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18TH EUROPEAN BURNS ASSOCIATION CONGRESS

1ST ANNOUNCEMENT



4 – 7 SEPTEMBER 2019
THE MARINA CONGRESS CENTER
HELSINKI, FINLAND

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INTRODUCTION

Dear friends and colleagues,

In 2019 the 19th 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*

IMPORTANT DATES

15 March 2019	abstract deadline
15 April 2019	early registration fee deadline
15 May 2019	confirmation of abstract acceptance
19 August 2019	deadline regular registration fee

Course Emergency Management on Severe Burns (EMSB)

Prior to the EBA Congress in Helsinki, a one day EMSB course will be organised on **Tuesday 3 September 2019**

This will be the third course held and organised by the European Burns Association and supported by the Dutch Burns Foundation and Congress Care. The EMSB course is for physicians and nurses involved in acute burn treatment.

This course can also be attended without participation in the EBA congress.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

The EBA 2019 Congress will be held in the Scandic Marina Congress Center, Helsinki, Finland. Please check: www.marinacongresscenter.com/en

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

Second Announcement

A 2nd announcement is scheduled for distribution late 2018, including:

- Scientific programme
- Information on abstract submission
- Information on registration fees
- Information on accommodation

Website

Further information will be available on www.EBA2019.org.

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.

Abstract deadline

The deadline for abstract submission is **1 March 2019**.

Congress language

The Congress language will be English.

Exhibition

A targeted group of medical, biotechnical and pharmaceutical companies will be invited to sponsor an integrated symposium and promote their products and services at the exhibition.