consisted of Poles, Germans, Jews and Russians. These inhabitants of Łódź, living and working together, created not only a powerful industrial centre but also a rich local culture and their own specific language. Łódź is the city where outstanding artists like the musician Artur Rubinstein and poet Julian Tuwim were born and who, later, went on to study. After World War II, the population of Łódź rose to over one million inhabitants, and this burgeoning population drove the founding of a broad range of academic institutions, including The Łódź Film School, The Academy of Fine Arts, The Academy of Music, The Technical University, The Medical University and The Military Medical University.

In 1973, the Department of Endocrine Surgery was established in Łódź: the first endocrine surgery centre in Poland and one of the first in Europe. The founder of the department, and one of the greatest influences in the development of endocrine surgery in Poland, was Prof. Kazimierz Rybiński. In the next 35 years, over fifty thousand thyroid surgeries as well as over one thousand suprarenal gland operations and parathyroid gland operations were performed. The Symposium gives the successors of Prof. Rybiński the opportunity to present their professional experience, and to establish scientific contacts with German colleagues who, traditionally, have been world leaders in surgery. There will be many opportunities to integrate during the conference, such as a brief excursion around our city entitled “The houses which speak…”, where you will have the chance to get to know some more of our city’s history through its monuments. We would like to invite all German delegates and their families to join us on these events. We hope that your stay in Łódź will bring many unforgettable moments and will stay in your minds for ever.

Prof. Dr. Krzysztof Kuzdak
Congress President
Topics of the Meeting

Minimally Invasive Endocrine Surgery
Thyroid Cancer
Theodor Kocher Lecture
Treatment of Complications
Progress in Endocrine Surgery
Poster Session

Theodor Kocher Lecture:
100th Anniversary of Nobel Prize
„Endocrine Surgery – The Role of Training and Research”
Prof. Dr. B. Hamberger, Uppsala (Sweden)

Submission of abstracts

Contributions related to the main topics or free papers for oral presentation or poster presentation can be submitted by 1 June 2009. Abstracts should preferably be submitted online at www.caek2009.de.

Publication of abstracts

The abstracts of the meeting will be published in the journal „Langenbeck’s Archives of Surgery”, Springer-Verlag Heidelberg. The journal will be attached to the conference documents on site.

Important Dates

15 March 2009 Submission of abstracts and registration online
1 June 2009 Deadline submission of abstracts
1 October 2009 Scientific programme online
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www.ie.lodz.pl
### Thursday, 26 November 2009

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<td>Council Meeting of the German Association of Endocrine Surgeons</td>
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<td>16.00 – 18.00 hrs</td>
<td>Workshop including video session on modern technologies in endocrine surgery</td>
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<td>Opening Ceremony at the European Institute</td>
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<td>Organ Concert at the church “St Matthew”</td>
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<td>Get Together at the European Institute</td>
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<td>Scientific Programme and Theodor Kocher Lecture</td>
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<td>General Assembly of the German Association of Endocrine Surgeons</td>
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<td>Scientific Programme – Polish sessions (in Polish)</td>
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<td>14.00 – 14.15 hrs</td>
<td>Announcement of the 29th Annual Meeting of the German Association of Endocrine Surgeons in Osnabrueck</td>
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### Social programme for accompanying persons

**Friday, 27 November 2009**

- Sightseeing tour in Łódź

**Saturday, 28 November 2009**

- Guided tour “Houses in Łódź are telling stories”
Industrial exhibition

The meeting will be accompanied by an industrial exhibition in front of the lecture hall. The exhibition provides an excellent opportunity for companies to contact all delegates. The latest advances in technology and therapeutics will be presented. The exhibition will be open on Friday from 8.30 to 18.00 hrs as well as on Saturday from 08.30 to 13.00 hrs. Companies are invited to take part in this meeting.

Exhibitors and Sponsoring

B.Braun Aesculap-Chifa Ltd., Neue Tomyśl, Poland

Berlin-Chemie/Menarini Polska
Sp. z o.o., Warsaw, Poland

BMW Tłokiński, Łódź, Poland

CONDOR GmbH, Salzkotten, Germany

ERBE Polska Sp. z o.o., Warsaw, Poland

Dr. Langer Medical GmbH, Waldkirch, Germany

FAMED S.A., Żywiec, Poland

Genzyme GmbH, Neu-Isenburg, Germany

inomed Medizintechnik GmbH, Teningen, Germany

Johnson & Johnson Poland Sp. z o.o., Warsaw, Poland

Medtronic GmbH, Duesseldorf, Germany

Olympus Polska Sp. z o.o., Warsaw, Poland

Sanofi-Aventis Sp. z o.o., Warsaw, Poland

Siemens Sp. z o.o., Warsaw, Poland

Karl Storz GmbH & Co. KG, Tuttlingen, Germany

TZMO S.A., Torun, Poland

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Registration fee

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<td>Organ Concert, 26 November 2009</td>
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Registration fee includes

- Congress documents
- Free exit to the industrial exhibition
- Get Together
- Coffee breaks
- Lunch break on Friday
- Organ Concert
- Dinner (Not included in day tickets)

Registration

Please register online via www.caek2009.de.
Your registration will be confirmed in writing. The registration fees for participation and social programme may be paid as follows:

**Bank transfer** to account:
Porstmann Kongresse GmbH
Berliner Bank, bank code 100 200 00
Account no. 43 92 444 101
Reason for payment: CAEK 2009 + full name of the participant
BIC: BEBEDEBB / IBAN: DE61 1002 0000 4392 4441 01

**Credit cards**: Mastercard and Visa

**Cancellations** of registration will only be accepted in writing. In case of cancellation by 15 September 2009 registration fees will be refunded minus a handling fee of 15 €. After this date there will be no refund.
The Dinner will take place at the famous Poznański Palace on 27 November. The palace is the beat of the City History Museum, with its record of the city’s past, but also some personal objects, reminders of A. Rubinstein and A. Tansman, the famous musicians born in Łódź. Further information of this evening will be published on www.caek2009.de in July as well as in the final programme. Please register online because the number of participants is limited. This event is included for one person in the registration fee (entire meeting). Participants who have booked a day ticket have to pay the amount of 30 € additionally.

Hotel reservation

We would like to recommend four hotels which are situated near the congress venue “European Institute”. Hotel reservation should be arranged by the participants by themselves. Please note that the hotels offer special weekends rates too.

**Andel’s Hotel Łódź ******

ul. Ogrodowa 17  
91-065 Łódź  
Phone: +48 42 6304444  
Fax: +48 42 6303003  
Email: info@andelslodz.com  
Single from 210 €, Double from 230 €, including breakfast  
Distance to the congress venue: 7 minutes by car

**Qubus Hotel Łódź *****

Aleja Mickiewicza 7  
90-443 Łódź  
Phone: +48 42 2755100  
Fax: +48 42 2755200  
Email: lodz@qubushotel.com  
Single from 102 €, Double from 110 €, breakfast 14 €  
Distance to the congress venue: 3 minutes by car
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**Hotel Ibis Łódź Centrum***
ul. Kilińskiego 59/63
90-118 Łódź
Phone: +48 42 6386716
Fax: +48 42 6386777
Single from 57 €, Double 57 €, breakfast 7 €
Distance to the congress venue: 6 minutes by car

**Hotel Focus Łódź***
ul. Łąkowa 23/25
90-554 Łódź
Phone: +48 42 637 12 00 or 48 42 630 99 58
Fax: +48 42 636 98 18
Email: lodz@hotelfocus.com.pl
Single 59 €, Double 64 €, including breakfast
Distance to the congress venue: 8 minutes by car

**Travelling to Łódź**

**By airplane**
We would like to recommend flights to Warsaw (Airport Frederik Chopin) with Lufthansa, Germanwings, Austrian, SwissAir or LOT.

To get from Warsaw to Łódź you can choose between several options:

**Bus**
Łódź city centre can be reached by public busses. The bus stop is located outside the Terminal 1 building. Approximate costs for a bus ride are 40 PLN (9 €) and will take about 1:40 hrs.

**Taxi**
You can also take a taxi to Łódź. The cost of hiring a taxi should be around 400 PLN (90 €). The airport recommends the following three taxi corporations: Merc Taxi, MPT Radio Taxi and Sawa Taxi.

**Shuttle service** from the Airport Warsaw will be organised by the Polish Club of Endocrine Surgeons. More details will be published in July on [www.caek2009.de](http://www.caek2009.de) as well as in the final programme.
Łódź is the second largest urban centre in Poland with a population of about 850,000. The 19th century was the beginning of its advancement to one of the most important centres of the textile industry in the world and became the “Manchester of the East”. There is hardly any other city in Europe where the history of the industrial revolution is more obvious. It was the melting pot where various languages, cultures, religions and traditions mixed. Although the history of Łódź goes back a long way, its greatest development and later boom happened in the 19th century, when Łódź became a centre of the cloth industry. For decades Łódź was regarded by many as nothing more than a boring city of factory chimneys. The unique architecture, scenic, natural and cultural values went largely unnoticed.

Today’s tourists take great delight in seeing beautifully refurbished tenements and residential structures of great factory magnates – the real gems of Art Nouveau - as well as museum collections and unique nineteenth-century industrial architecture. The joyful atmosphere of Łódź indicates that this is the city of youth, art and science. No trip to Łódź is complete without a stroll down Piotrkowska Street, the city’s pride and pleasure. Public institutions, banks and stores, restaurants, pubs, discos, antique shops, art galleries and cinemas are centred around this main promenade.

Nowadays Łódź is a significant cultural centre, internationally known for its Film School, a cradle for the best Polish cameramen, actors and directors, including Andrzej Wajda and Roman Polanski. The local Museum of Art has the best collection of contemporary Polish art in the country. The city is thriving with industry and business rapidly developing, moving away from textiles.

A guided tour for accompanying persons will take place on Saturday, 28 November 2009. Please use the opportunity to visit a few of the most important houses of the wonderful city of Łódź. More details will be published in the final programme.

Useful links for your stay in Łódź

www.cityoflodz.pl
www.tourismus-polen.de

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