

FACT SHEET

EAST WEST MEDICAL & LEGAL CONFERENCE, BERLIN, GERMANY

9 – 16 APRIL 2012 (*Post Easter Week*)

(Note that pre-Easter our EUROPE OCEANIA MEDICAL & LEGAL CONFERENCE runs from 31 March to 7 April 2012 in Val Thorens, France)

This will be 6th East West Medical & Legal conferences, previously held in St Petersburg and Shanghai/Beijing.

Berlin has more than half of the German Nobel Prize winners in medicine and physiology, among them are Emil von Behring, Robert Koch and Paul Ehrlich. We are setting up links with the Charité University which has an international reputation for excellence in medical training.

Re-emerging from the aftermath of WWII and the Cold War, Berlin has since firmly established itself as one of Europe's brightest centers of culture. Berlin is home to renowned composers, universities, research institutes, orchestras and museums. Some of Germany's most famous composers have taught at the Academy of Arts in Berlin.

In Berlin we offer a guided walking tour, an underground tour (being the secret passages of the third Reich & Stasi), a performance at the Berlin Philharmonia. Generally in Berlin we take in the cultural events of the city (music, opera etc) plus offering guided tours of the museums and of Berlin's historical places. Potsdamer Platz as well as being a hub for theatre and music is also one of the places where slabs of Berlin Wall are still intact. The conference is centred round the Brandenburg Gates near where President Kennedy made his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech and President Reagan howled 'Mr Gorbachev tear down this wall'.

We will also undertake a one day tour of a nearby concentration camp to pay homage to the Jews killed during the war.

The academic and professional program has always been the centre piece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside of the formal program. Over the years many delegates have forged professional links with other practitioners arising out of meeting for the first time at the conferences. The synergy of medical and legal practitioners at these conferences has led to a greater understanding of each other's role and broken down many barriers. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to an exchange of ideas and methodologies, and an enhancement of professional camaraderie among fellow practitioners including referrals from both fellow medical practitioners and lawyers. Many delegates are now coming to these conferences as individuals because of the camaraderie and networking events associated with the conferences.

THE LOCATION

The fall of the Berlin Wall paved the way for German reunification, which was formally concluded on 3 October 1990. 20 years after its post-Wall rebirth, Berlin is a scene-stealing combo of glamour and grit, teeming with top museums and galleries, grand opera and guerrilla clubs, gourmet temples and ethnic snack shacks. When it comes to fashion, art, design and music, the German capital is the city to be.

ACCOMMODATION

The conference hotel is the wonderful Adlon Kempinski Hotel located within 200 metres of the Brandenburg Gates, hardly a better location in Berlin. The hotel has an amazing history initially constructed in the early 1900's but then destroyed at the end of World War Two. After the collapse of the Berlin Wall it was faithfully re-built to original standards, specifications and design. Cost is \$AUD365 per night including breakfast, second person free for a De Luxe room. As a luxury 5 star hotel, we assess the Adlon as the best value in Berlin. (Rate subject, of course to exchange rate variations and changes in VAT.)

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REGISTRATION

Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Accompanying persons not needing formal registration are free and are welcome to attend all functions and sessions. Please note that rooms will be allocated strictly in accordance with the receipt of the registration fee. If for any reason you wish to cancel your registration (even at the last minute), we will refund your registration fee less an \$AUD100 administration charge. Accommodation once paid can only be refunded at the hotel's discretion.

ACCREDITATION

We are now an endorsed provider of Continuing Medical Education for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. This conference attracts points at rate of 2 points per hour of participation (although not every session attracts points). And we are applying for accreditation with other Colleges.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

CPE Travel Pty Ltd is our licensed travel agency within the conference organisation. Our experienced travel consultants are available to assist you with all travel arrangements including airfares, 2-for-1 packages, car hire, pre-conference and post-conference accommodation. Contact our office to speak with one of our consultants on 07 3254 3331 or email travel@educationcpe.com.

THE PROFESSIONAL and ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Conference sessions will run on 4 days of the conference for a disciplined 4 hours, generally starting early to late afternoon depending on the evening event.

Conference sessions always include a paper on medical litigation and a separate session on medical law. And we try to do such sessions in an interesting way – like when husband & wife team Dr Dan Peleg head of delivery ward in Rabin Medical Center &, Attorney At Law, Israel, gave a joint presentation on Cesarean Delivery on Maternal Request – Medico-Legal Aspects (Yael Peleg being a plaintiff medical litigation lawyer!). Other fascinating medical speakers at these conferences have included Dr Karl-Heinz Kuenzel, Professor of Anatomy – University of Innsbruck who cut up the Ice Man & gave a discourse on forensic anatomy using the Ice Man as an example. Clinical papers have also been given on asbestos diseases, intellectual property & medicine, and a host of other areas.

The program for 2012 is not yet finalised and will be released soon. It will include sessions on medical negligence, professional misconduct issues and specific topics in medical law.

This conference runs in combination with our Val Thorens Conference in the Three Valleys in France in the week before Easter 31 March to 7 April 2012. There are many options on travelling from Val Thorens to Berlin. One option is staying overnight in Paris on Easter Saturday night or train from Val Thorens to Berlin.

Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)