

Joining Instructions



Welcome

On behalf of the Organising Committees we are delighted to welcome you to the 20th World Congress on Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Prague, Czech Republic, 10–14 October 2010. We hope this information helps you with your visit to the Congress this year and we look forward to welcoming you to Prague!

Getting to Prague

The main airport serving the Prague area is Prague Ruzyne International. On most travel sites, you can search fares by using the 'PRG' airport code. The airport is approximately 18 km from the Prague Congress Centre.

Flight discounts with Star Alliance



The Star Alliance has been appointed the official airline network for the 20th World Congress. Registered participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the event are automatically granted a discount of up to 20%, depending on fare and class of travel booked. To obtain the Star Alliance™ Conventions Plus discounts, please call the reservation office of a participating Star Alliance Member Airline and quote the following Convention Code **LH39S10**. More information can be found on our website, please click [here](#) to view the details and discounts on offer.

Accommodation in Prague

Accommodation for the Congress can be booked through Guarant, our registration and accommodation agent, please click [here](#) to visit the booking page. If you are experiencing any problems with your booking please contact Guarant directly (E: isuog2010@guarant.cz T: +420 284 001 444).

Transportation in Prague

Getting around downtown Prague is easiest on foot, but the metro system is also cheap, reliable and convenient. Please see the public transport information and metro map below for further details.

The Congress venue: PCC

The Congress is taking place at the Prague Congress Centre (PCC), 5. Kvetna 65, 140 21 Prague 4, Czech Republic.

Making your way to the PCC by foot

All of the hotels recommended by Guarant are located within a reasonable distance of the PCC (some closer than others!!). Please look at the [list](#) on our website. This indicates the travelling time from all hotels to the PCC. The pedestrian entrance for the congress venue can be accessed from the Vyšehrad metro stop, and please use door 4 to enter the building.

Making your way to the PCC by public transport

The PCC is located just outside Prague city centre and can be easily reached by bus, metro or tram.

By taxi

Public transport or taxi can be used for travelling from the airport. Taxis take around 30 minutes (off peak) to reach the PCC and cost about €30. A shuttle bus travels from the airport to the metro station, Dejvická, approximately every 30 minutes. From the Dejvická station you travel in the direction of Skalka and transfer at Muzeum to line C in the direction of Háje. Exit at Vyšehrad station (the second station from Muzeum). This journey takes approximately 45 minutes.

By bus

The main bus station at Florenc, where most international bus lines arrive, is 6 km from the PCC. Take a Metro C train at Florenc station (in the direction of Háje) and exit at Vyšehrad station, which is the fourth station from Florenc. The PCC is situated directly next to the metro station.

By train

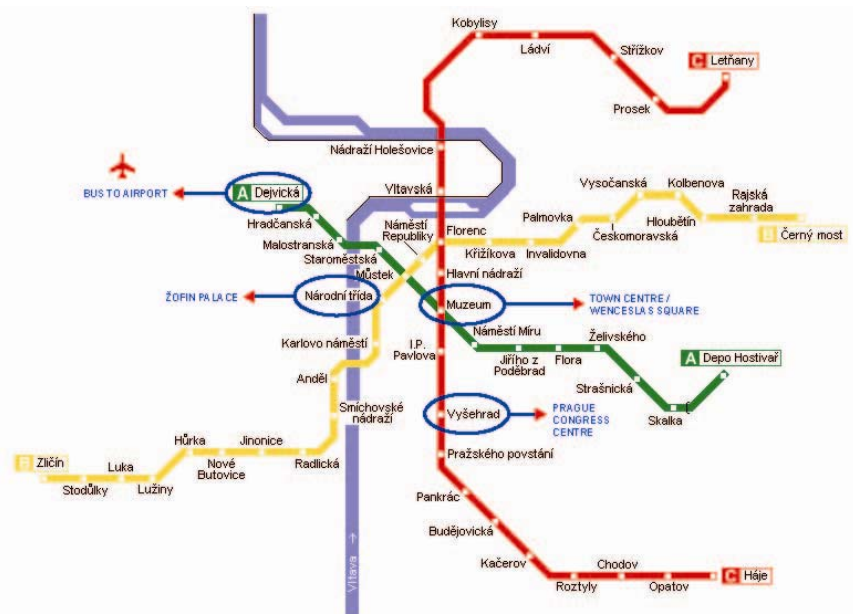
After arriving at Hlavní nádraží (the main train station), take a train at Hlavní nádraží metro station in the direction of Háje. Exit at Vyšehrad station (the third station after Hlavní nádraží).

By tram

The nearest tram station is Svatoplukova. It is in Nusle (right under the Nusle bridge). Lines Nos. 7, 18 and 24 stop here. When you exit the tram, walk down through the underpass and up the steps through the park directly to the Congress Centre.

By metro

PCC is situated right outside the metro stop Vyšehrad, on the red line. Please note that you need a valid ticket to enter the metro system, and could be fined if you enter without





validating your ticket in the machines as you enter the metro. From the Vyšehrad stop, it is only two stops (approximately 10 minutes) to the town centre (alight at Muzeum on the red line). From here you can easily walk to the historic centre and river. You can buy individual tickets per journey, for timed periods or an 'All Day' ticket, which offers unlimited travel. This costs approximately €4. There are also three-day (€14) or five-day (€21) tickets, which are valid for unlimited travel by one person on the metro system. Tickets can be purchased from automated ticket machines at the stations.

By car

Driving in Prague has all the drawbacks of driving and parking in any other major city and is not recommended. Hotels may have parking available (please check with your individual hotel), but in general parking anywhere downtown is expensive, and many areas of Prague have very narrow streets which often have extremely busy traffic.

Parking at PCC:

There is on site parking for 200 cars. You can buy parking cards for time slots of 1 hour, up to a pass for 10 days. Prices for parking are as follows:

Per hour (minimum)	€2
Up to a 24 hour period	€16.50
Per 3 – 4 days	€26.50
Per 5 – 6 days	€40.00

Parking per hour is available, payable on arrival. Parking passes for longer periods must be ordered in advance. You can order these through Triumph Exhibitions (T: +420 274 818 065; E: zdna.fialova@triumf-expo.cz)

Taxis in Prague

Taxis are available at all hotels and by flagging them down on the street. You can also order them from the PCC information desk (by Door 11).

Taxis are readily available from the arrivals gate at Prague Ruzyně airport. The following companies are reputable:

AAA Taxi	+420 222 333 222
Prague Airport Transfers	+420 777 777 237
Profi Taxi	+420 261 314 151

Pre-Congress courses

Pre-Congress courses on Sunday 10 September will take place at the PCC.

Sunday:	Course 1 - Pelvic floor ultrasound
	Course 2 - 11-14 week scan

'All you ever wanted to know' sessions

€25 per session (Congress delegates only)

Monday	07:45–08:30	<i>R. Chaoui (Germany)</i>	Systematic approach to the early fetal anomaly scan	SOLD OUT
		<i>J. Carvalho (UK)</i>	First trimester fetal echocardiography	SOLD OUT
		<i>E. Gratacos (Spain)</i>	Selective IUGR in monochorionic twins	
		<i>G. Condous (Australia)</i>	Managing early pregnancy complications	
Tuesday	07:45–08:30	<i>B. Tutschek (Switzerland)</i>	Fetal cardiac function, including automated assessment of the fetal heart	LAST PLACES REMAINING...
		<i>H. Dietz (Australia)</i>	Levator trauma	
		<i>A. Abuhamad (USA)</i>	Fetal cardiac anatomy	SOLD OUT
		<i>L. Platt (USA)</i>	Getting the most out of 3D volumes	LAST PLACES REMAINING...
Wednesday	07:45–08:30	<i>D. Prayer (Austria)</i>	New achievements in fetal MRI	
		<i>N. Raine-Fenning (UK)</i>	Ultrasound in reproductive medicine	
		<i>S. Yagel (Israel)</i>	Abnormalities of the venous system	
		<i>B. Benacerraf (USA)</i>	Fetal face anomalies, 2D and 3D	
		<i>C. Brezinka (Austria)</i>	When to use Doppler and when not to	
		<i>A. Testa (Italy)</i>	Assessing cervical pathology	
Wednesday	17:50–18:35	<i>Y. Ville (France)</i>	Sonography in prenatal CMV infection	
		<i>J. Deprest (Belgium)</i>	Treatment of fetal diaphragmatic hernia	
		<i>D. Fischerova (Czech Republic)</i>	How to scan the entire abdomen and pelvis	





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Thursday	07:45–08:30	A. Baschat (USA)	Current issues in IUGR management
		C. Berg (Germany)	Diagnosis of heterotaxy
		T. Van den Bosch (Belgium)	Evaluating the endometrium
		G. Pílu (Italy)	Fetal syndromes

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Places on Pre-Congress courses and 'All you ever wanted to know' sessions are available on a first come first served basis and must be pre-booked & paid for in advance. **Please contact Guarant (E: isuog2010@guarant.cz T: +420 284 001 444) for availability and registration.**

Registration

You will need your confirmation letter indicating your registration number so please remember to bring it with you.

The registration area will be open during the following times:

Sunday 10 October 2010	07:00–20:00
Monday 11 October 2010	07:00–18:15
Tuesday 12 October 2010	07:15–17:30
Wednesday 13 October 2010	07:15–17:30
Thursday 14 October 2010	07:15–14:00

The registration area is located on the level 1 foyer of the centre.

Social events

The following social events will take place during the Congress:

Opening Ceremony and Welcome reception

Date:	Sunday 10 October 2010
Time:	16:30 – 21:00
Venue:	Congress hall followed by Exhibition hall, PCC
Dress:	Smart casual

This event is open to all fully registered delegates and registered accompanying persons who have indicated they will attend. Day delegates and additional tickets cost €30 each, please contact Guarant to register.

All registered delegates and accompanying persons are invited to attend the special program starting at 16:30 in the Congress hall. Please see program details below:

16:30	Handover of ISUOG Presidency	Congress hall
16:35	Presentation of the Gold Medal to Charles Kleinman <i>J Copel (USA)</i>	
16:40	Gold Medal lecture. <i>C. Kleinman (USA)</i>	
17:00	Special lecture: Doppler and the stars of Prague <i>K. Maršál (Sweden)</i>	
17:20	Special lecture: Developmental stages in human embryos and morphologic sequence of human head development <i>J. Jirasek (Czech Republic)</i>	
17:30	Interval drinks	Level 1 foyer / bar
18:00	Black Light Theatre performance The opening ceremony culminates in a performance from the unique Black Light Theatre company. This theatre originates in Prague and uses dance, mime and acrobatics. Don't miss this spectacular customised display for ISUOG.	Congress hall
18:30	Welcome reception	Level 2 foyer and exhibition hall
21:00	Close	

Congress party

Date:	Tuesday 12 October 2010
Time:	19:30 – midnight
Venue:	Žofin Palace
Cost per person:	€75 (includes VAT, drinks, sit down buffet and dancing)
Dress:	Dancing shoes

All delegates, exhibitors and accompanying persons are welcome to our party at the beautiful Žofin Palace, set on an island in the Vltava river. Join us for a memorable evening in this wonderful location. **Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please note you will not be allowed entry without your party ticket; please remember to bring it with you.**





Accompanying persons program

Cost per person: €200.00

The accompanying persons program includes the following:

- Congress Welcome Reception (Sunday 10 October)
- Admission to the Congress exhibition and catering areas
- Lonely Planet city guidebook

The following tour choices are available as part of the Accompanying Persons package:

➤ **Kutná Hora:**

Monday 11 October 2010 (full day, 8 hours)

This full day tour leads you to the city, which thanks to the quantity and quality of its historical monuments, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The richness of the city resulted in beautiful architecture and construction of several astonishing monuments.

OR

➤ **Křivoklát Castle and Nižbor Glassworks:**

Tuesday 12 October 2010 (full day, 8 hours)

This full-day tour visits the 12th century Křivoklát Castle, tucked away in pinewoods along the Berounka river valley. It was the residence of Czech kings, including Wenceslas IV and Wladislaw Jagellonian. Internationally renowned Bohemian crystal will be featured on the visit to the Nižbor Glassworks.

Plus two of the following tours

➤ **Prague informative:** *Monday 11 October, 09:00–13:00 OR Wednesday 13 October, 13:00–17:00*

This tour offers a general impression of the “Golden City” visiting several important sites on foot.

➤ **Prague Castle:** *Monday 11 October, 12:00–15:00*

This half-day sightseeing tour to Prague Castle - the seat of the Czech President, includes admission to the Old Royal Palace with the Vladislav Hall, the seat of former Bohemian kings and to St Vitus Cathedral which originated from the 14th century. You will see St George's Basilica, the Royal Garden and Golden Lane whose famous inhabitants included the writer Franz Kafka.

➤ **Scientific Prague:** *Monday 11 October, 13:00–17:00*

Prague enjoys hundreds of years of history as one of the most important metropolitan centres as well as religious crossroads right in the Heart of Europe. This four hour walk will give you an opportunity to get a brief look back at lives of some interesting personalities from many fields of science that were connected to Prague.

➤ **Art Nouveau Prague:** *Tuesday 12 October, 09:00–12:00 OR Wednesday 13 October, 12:00–15:00*

This tour invites you to discover the works of the great Czech artist Alfons Mucha (1860–1939). The exhibition is located in the Kaunitz Palace in the very heart of Prague. The interior of the building is decorated with works of the leading Czech artists of the first decade of the century, including Alfons Mucha.

➤ **Sova's Mille Gallery, Kampa and Prague's Jesulae:** *Tuesday 12 October, 10:00–14:00*

This half-day trip will take you to Kampa, one of the most charming spots in Old Prague. The gallery of the private Foundation of Jan and Meda Mládek which is located at the Sova Mills, renovated in 2002 and offering a collection of Central European Art in addition to works of outstanding Czech, Slovak and other European artists - notably František Kupka and Otto Gutfreund.

➤ **Old town informative:** *Tuesday 12 October, 14:00–17:00*

This tour will take you to the ancient heart of the city, the Old Town, which was settled more than 1000 years ago.

➤ **Břevnov Monastery:** *Wednesday 13 October, 10:00–14:00*

Břevnov Monastery - the seat of the Benedictine Arch Abbey of St. Benedict and St. Marketa. The history of the monastery is forever associated with the name of the founder of this monastic order, St. Benedict, (who lived in the 5th century) as well as with the name of St. Marketa, the patron saint of the cloister basilica.

Please visit the tours desk onsite with any queries. We hope you enjoy discovering Prague!

Banks

Czech banks are normally open 09:00–12:00 and 13:00–16:00 each weekday and Saturday. There is a branch of the Commercial Bank (Komerční banka) at the Prague Congress Centre which has cash machine facilities. The main banks; Komerční banka, Česká spořitelna, ČSOB and Živnostenská banka, are the best places to change cash and travellers cheques or get a cash advance on Visa or MasterCard. American Express and Thomas Cook offices change their own-brand cheques without commission. Please beware of the private exchange offices (směnárna), especially in Prague. They often advertise misleading rates and may charge exorbitant commissions or 'handling fees'. Credit cards are widely accepted in petrol stations, midrange and top-end hotels, restaurants and shops.



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Certificate of attendance

Certificates of attendance will be available from the registration desk from Wednesday 13 October for all registered delegates who complete the CME evaluation questionnaire.

CME

EACCME accreditation: ISUOG is accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide the following activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). The 20th World Congress on Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology is designated for a maximum of (or 'for up to') 27 hours of European external CME credits. Each medical specialist should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the education activity.

Currency and tipping

Currency: Czech Koruna (CZK). There are approximately 24 CZK to €1.

Tipping in restaurants is optional but increasingly expected in Prague. If there is no service charge you should certainly round up the bill to the next 10 CZK or 20 CZK (a 5% to 10% tip is normal in Prague). The same applies to tipping taxi drivers.

Dress code

Smart casual attire is suitable for the Congress sessions.

Electricity

Voltage: 230 volts

Insurance

Delegates are advised to take out their own insurance to cover personal possessions, travel and cancellation as the Congress does not cover individuals against cancellation of bookings, theft or damage to belongings.

Messages

Messages can be collected from the registration desk during registration opening hours.

Sightseeing and tours

There are plenty of sightseeing opportunities and tours available in Prague. A number of river tours or walking tours, and guided sightseeing are available. You can book these through the [tourist office](#). A number of tour companies also have offices located throughout the old town and by the river, and you can also book through them. Please note that our 'Accompanying person's' package is reasonably priced and includes a variety of tour and sightseeing options. This can be booked in advance via the congress website.

Special dietary requirements

If you have not already done so, please email isuog2010@guarant.cz with any special dietary requirements.

Time

Prague is 1 hour ahead Greenwich Mean Time (+1 GMT).

Visas

Everyone is required to possess a valid passport (or identity card for EU citizens) to enter the Czech Republic. Citizens of EU and EEA countries do not need a visa for any type of visit. Citizens of Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland and the USA can stay for up to 90 days without a visa; other nationalities do need a visa. Visas are not available at border crossings or at Prague's Ruzyně airport. You will be refused entry if you require a visa and arrive without one. Visa regulations change from time to time, so check www.czech.cz for the most up-to-date information. Please note you will need to organise your own visa.

Weather and climate

October is typically chilly (10–14°C / 48–57°F) with a mixture of rainy and sunny days. It can be a beautiful month due to the changing colors of the leaves and some days may feel warm and bright. Make sure you check the weather [forecast](#) and bring a warm coat and umbrella (just in case).

WIFI

WIFI is not available at the venue (PCC); however most of the hotels will assist you with internet connection.



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