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Welcome Note of the Congress Presidents

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the German and Austrian Societies of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (DGPMR & ÖG-PMR) we cordially invite you to the 9th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) that will be held in Berlin from June 18–23, 2015. In the middle of the century we hope to organise an outstanding event with important scientific outcomes and educational contents at a top level. Additionally, we hope that you will experience an open and relaxed atmosphere as a basis of a good and intense communication among colleagues from all around the world. Many national and international scientific societies and organisations support us in this goal, in particular the three main European bodies of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine.

In order to prepare a scientific program at the highest possible level, we will invite speakers who are top quality experts in their fields and chose 9 main topics of recent interest in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. To structure the original papers, we will use the recent published ISPRM topic list that provides a comprehensive structure of science in our field. The sessions of these topics will be introduced by a lecture of an internationally recognised expert in the area followed by original papers. Additionally, we will provide a large spectrum of other sessions, such as hands-on-workshops and seminars, sessions for medical students and young scientists as well as special interest sessions of collaboration partners and national societies that are member of the ISPRM. Furthermore, a plenary session deals with recent topics of the ISPRM-WHO liaison, with regard to ISPRM’s special role as NGO in official relation with World Health Organization (WHO).

The program has been planned by a scientific program committee and reviewed by international committee that includes members from all the nine ISPRM subareas and a broad spectrum of scientific expertise. We are convinced that this will ensure the best possible level of contents.

Together with our PCO, Conventus Congress Management, we will organise an attractive social program including get together dinners and tours. Additionally we are happy to announce that we are going to collaborate with the 15th congress of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) that will be held immediately after our congress in Lyon (France). Special packages to attend both congresses will be provided for you.

We hope to see you in June 2015 in Berlin and hope that you will contribute by sharing your knowledge and expertise and discussing recent issues. It is our goal and passion to prepare a high level conference and provide an open and friendly atmosphere for communication among expert coming from all areas of the world.

We will be happy to see you in Berlin!

Tatjana Paternostro-Sluga, MD
Congress President (Austria)

Christoph Gutenbrunner, MD
Congress President (Germany)

Veronika Fialka-Moser, MD († April 2014)
Honorary Congress President (Austria)
Welcome to the 9th World Congress of the ISPRM, in Berlin 2015!

Annual World Congresses gives us the opportunity to update ourselves with the rapidly developing Disability and Rehabilitation in Global Health agenda. It also allows us to advance science, promote education, training and capacity building; together with guidance, policies review and most importantly, to socialise with PRM colleagues from all the three major ISPRM areas.

Berlin 2015 will be an opportunity to welcome participants from the Baltic North Sea region in Europe, Russia and integrate all National Societies in a rich scientific and cultural environment.

Aligned with the highest scientific level possible, Berlin 2015 will be the start of a systematic approach to the ISPRM World Congress, with a structured topic list of content and sessions on topics of ISPRM-WHO collaboration in all official WHO languages that include English, French, Arabic, Spanish and Russian!

Global health agenda requires changes for the sake of the person with disability! These changes should occur now!

Let us take the opportunity to actively participate!

Sincerely yours,
Marta Imamura MD PhD
ISPRM Past President
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The programme will include a wide range of scientific and educational topics and sessions, as well as forums for discussions.

Main Topic Sessions

- WHO & International Relations Plenary Session – Where are We?
- Biosciences in Rehabilitation
- Rehabilitation as a Comprehensive Health Strategy
- Best Practice Models in Musculoskeletal Pain
- Technology Enhanced Functioning
- Neuronal Reorganisation
- Return-to-Work, Vocational Rehabilitation
- Genetic, Molecular and Neuronal Mechanism in Pain Rehabilitation
- “Culture Matters” in Rehabilitation
  (in Collaboration with the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine)

ISPRM Topic Sessions*

A. Clinical Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Sciences
   A.1 – Pain
   A.2 – Musculoskeletal Conditions
   A.3 – Neurological and Mental Health Conditions
   A.3.1 – Stroke Rehabilitation
   A.3.3 – Spinal Cord Injury
   A.3.5 – Neurodegenerative Disorders, Parkinson’s Disease
   A.4 – Internal Medicine and Other Conditions
   A.5 – Paediatrics
   A.6 – Geriatrics
   A.7.2 – Spasticity Management
   A.7.3 – Rehabilitation after Limb Amputation

C. Biomedical Rehabilitation Sciences and Engineering
   C.1 – Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Diagnostics
   C.1.7 – Diagnosis & Assessment in Musculoskeletal, Neurological & Movement Related Functions
   C.2 – PRM Intervention Research

D. Integrative Rehabilitation Sciences
   D.3 – Education and Training in Rehabilitation

E. Human Functioning Sciences

* The content of ISPRM Topic Sessions follow the proposed topics for European and International Congresses in PRM according to the Gutenbrunner et al.; J Rehabil Med 2013; 45: 1–5. For more detailed information on each topic please see page 23.
Scientific Programme (state of August 2014)

**National Societies Special Interest Sessions**
Different national societies of the ISPRM are asked to actively participate and to create sessions on special (current and local) topics.

**Industrial Symposia**
Industrial partners may offer practical lunch symposia presenting their latest developments of innovative products and applications or therapies.

**Collaboration Partners Special Interest Sessions**
- Rehabilitation International
- German National Accident Insurance
- International Society of Neurochemistry

**Meet-the-Expert and Round-Table Sessions**
- Multiprofession Team Work
- PRM Training International – Differences and Minimum Standards

**ISPRM-WHO-Liaison Committee Sessions**
- Community Based Rehabilitation
- Implementation of the ICF
- Implementation of the IPSCI-Report
- Strengthening Medical Rehabilitation

**Workshops**
A wide range of workshops will provide theoretical and practical approaches, and individual education and training:
- Clinical Patterns and Rehabilitative Aims in Spinal Cord Injury
- Dysphagia – Evaluation and Treatments
- Electrical Stimulation in Immobilised and Inactive Patients
- Electrophysiological Evaluation in Radiculopathy
- Electrophysiological Evaluation of the Upper Extremity
- Functional Electrical Stimulation in Neurological Disease
- Functional Testing
- Injection Techniques for the Lumbar Region
- Injection Techniques for the Shoulder and Cervical Region
- Lymphedema – Diagnosis and Treatment
- Management of Patients with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS)
- Management of Spasticity with Botulinum Toxin
- Manual Medicine
- Musculoskeletal Ultrasound (Diagnostic and Interventional)
- Pain Management of so called “Difficult Patients”
- Prosthetic Reconstruction and Rehabilitation – New Concepts
- Supportive Technologies in Rehabilitation
- Urinary Incontinence in Females and Males
Educational Courses
Helpful Educational Courses will provide the opportunity to learn about the following topics:
- Assessment and Therapy in Osteoporosis
- Clinical Researcher – Tips, Hints and Goals
- ICF Based Tools and Rehabilitation Management
- Let’s Write a Manuscript
- Mobility of the Aged Population
- Musculoskeletal Aspects in Cancer Rehabilitation
- Qualitative Research in Rehabilitation Medicine

International Medical Students Sessions
Seminar Session
What is your experience with Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine? Have you written your thesis or done research in this field? What were the limitations you encountered along the way and managed to overcome or got stuck with? Feel free to share your experience with us during our seminar session at ISPRM 2015.

Model WHO
Similar to a model united nations we would like to discuss a field of relevance to the Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. An expert will join us for an introduction into his field of expertise. After some rounds of discussion we will meet back with her/him to discuss our findings.

Young Scientist Session
- Challenges of young scientists in real world
- How to apply for successful research grants
- How to develop own research group and build network

Poster Sessions
For poster presentations particular sessions will be offered. All posters will be presented electronically in small groups and can be accessed and viewed during the whole conference.
ISPRM Committee Workshops
Participants ISPRM Committee and Subcommittee Members (on invitation by Committee Chairs)
Date Thursday, 18 June 2015
Time 0900–1230 hrs; 1400–1730 hrs

ISPRM President’s Cabinet
Participants Members of President’s Cabinet (on invitation by ISPRM President and Executive Director)
Date Thursday, 18 June 2015
Time 1400–1730 hrs

ISPRM Executive Committee
Participants Members of Executive Committee (on invitation by ISPRM President and Executive Director)
Date Thursday, 18 June 2015
Time 1800–2000 hrs

ISPRM Assembly of Delegates
Participants Delegates to ISPRM (on invitation by ISPRM Executive Director)
Date Friday, 19 June 2015
Time 1400–1730 hrs

ISPRM Assembly of Individual Members
Participants Individual Members of ISPRM (on invitation by ISPRM Executive Director)
Date Sunday, 21 June 2015
Time 1700–1900 hrs
List of Invited Speakers and Session Chairs (state of August 2014)

Maher Al Jadid (Riyadh/SA)
Matthias Bethge (Lübeck/DE)
David Beverungen (Hanover/DE)
Ian Cameron (Sydney/AU)
Enrico Castelli (Rome/IT)
Maria Gabriella Ceravolo (Ancona/IT)
Leighton Chan (Bethesda, MD/US)*
Anthony Chiodo (Ann Arbor, MI/US)
Joel De Lisa (Newark, NJ/US)
Volker Dietz (Zurich/CH)
Alberto Esquenazi (Elkins Park, PE/US)*
Herta Flor (Heidelberg/DE)*
Marco Franceschini (Rome/IT)
Gerard Francisco (Houston, TX/US)
Rolf Frischknecht (Lausanne/CH)*
Andrea Furlan (Toronto/CA)*
Vincent Gautheron (Saint Etienne/FR)*
Jan Geertzen (Groningen/NL)
Alessandro Giustini (Arezzo/IT)
Jean Jacques Glaesener (Hamburg/DE)
Christoph Gutenbrunner (Hanover/DE)
Marta Imamura (Sao Paulo/BR)
Jaro Karppinen (Oulu/FI)*
Carlotte Kiekens (Leuven/BE)*
Friedbert Kohler (Sydney/AU)*
Apichana Kovindha (Chiang Mai/TH)*
Etienne Krug (Geneva/CH)*
Peni Kusumastuti (Jakarta/ID)*
William Levack (Wellington/NZ)
Jianan Li (Nanjing/CN)
Leonard Li (Hong Kong/CN)
Luz-Helena Lugo (Medellin/CO)*

Stephen McMahon (London/GB)
Friedrich Mehrhoff (Berlin/DE)*
Thorsten Meyer (Hanover/DE)
Jan Arne Monsbakken (Oslo/NO)*
Boya Nugraha (Hanover/DE)
Zaliha Omar (Kuala Lumpur/MA)
Aydan Oral (Istanbul/TR)*
Tatjana Paternostro-Sluga (Vienna/AT)
Germano Pestelli (Forli/IT)*
Katharina Pils (Vienna/AT)
Jan D. Reinhardt (Lucerne/CH)
Jürgen Sandkühler (Vienna/AT)
Othmar Schuhfried (Vienna/AT)
Tommaso Sciarra (Formia/IT)*
Ulrich Smolenski (Jena/DE)
Nachum Soroker (Tel Aviv/IL)
Henk Stam (Rotterdam/NL)*
Gerold Stucki (Lucerne/CH)
Catherine Sykes (London/GB)
Simon Tang (Taipei/TW)
Guy Vanderstraeten (Ghent/BE)
Per von Groote (Nottwil/CH)
Anthony Ward (Stoke on Trent/GB)
Mauro Zampolini (Perugia/IT)*

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Call for Abstracts

We cordially invite you to submit your abstracts for poster and/or oral presentations to the 9th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine. We would be delighted to receive your contributions to the scientific programme and your support, which will result in a successful meeting!

Submission
Abstracts can only be submitted online at www.isprm2015.org until 3 November 2014. Please also refer to the guidelines and the advice for abstract authors which can be found on the congress website.

Publication of Abstracts
All abstracts will be published and citability will be ensured. Further information will be provided within the next months. In addition, all abstracts of poster and oral presentations will be published on the congress website www.isprm2015.org.

Presentation of Abstracts
After the review process the abstract authors will be informed about the status of their contributions. Accepted abstracts will be either presented as oral or poster presentations. For poster presentations particular sessions will be offered. All posters will be presented electronically in small groups and can be accessed and viewed during the whole conference.

Poster Awards
The three most outstanding posters will be awarded. More detailed information will be published on the congress website www.isprm2015.org.

Travel Grants & Scholarships
Participants have the possibility to receive a travel scholarship. Requirements and details on application can be found on the congress website www.isprm2015.org.

Important Dates and Deadlines
Abstract Submission until 3 November 2014
Notification of Authors January 2015
Early Bird Registration until 15 February 2015
Short List of Abstract Topics
According to the proposed topics for European and International Congresses in PRM (Gutenbrunner et al.; J Rehabil Med 2013; 45: 1–5) the following topics will give the basic structure of the congress.

The abstract topic list contains 5 chapters according to the definition of human functioning and rehabilitation research. Due to the high significance of clinical research, clinical PRM sciences were placed at the top of the list, comprising all relevant health conditions treated in PRM services.

A. Clinical Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Sciences
The Clinical Rehabilitation Sciences study how to provide best care with the goal of enabling people with health conditions experiencing or likely to experience disability to achieve and maintain optimal functioning in interaction with their immediate environment. It contains clinical research on best care including guidelines and standards, organisation and quality management.

A.1 Pain
A.2 Musculoskeletal Conditions
A.3 Neurological and Mental Conditions
A.4 Internal Medicine Conditions
A.5 Paediatrics
A.6 Geriatrics
A.7 Rehabilitation Addressing Specific Functions
A.8 Sports in Rehabilitation and Sports Rehabilitation
A.9 Social Integration Programmes
A.10 Miscellaneous

B. Biosciences in Rehabilitation
The Biosciences in Rehabilitation are basic sciences which aim to explain body injury, adaptation and repair from the molecular to the cellular, organ system and organism level; and to identify targets for biomedical interventions to improve body functions and structures.

B.1 Mechanism of Tissue Injury and Development of Organ Dysfunction
B.2 Cell and Tissue Adaptation and Maladaptation
B.3 Biological Mechanism of Interventions
B.4 Miscellaneous
Call for Abstracts

C. Biomedical Rehabilitation Sciences and Engineering
The Biomedical Rehabilitation Sciences and Engineering are applied sciences which study diagnostic measures and interventions including physical modalities suitable to minimise impairment, control symptoms and to optimise people’s capacity.

C.1 PRM Diagnostics as Related to Organ Systems and Body Functions
C.2 PRM Interventions
C.3 Miscellaneous

D. Integrative Rehabilitation Sciences
The Integrative Rehabilitation Sciences design and study rehabilitation systems, services, comprehensive assessments and intervention programmes, which integrate biomedical, personal factor and environmental approaches suited to optimise people’s performance. This section includes the principles and contents of education and training of professionals in rehabilitation, as well as the evaluation of the rehabilitation team and multidisciplinary care.

D.1 Rehabilitation Systems and Services Research
D.2 Comprehensive Rehabilitation Intervention Research
D.3 Education and Training in Rehabilitation
D.4 Rehabilitation Management and Administration
D.5 Miscellaneous

E. Human Functioning Sciences
The Human Functioning Sciences are basic sciences from the comprehensive perspective which aim to understand human functioning and to identify targets for comprehensive interventions.

E.1 The Theory and Models of Functioning
E.2 The Classification of Functioning
E.3 Measurement of Functioning
E.4 Functioning Epidemiology
E.5 Functioning Impact Assessment
E.6 Ethical Issues and Human Rights
E.7 Miscellaneous
Welcome Reception
“In the end it is always our relationships with people that make our lives worth living.” (Wilhelm von Humboldt). Right after the official Opening Ceremony we would like to invite you to our Welcome Reception with some drinks and snacks in the beautiful “Admiralspalast” in the city centre of Berlin!

Date Friday, 19 June 2015
Time 1930 hrs
Location Admiralspalast
Friedrichstraße 101 • 10117 Berlin
Fee included, accompanying person EUR 25

President’s Dinner
More detailed information on the President’s Dinner will be provided soon.
Date Sunday, 21 June 2015
Time 1930 hrs
Fee on invitation

Gala Dinner
The Gala Dinner takes place at the “Schlüterhof” in the heart of Berlin. Located on the boulevard “Unter den Linden”, one of the liveliest places known for its many restaurants, bars and cafés, between the Brandenburg Gate and the famous museum district of Berlin, the “Museumsinsel”, the Gala Dinner will take you to the historic centre of Berlin. As part of the “Deutsches Historisches Museum” (German Historical Museum) a charming atmosphere will welcome and enchant you. We invite you to join a memorable evening in a cozy atmosphere and enjoy a sit-down meal with colleagues and friends.

Date Monday, 22 June 2015
Time 1930 hrs
Location Deutsches Historisches Museum
Schlüterhof
Unter den Linden 2 • 10117 Berlin
Fee EUR 120

Day Trips and Post Congress Tours
A wide range of different offers will be provided within the next months. Please refer to our congress website www.isprm2015.org for updated information.
General Information

Registration
Registration for the congress is required. The registration system will be accessible soon at www.isprm2015.org.

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Day Ticket Fees
| Members of ISPRM, DGPMR, ÖGPMR | EUR 250 | EUR 250 | EUR 250 |
| Non-Members | EUR 300 | EUR 300 | EUR 300 |

Discounts for Congress and Day Ticket Fees
- for upper-middle-income economies*** | 15% |
- for lower-middle-income economies*** | 30% |
- for low-income economies*** | 45% |

Social Evenings
Welcome Reception (19 June 2015) | included |
Accompanying Persons | EUR 25 |
Gala Dinner (22 June 2015) | EUR 120 |

Additional Fees
Please note: Programme items like Workshops, Educational Courses or Satellite Symposia might be charged additionally. Please visit the congress website or the online registration system for up to date information.

Travel Grants & Fellowships
Participants have the possibility to receive a travel grant or fellowship. Requirements and details on application will be available soon. If you are interested in applying for a travel grant or fellowship, please write an email to isprm2015@conventus.de to be added to the mailing list in order to receive detailed information within the next weeks.

* Please send a copy of your ISIC (International Student ID) for approval of your status either to registration@conventus.de, Fax +49 3641 31 16-244 or by mail to Conventus GmbH indicating the keyword: ISPRM2015 • Carl-Pulfrich-Straße 1 • 07745 Jena, Germany.
** OT, PT, Nurses, Case Managers, Speech Pathologist, Athletic Trainers
*** According to the World Bank’s Data for classifying Countries and Lending Groups. For further information please visit www.isprm2015.org.
Payment and Confirmation of Payment
An invoice or confirmation of registration will be sent to you via postal or electronic mail within 14 days. This invoice is a valid invoice which may be submitted to the local tax and revenue office. All fees are due upon receipt of invoice/registration confirmation. Payment transfers must include participant’s name and invoice number. Payment is also accepted by credit card (Master-/Eurocard, American Express, VISA).

General Terms and Conditions

Educational Credits and Certification of the Scientific Programme
... for participants from Germany
The ISPRM 2015 will apply for certification (CME credits) at the Medical Chamber of Berlin.

... for participants from Austria and from Switzerland
The assigned points of certification will be accepted by your authorised Medical Chamber.

... for international participants
An application will be made at the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) for European CME credits (ECMEC).

Child Care
Upon request, child care can be provided. For registration, please send an e-mail to isprm2015@conventus.de indicating how many children you would like to be looked after and how old they are. The deadline for child care service registration is 15 February 2015.

Accommodation
Please find a list of hotels which have a reserved contingent of rooms at special rates on our congress website www.isprm2015.org. Please note the special congress booking code ISPRM 2015 when booking to benefit from the special rates. Conventus acts as an intermediary for hotel reservations and therefore assumes no liability for reservations. Changes and cancellations have to be addressed to the according hotels directly. The cancellation terms of the individual hotels apply.

Accessibility for People with Disabilities
Living together with minorities reveals the open-mindedness of a city – in recent years Berlin committed itself to the integration of disabled people. That’s why 51 underground and 118 suburban train stations are equipped with elevators or ramps, to provide easy access to the platforms. Most busses in Berlin are equipped with a ramp that can be lowered, in order to permit convenient access for wheelchairs. Most public buildings like cinemas, theatres or shopping malls offer wheelchair access.
General Information

Specific Needs
In case of special needs or requests of special interest, please contact the professional congress organiser Conventus GmbH (isprm2015@conventus.de or +49 3641 31 16-316).

Travel
Please find more detailed information on hints, conditions and booking at www.isprm2015.org.

Public Transport in Berlin
Berlin's local public transport network consists of several integrated systems. These include the U-Bahn and S-Bahn urban rail systems, regional railway services, a tramway system, a bus network and a number of ferry services. All services form part of the common public transport tariff run by the Verkehrsverbund Berlin-Brandenburg (VBB). This covers the city of Berlin and approximately 15 kilometres (9.3 mi) beyond the city boundaries. The area is split into three zones. Zone A is the central parts of the city (inside the Ringbahn), and zone B is the outer parts of Berlin City. Zone C covers an area beyond the city. The extended system of U- and S-Bahn, busses and trams will take you easily, safely and cheaply to any sight or attraction.

Public Transportation from the Central Station to the Venue
At the Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Berlin Central Station) please take S-Bahn S 7 to Friedrichstraße. Here you change into S-Bahn S 1 to Potsdam Hauptbahnhof and exit at Potsdamer Platz. Your transfer from the central station to the venue will take approximately 10–15 minutes. Please follow the signs to the Maritim Hotel on Stauffenbergstraße 26 (10785 Berlin).

By Plane (Tegel Airport Berlin)
Tegel Airport does not have a direct connection to tram or S-Bahn. Passengers may use the “Expressbus” which runs every 5 minutes. At the Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Berlin Central Station) please take S-Bahn S 7 to Friedrichstraße. Here you change into S-Bahn S 1 to Potsdam Hauptbahnhof and exit at Potsdamer Platz. The transfer will take about 45 minutes. Alternatively you can go by taxi: Taxis are leaving directly in front of the terminal. The transfer by taxi will take about 30 minutes and costs approximately EUR 25 (Taxi Berlin International +49 30 20 20 21 22 0).

By Car
Address for navigation system:
Maritim Hotel Berlin
Stauffenbergstraße 26
10785 Berlin (DE)

Parking
The Maritim Hotel Berlin offers 400 parking spaces with costs. Further fee required parking opportunities are available around the venue.
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The Star Alliance member airlines are pleased to be appointed as the Official Airline Network for ISPRM 2015.

To obtain the Star Alliance Conventions Plus discounts please visit Conventions Plus online booking tool:

Registered congress participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the congress qualify for a discount of up to 20%, depending on fare and class of travel booked.

The participating airlines for this congress are:
ANA, Adria Airways, Aegean Airlines, Air Canada, Air China, Air New Zealand, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Avianca, Brussels Airlines, Copa Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EVA Airways, EgyptAir, Ethiopian Airlines, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, SWISS, Scandinavian Airlines, Shenzhen Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, TAP Portugal, THAI, Turkish Airlines, United.

Discounts are offered on most published business and economy class fares, excluding website/internet fares, senior and youth fares, group fares and Star Alliance Round the World fares.

When making your travel plans please present confirmation of your registration or proof of attendance for the congress.

To obtain these discounts for travel to/from Japan please contact the respective Star Alliance member airlines’ booking office. Contact details can be found on www.staralliance.com/conventionsplus/delegates/ under “Conventions Plus Booking Contacts”. Please quote the following Event code LH09S15 for ticket reservation.
Cooperation with Deutsche Bahn (German Railways)

Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Berlin Central Station) offers international train connections. Please refer to www.bahn.de to arrange your individual travel schedule. Therefore the Deutsche Bahn Event Ticket might be helpful:

In cooperation with Conventus Congressmanagement & Marketing GmbH and the Deutsche Bahn you travel safely and conveniently to ISPRM 2015. Switching over to rail, you help our environment and contribute actively in the climate protection.

The price for your congress event ticket for round trip* to Berlin is:

- **2nd class** EUR 99 (for a defined train connection)
- **1st class** EUR 159 (for a defined train connection)

- **2nd class** EUR 139 (for all trains free choice of connection)
- **1st class** EUR 199 (for all trains free choice of connection)

International connections are available on request.

Your ticket is valid for a travel period of maximum 14 days for your round trip. Please call our service number +49 (0)1805 31 11 53** to book your ticket and quote “CONVENTUS” as reference. Please have your credit card ready.

Conventus Congressmanagement & Marketing GmbH and Deutsche Bahn wish you a pleasant journey!

* An advance booking of at least three days is required. Changes and reimbursement before the first day of validity are EUR 15 excluded from the first day of validity onwards. Passengers restrict themselves to a particular train and travel times. For a supplement of EUR 40 full flexible tickets are also available for domestic travels within Germany.

** The booking line is available from Monday to Saturday 0700–2200 hrs (CET). Calls will be charged at EUR 0.40 per call, from mobiles EUR 0.60 per call at maximum.
Useful Country Information

Climate
In June, the average temperature is between 20°C (68°F) and 25°C (77°F) during the day. Fluctuation between day and night temperature is about 10°C (50°F).

Despite the mild to warm temperature, Berlin has moderate rainfall throughout the whole year. We propose to take an umbrella with you to be prepared for any weather condition.

Immigration Rules for your Vacation in Germany
• EU citizens do not need a visa.
• Citizens of the US, Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland do not need a visa for stays up to 3 months (only passport).
• Most nationalities from Africa and Asia need a visa for any purpose.
• Please note: In Germany you are asked to always have your passport or ID with you.

Visa Requirements
A visa is not required for semi-annual visits of up to three months for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement. The fee for a Schengen visa (a policy referring to the temporary entry of persons) valid for travel to 26 member countries (22 European Union and 4 non-EU members), staying up to 90 days, costs about EUR 60. Please consult your local German Embassy or consulate-general for further information or visit www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN.
In case an official invitation letter is necessary, please contact Conventus via e-mail to isprm2015@conventus.de.

Credit Cards and the Euro Currency on Vacation in Germany
• The official currency is Euro “€”.
• Credit cards are not very common in small shops, but widely accepted in petrol stations, large shops and major hotels.
• Most acceptability have American Express, Diners Club, predominating Mastercard and VISA.
• Carry cash or a Eurocheque card as well.
• Changing money is possible at banks, post offices, airports or train stations.
• Travellers cheques are hardly accepted.
• Most banks are affiliated with several international ATM networks (Cirrus, Plus, Star and Maestro).

VAT/Tax Regulations
Value-added tax runs at 19%. In Germany a reduced rate of 7% is applied to mainly food and agricultural products. All prices for goods and services in restaurants etc. include tax. At national and international airports visitors receive round about 19% VAT refunds for purchases at Duty Free Shops.
Useful Country Information

Tipping
Service charges are included in your bill for rooms, meals and other services at hotels and upscale restaurants. Germans occasionally do tip when they are especially pleased with the service they receive.

Shopping in the Cities of Germany
• Shops in cities are mainly open Monday to Saturday from 1000–1900 hrs.
• Some larger department stores are open till 2000 hrs.
• Smaller stores, especially in rural areas, close at 1800 hrs and are often closed for an hour in the afternoon.
• Most petrol stations and train stations are open 24/7 and offer everything essential.
• Some bakeries open a few hours on Sundays and holidays.

Electricity
• Electric sockets: 230 volts AC, 50 Hz
• European-style round two-pin plugs are in use.
• You need an adapter and a plug that fits the German socket.

Public Phones
Most public pay phones no longer accept coins but only Deutsche Telekom (DT) phonecards, which are available in denominations of EUR 5, EUR 10 and EUR 15 from post offices, newsagents, some tourist offices and public transport offices. You can also buy prepaid cards from other providers which can save money and are used by dialing a PIN. Most public phones do not accept credit cards.

Mobile Phones
Germany operates on a GSM network, which is compatible with the rest of Europe and Australia, but not with the North American or the totally different system in Japan. T-Mobile, Cingular and some other U.S. wireless firms do use GSM, but on different frequency bands. A multi-band cell phone allows you to use the same phone in the US and Europe. However, there are several alternatives, including buying or renting an unlocked GSM wireless phone just for use in Europe and other GSM areas of the world (about 190 countries). The coverage in Germany is excellent.
Fun fact: Germans call their mobile phones „Handy“. Don't get confused by this false friend.
Useful Country Information

Driving on the German Highway “Autobahn”
• No toll has to be paid to use the German Autobahn.
• Do not drink and drive: A maximum of 0.3 per mil blood alcohol is allowed.
• By law, every passenger is obliged to wear seat belts.
• Do not use your mobile phone while you are driving unless you use a hands-free speakerphone.
• To hire a car, you need to be at least 21 years old and hold a valid driving licence and a major credit card.
• Mind speed limits! Radar traps are frequent.
• Speed limits: City: 31mph/50kph, two-laned highway 62mph/100kph
• Unless marked otherwise, most motorways (Autobahn) have no speed limit but 81mph/130kph is recommended.

Driving License
• Every valid driving licence is accepted.
• Non-EU (European Union) members need an international driving license or an official German translation.

Driving Rules in Germany
• If there is no policeman, no signal or no sign indicating the right-of-way, then right-of-way is always given to traffic approaching from the right – this also includes situations where main roads and small side streets cross at uncontrolled intersections.
• Germans drive on the right side of the road. Overtaking only on the left.
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