

Call for Abstracts

Topics

Authors are requested to select a topic under which they wish their abstract to be reviewed:

Clinical aspects of MS

1. Diagnosis and differential diagnosis
2. MS Variants
3. Paediatric MS
4. Natural course
5. Epidemiology
6. MS symptoms
7. Clinical assessment tools
8. Economic burden

Pathology and pathogenesis of MS

9. Pathology
10. Grey matter damage in MS
11. Experimental models
12. Genetics / transcriptomics
13. Immunology
14. MS and infections
15. Environmental risk factors
16. Neurobiology
17. Repairing mechanisms

18. Imaging

19. Neurophysiology

20. Neuropsychology and fatigue

Therapy – disease modifying

21. Immunomodulation
22. Immunosuppression
23. Neuroprotection
24. Long-term treatment monitoring
25. Risk management for disease modifying treatments
26. Tools for detecting therapeutic response
27. Others

Therapy – symptomatic

28. Treatment of specific symptoms
29. Comprehensive care and rehabilitation
30. Quality of life

31. Neuro-ophthalmology

32. Biomarkers

33. Chronic cerebro-spinal venous insufficiency (CCVI)

Notification

Each abstract will be reviewed by 5 – 6 external experts and then by the Scientific Committee. Authors will be notified of acceptance by email in mid July. Full instructions concerning preparation and presentation will be included.

Publication

All accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement to "Multiple Sclerosis Journal". This will be handed out to all registered participants with the congress documents onsite. Full text of accepted abstracts will be viewable online at the congress website from the first day of the congress.

Presentation available on the ECTRIMS website

The posters and PowerPoint-slides of accepted presentations will be posted on the ECTRIMS website after the congress.

All authors will be asked to agree to the publication of their actual poster or PowerPoint-slides of the oral presentation. For agreement please click the appropriate checkbox during the online abstract submission.

Young Scientific Investigators' Sessions

Abstracts submitted by presenting authors who are aged 35 or younger (born on or after 1 January 1976) may be considered for the *Young Scientific Investigators' Sessions*. Selected presenters will be invited to make a 15-minute presentation (including discussion). If you wish to be considered for this session, please click the appropriate checkbox during the online abstract submission process. You will be required to upload a copy of your passport with readily readable date of birth as proof of eligibility.

Prepare this document in one of the following formats:

MS Word document, gif, jpg or pdf file.

Applications without passport copy or arriving after **26 May 2011** will not be considered.

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Travel Grants

A limited number of travel grants will be made available to young scientists (born on or after 1 January 1976) whose abstracts have been accepted for oral or poster presentation.

Interested scientists should click the appropriate checkbox during the online abstract submission process.

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MS Word document, gif, jpg or pdf file.

Applications without passport copy or arriving after **26 May 2011** will not be considered. Applicants will be notified in mid July (just after acceptance notification).

If you have difficulties uploading your passport copy, please contact the Abstract Hotline on +41 61 686 7722

Late Breaking News Abstract Deadline

Late Breaking News abstracts containing important findings not available before the general abstract deadline can be submitted until **2 August 2011**.

Please contact the Abstract Hotline for further details:
Tel. +41 61 686 77 22

Prizes

Five prizes will be awarded to the best poster presentations (€ 1000 each).

Award winning poster authors will give a short presentation in the Plenary Session on Saturday, 22 October 2011.

Two additional prizes of € 1500 each will be awarded to the two best oral presentations given by young investigators (born on or after 1 January 1976). Prizes will be awarded in the closing plenary session.

Social Events

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, 19 October 2011

20.00 – 23.00

We are pleased to invite you to the official Welcome Reception of the 5th Joint Triennial Congress of ECTRIMS and ACTRIMS 2011 which will be held in the National Maritime Museum Amsterdam. The museum is currently being renovated and will reopen in summer 2011. The unique collection tells the story of the maritime past of the Netherlands. The museum brings you back to the past times of trading voyages, Amsterdam in the Golden Age, the Dutch East India Company (VOC), distant countries, the mercantile spirit and the overseas colonies. The historic surroundings combined with the possibility to visit the museum will provide the necessary ambiance for the Welcome Reception.

The overall atmosphere of the Reception will be international with a Dutch accent. Upon arrival, guests will be greeted with traditional Dutch appetizers and music / entertainment. The finger food buffet will be in international style. It will be possible for guests to visit part of the museum via short guided tours during the reception.

Transport by bus to the Welcome Reception will be arranged for participants who attend the congress programme on Wednesday in the RAI. Furthermore, a boat shuttle will be available from the Amsterdam Central Station to the museum. The museum can also be reached by different ways of public transport.

All participants and registered accompanying persons are invited to attend free of charge. The Welcome Reception is sponsored by the City of Amsterdam.

Price: free of charge



National Maritime Museum

Concert

Thursday, 20 October 2011

Evening

(exact time to be confirmed)

There will be a possibility for participants to attend a concert in one of the various concert halls of Amsterdam. More details will follow on the congress website www.ectrims.eu/2011 as soon as available.

Price: to be confirmed



Concertgebouw Amsterdam

Social Events

Conference Dinner

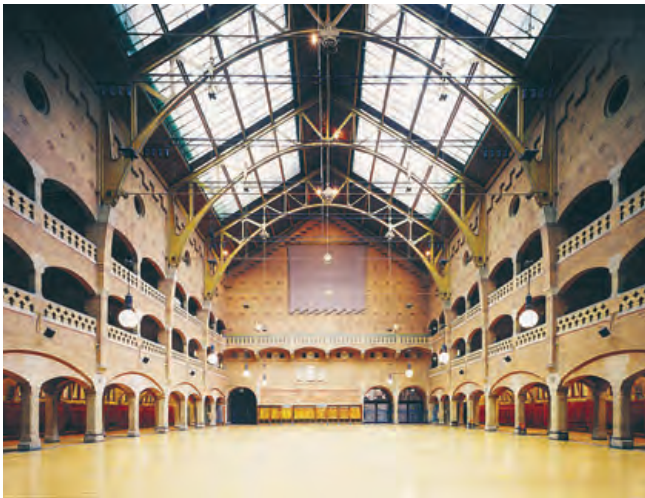
Friday, 21 October 2011

20.30 – 23.30

The official Conference Dinner will be held in the “Beurs van Berlage” located in the city centre of Amsterdam. In the Golden Age Amsterdam was the first place in the world to create a fixed location for the trade in stocks and shares. Three hundred years later Berlage built the third Amsterdam Stock Exchange; a building that generated a lot of controversy and, today, is considered the beginning of modern Dutch architecture. The dinner will take place in the impressive Main Hall of this historical building.

During the dinner various entertainers will perform; offering a variety of performances, a spectacular around “the Globe” show thus ensuring this conference dinner to be a magical and memorable experience.

Price: € 60 per person



Beurs van Berlage, Main Hall

Reservations for all social events (including those that are free of charge) must be made online or by completing the enclosed registration form.

Local Tours

An interesting choice of guided tours has been prepared for all delegates and accompanying persons. The local agency reserves the right to cancel the tour should there be less than the required minimum of registered persons. On-site requests for tours are welcome but cannot be guaranteed.

For further information on the daily tours please contact:

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Amsterdam from the water incl. visit Rijksmuseum
Wednesday, 19 October 2011 09.00 – 13.00
Friday, 21 October 2011 13.00 – 17.00

Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands, is a bustling city with approx. 800.000 inhabitants. Few cities in the world have a historic centre as large and untouched as here and you will find few cities where water is as predominant as it is in Amsterdam.

You will see Amsterdam from the water during a canal cruise of 1 ½ hours starting from Amsterdam RAI. While gliding through the city and into the harbour; you see merchant's mansions, churches and warehouses dating from the 17th century. On board, drinks from the Dutch range will be served.

The cruise will end at the famous Rijksmuseum, where you will see the world-famous collection of Rembrandts paintings such as The Jewish Bride, the syndics of the Amsterdam draper's guild and Rembrandt's most famous painting The Night Watch. After the museum visit you will enjoy a panoramic drive by coach which will end again at Amsterdam RAI.

Departure / Arrival: Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre
Price: € 79.50 (including private boat tour with drinks and entrance fee to Rijksmuseum)
Minimum number of participants : 25 persons



Rijksmuseum

Daily Tours

Amsterdam city tour and Rembrandthuis

Thursday, 20 October 2011 13.00 – 17.00

Saturday, 22 October 2011 09.00 – 13.00

Past and present, trade and leisure, religion and coffee shops, diamonds and beer, all flourish together in splendid Amsterdam! On this extensive bus excursion you will see all that Amsterdam has to offer you. From the historical monuments in the centre to the modern architecture from the 21st century. A picture stop at a windmill and a visit to a diamond factory are included. You will also visit the Rembrandthuis.

Rembrandthuis

The house where Rembrandt lived from 1639 until 1659 is now the home of a large collection of his etchings and the very place where most of them were made. It also has a large collection of paintings of people who inspired him, like Pieter Lastman.

Departure / Arrival: Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre

Price: € 41.50 (including entrance fee to Rembrandthuis)

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons



The Night Watch, Rembrandt van Rijn

Marken & Volendam

Thursday, 20 October 2011

09.00 – 13.00

In the surrounding of Amsterdam there are many beautiful and typical Dutch villages which are definitely worth a visit. During this tour you will first visit Volendam, an old picturesque village on the shore of the former "Zuiderzee". You than will continue to Marken, this small town is situated on a former island and is located near the IJsselake. It is a lovely place to visit and has many special features like its houses on pillars, the traditional green painted houses and folkloristic customs and clothing's. Walk along the small bridges and little alleys and admire the historic houses.

Departure / Arrival: Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre

Price: € 36.50 (including boat transfer)

Minimum number of participants: 25 persons



Volendam

Daily Tours

Zaanse Schans and Edam

Friday, 21 October 2011

09.00 – 13.00

This excursion takes you north of Amsterdam, to the edge of the Zaan river, where you visit the windmill village “de Zaanse Schans”, with its characteristic green wooden houses. On the turn of the 18th century this district was an industrial area with approximately 700 windmills in use. In this day and age there are only five left.

You will visit a windmill and a wooden shoe factory.

Before returning to Amsterdam, you will take a stroll in the medieval town of Edam.

Departure / Arrival: Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre

Price: € 35 (including entrance fee for windmill)

Minimum number of : participants 25 persons



Edam



Zaanse Schans

Registration

Registration Fees (in Euro)	Until 24 August 2011	As from 25 August 2011
Congress delegates ECTRIMS / ACTRIMS	€ 450	€ 600
Physicians in training, researchers and therapists*	€ 200	€ 300
Analyst	€ 450	€ 600
Teaching Courses 1 – 12	€ 30	€ 40
Accompanying person	€ 30	€ 40

* Physicians in training: colleagues born after 1 January 1976; copy of passport required
Therapists: confirmation from head of department required

What's included?

The registration fee for participants includes unlimited access to all scientific sessions, industrial exhibition, the Welcome Reception, one congress bag, one copy of the final programme and one copy of the abstract supplement, lunch (first come, first served) and coffee during the meeting.

The fee for registered accompanying persons includes the Welcome Reception as well as access to the industrial exhibition.

Online Registration

Participants can register for the congress and social events via the congress website www.ectrims.eu/2011. Please follow the instructions on the website carefully.

For online reservations, payment by credit card is required. Please do not use the online registration for group registrations!

Registration Form

If you do not have access to the Internet, please send the enclosed registration form by 24 August 2011 (reduced registration fee) to the Administrative Secretariat in Basel. Please note that reduced fees only apply, if both registration form and payment are received by 24 August 2011.

Group Registration

For group registration please contact the Administrative Secretariat (ectrims@congrex.com) who is pleased to offer you special group registration facilities. **Please do not use the online registration for group registrations!**

On-site Registration

The registration desk at the Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Center is open during the following hours:

Wednesday, 19 October 2011	07.30 – 19.00
Thursday, 20 October 2011	07.30 – 18.30
Friday, 21 October 2011	07.45 – 18.30
Saturday, 22 October 2011	08.15 – 13.00

All documents including registration packets (congress bag, personal name badge, abstract book, vouchers) will be handed over to the registered participants.

On-site registration will be accepted but it cannot be guaranteed to receive all congress documents. Please arrive early, if you wish to register on-site.

Payment of Fees

All fees for congress registration and social events should be paid in EUR (€) to the ECTRIMS / ACTRIMS 2011 Administrative Secretariat - clearly stating the participant's name and address:

- by bank transfer (free of charge) to
 - Beneficiary: Congrex Switzerland, Ltd.,
ECTRIMS / ACTRIMS 2011
 - UBS AG, 4002 Basel / Switzerland,
Account No. 233-5030.10.53W (EUR)
(Congrex Switzerland Ltd., ECTRIMS / ACTRIMS 2011)
 - IBAN Code: CH59 0023 3233 5030 1053W
 - BIC: UBSWCHZH80A
- by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express)
- by bank transfer

Registration

Confirmation

Upon receipt of the correct registration fee, each participant will receive a confirmation of registration. Please bring this confirmation to the registration desk at the congress centre as proof of your registration.

Cancellation / Refund Policy

Refund of registration fees, less 25% administrative charges, can be applied for in writing until 31 August 2011 to the Administrative Secretariat in Basel, Switzerland. After this date no refund will be possible. For any change of names, a fee of € 30 will be charged. On-site changes of name badges due to incorrect submission of names and/or address data will be charged at € 10.

Responsibility

The participant acknowledges that he / she has no right to lodge damage claims against the organisers should the holding of the congress be hindered or prevented by unexpected political or economic events or generally by *force majeure*, or should the non-appearance of speakers or other reasons necessitate programme changes. With registration, the participant accepts this proviso.

Information

For further information and **group registration** please contact:

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Hotel Accommodation and Travel Bookings

Official Travel Agency

ECTRIMS has appointed Congrex Travel Ltd. to serve as the official agent for accommodation and travel.

Hotel Accommodation

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Hotel Accommodation and Travel Bookings

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel rooms in various price categories in the city of Amsterdam have been reserved.

Online bookings

Participants can book their hotel room via internet www.ectrims.eu/2011. Full prepayment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) is mandatory if you register on-line. Each participant will receive a confirmation. After 15 August 2011 hotel accommodation is subject to availability.

Hotel reservation form

If you have no access to the Internet, please send the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form as soon as possible but latest by 15 August 2011, to Congrex Travel Ltd. After the above mentioned deadline, requests will be accepted, but hotel accommodation is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. After this deadline a late reservation fee of € 30 will be charged.

Payment policy

To guarantee your reservation a deposit of € 200 is required. Please include either a copy of your bank transfer, your credit card details or a cheque made payable to Congrex Travel Ltd. Hotel requests without payment can not be accepted. All requests will be handled on a "first come-first served basis".

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If your reservation is cancelled before 15 August 2011, the prepayment or deposit will be refunded less € 60 handling fee. If your reservation is cancelled after 15 August 2011, no refunds can be made. Any change of reservation will be subject to a handling fee of € 30. Changes or cancellations have to be made in writing to Congrex Travel Ltd. If you arrive later or leave earlier than the originally booked dates the hotel might charge no-show costs.

Hotel desk

Congrex Travel Ltd. will be present with a desk in the registration area during the meeting.

Flight Bookings

Official Travel Agency

The ECTRIMS / ACTRIMS has designated event-travel specialist Congrex Travel to serve as the official agent for travel. Congrex Travel offers reduced airfares for delegates attending the 5th Joint Triennial Congress of the ECTRIMS / ACTRIMS. These special fares are available for flights to Amsterdam and back between 14 October and 27 October 2011. Savings of up to 20% are possible, depending on the route and availability.

Book online at www.ectrims.eu/2011 or contact Congrex Travel:

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Opening hours 8 am – 5.30 pm, Monday – Friday

Official Airline



AIR FRANCE AND KLM GLOBAL MEETINGS

Event: ECTRIMS/ACTRIMS 2011

Event ID: 11789AF

Valid for travel from **14 October 2011 to 27 October 2011**

Event location: **Amsterdam**

Discounts are applied to a wide range of airfares on all Air France and KLM flights worldwide, if passengers are travelling on the following classes of travel: Espace Affaires [Business] and Economique [Coach].

10% rebate is applied on published non-restrictive public fares. A reduction of **-5%** is granted on restrictive-discounted fares. Discounts up to **-47%*** are offered on domestic flights in Metropolitan France.

Contact the dedicated travel agency to access: the preferential fares granted for this event, make your online reservation, issue your electronic ticket.

Name of the agency Congrex Travel Ltd.

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Keep a document to justify the special fares with you as you may be asked for it at any point of your journey. Frequent flyer / loyalty programs of Air France and KLM partner airlines are credited with "miles" when Air France or KLM flights are used.

* subject to conditions