



## General Information Berlin

### **Banking Service**

The national currency of Germany is the Euro (€). Foreign currencies can be exchanged at local banks, which are usually open from Monday to Friday between 10.00 and 16.00 hours, closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Most hotels, restaurants and shops in Berlin accept all major credit cards. An ATM can be found in the entrance area of the ICC building. ATMs can also be found at the airport, railway stations and all over the city center.

### **Cloakroom and Luggage**

In the cloakroom you can leave your belongings free of charge. The cloakroom is located near the registration area.

### **Coffee and tea breaks**

During session-breaks coffee and tea will be served free of charge to delegates wearing name badges on the exhibition floor.

### **Electricity supply**

In Germany sockets operate with 230V and comply with European standards.

### **Emergency Service / First Aid**

In case of emergency please contact a security guard or dial + 49 30 3038 112.

For first aid please call + 49 30 3038 2222

## **DGTI Morning Run / ISBT Fun Run (sponsored by Diagast)**

Date      Wednesday, June 30, 2010  
 Time      07.00 - 08.00 hours, Meet at 06.45 hours at the ICC main entrance  
 Venue     Berlin  
 Contact   Siegfried Kampa (Tel. +49 174 3377 085)

Following the tradition of the DGTI and as organised during the International Congress in Cape Town, there will be a morning run for ISBT/DGTI congress participants through the streets of Berlin. Signing up is possible via the registration desk.

## **Dining out in Berlin & Tipping**

Kitchens in Berlin restaurants are generally open from 18.00 until 22.00 hours. Please note that all restaurant service charges are included in the bill. If you deem the service good enough to warrant a tip, we suggest a tip of about 10%. Information about restaurant reservations is available at the city information desk in the registration area.

## **Hotel, City, Restaurant and Excursion Information**

Individual excursions and restaurant reservations can be booked at the city information desk. For hotel reservations go to the hotel information desk. These desks are located in the registration area and will be open during the following hours:

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| Sunday, June 27    | 13.30 - 18.00 |
| Monday, June 28    | 09.00 - 18.00 |
| Tuesday, June 29   | 09.00 - 18.00 |
| Wednesday, June 30 | 09.00 - 18.00 |
| Thursday, July 1   | 09.00 - 12.00 |

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### **Internet (sponsored by Bayer Vital)**

Wireless internet connection is available in most hotels. There will be internet corners in the Exhibition Area, where participants will be able to get access to their mail.

### **Insurance**

By registering for the XXXIst International Congress of the ISBT, in joint cooperation with the 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the DGTI, participants agree that neither the organising committee nor the congress organisers assume any liability whatsoever. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

### **Language**

The official Congress language is English. Simultaneous interpretation into English and Russian will be provided during the Koch Metschnikow Forum on Sunday, June 27.

### **Lunch**

Lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is included in the registration fee. Lunch will be provided in the Exhibition Area and at the entrance of the meeting rooms where the Satellite Symposia will take place. On Thursday a light lunch with traditional white sausages, pretzels and beer will be served after the closing ceremony.

### **Message Desk (sponsored by Novartis Vaccines)**

At the Message Desk participants can leave or collect messages. The desk will be located on the bridge in the ICC.

### **Programme Changes**

The organisers cannot assume liability for any changes in the programme due to external or unforeseen circumstances. Changes will be announced on message screens throughout the Congress Centre.

## Photography

You are kindly requested not to take any photos during scientific and poster sessions.

## Services provided at desks in the Registration Area include:

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| <b>Cash</b>                    | Cash dispenser in the Registration area and Entrance of The Exhibition |
| <b>City Information</b>        | City Information Desk in the Registration Area                         |
| <b>Cloak Room / Luggage</b>    | Cloak Room in the Registration Area                                    |
| <b>Copying service</b>         | Business Centre in the Registration Area                               |
| <b>Exhibition Information</b>  | Exhibition Desk in the Registration Area                               |
| <b>Hotel Accommodation</b>     | Last-minute availability at the Hotel Desk in the Registration Area    |
| <b>Lost and Found</b>          | Reception desk in the Registration Area                                |
| <b>Messages</b>                | Message Desk on the bridge   |
| <b>Tours</b>                   | Tickets for sale at the Social Desk in the Registration Area           |
| <b>Restaurant reservations</b> | City information Desk in the Registration Area                         |

## Services provided at the Exhibition Area

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| <b>E-mail Service</b> | Internet cafés in the Exhibition Hall. |
| <b>Message Desk</b>   | Participants may leave messages here.  |

## Shopping in Berlin

Most shops and department stores are open from Monday to Saturday between 10.00 and 18.00 hours, closed on Sundays. Larger shops and shopping malls are open until 21.00 hours from Monday to Saturday, closed on Sundays. For more information about shopping in Berlin, please visit: [www.visitberlin.de](http://www.visitberlin.de)

## Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in the ICC, smoking is allowed outside in designated areas.

## Staff

If you have any questions, the members of the congress staff, who can be recognised by their ISBT shirts, will be pleased to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you have any questions.

## Staff Shirts (sponsored by Genzyme, Siemens, Stradis-Med)

### Talking Stick

For thousands of years, West Coast Natives in Canada used 'Talking Sticks' during Potlatches and other ceremonial occasions as a symbol of speaking authority and respect for communication by Chiefs, Elders and all other witnesses. These sticks were carved from yellow cedar with various animal and mystical family crests signifying human attributes. The 'Talking Stick' affords the holder the honour and responsibility to speak uninterrupted. It also serves as a reminder to the witnesses of their vital role of listening thoughtfully. Once the stick has been passed the honour is transferred.

On the occasion of the XXVII<sup>th</sup> International Congress of ISBT in Vancouver, Canada, in 2002, the Local Organising Committee offered the 'Talking Stick' to ISBT. Since then, the 'Talking Stick' has become the symbol of ISBT Congresses.

At the Opening Ceremony, the President of ISBT presents the 'Talking Stick' to the President of the Congress. By knocking three times with the 'Talking Stick' on the floor, the President of the Congress opens the Congress. By returning the 'Talking Stick' to the President of ISBT at the Closing Ceremony, the Congress is closed.

## Time

Berlin is in the Central European Time (CET) zone.

## Transportation in Berlin

ICC Berlin, Neue Kanstraße 1, 14057 Berlin

Main Entrance North (see page 328)

### From Tegel Airport to Berlin City Center

Tegel Airport is located in the northwest of Berlin, approximately 10 km from the city center.

#### Public Transport



X9 Bus to 'Zoologischer Garten' (City West), travel time approx. 20 min.



TXL Bus to 'Unter den Linden' and 'Alexanderplatz' (City East), travel time approx. 35 min.

For detailed information, please visit: [www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de)

#### Taxi

City West: approx. € 17.00

City East: approx. € 22.00

### From Schönefeld Airport to Berlin City Center

Schönefeld is situated in the southeast of Berlin, approximately 20 km from the city center. The airport is connected to the city center by the S-Bahn (commuter train) lines S49 and S9 as well as the AirportExpress train. They run from/ to 'Zoologischer Garten', 'Friedrichstrasse', 'Alexanderplatz' and 'Ostbahnhof' every half an hour. All trains and the S-Bahn stop at the 'Flughafen Berlin – Schönefeld Bhf' station, which is a 5 minute walk from the terminal.

#### Public Transport

AirportExpress (RE 7/RB 14) from 'Flughafen Berlin - Schönefeld Bhf' to 'Zoologischer Garten' (City West), travel time approx. 32 min.

AirportExpress (RE 7/RB 14) from 'Flughafen Berlin - Schönefeld Bhf' to 'Alexanderplatz' (City East), travel time approx. 21 min.



S9 S-Bahn (commuter train) from Flughafen Berlin - Schönefeld Bhf' to 'Zoologischer Garten' (City West), travel time approx. 55 min.



S9 S-Bahn (commuter train) from 'Flughafen Berlin - Schönefeld Bhf' to 'Alexanderplatz' (City East), travel time approx. 35 min.

For detailed information, please visit: [www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de)

#### Taxi

City West: approx. € 33.00

City East: approx. € 28.00

## From Berlin City Center to ICC, Neue Kanstraße 1, 14057 Berlin Main Entrance (North)

### Public Transport

**Your congress badge is valid on all public transport in Berlin** from Friday June 25, until Thursday July 1, 2010. It allows you to use all public transport (bus, underground, tram, train and ferry) within Berlin and from/to Tegel and Schönefeld Airports. To use this service you should show your congress badge when you arrive at any public transportation provider in Berlin. You will then be given free transportation.

The most convenient way to reach the ICC is via public transport:



**By S-Bahn** S41, S42 and S46 to 'Messe Nord/ICC' stop.

**Alternatively by S-Bahn** S5, S7, S9, S41, S42, S45, S46, S47 and S75 to 'West-kreuz' stop.

**By U-Bahn** U2 to 'Kaiserdamm' stop.

**By Bus** with line M49, X34, X49, 104 and 139 to 'Messedamm/ZOB/ICC'.

For detailed information, please visit: [www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de)

### Taxi

City West: approx. € 12.00 (approx. 15 min.)

City East: approx. € 22.00 (approx. 30 min.)

*The following taxi companies will offer their services:*

Funk Taxi: +49 800 02610 26

Würfelfunk: +49 800 22222 55

### By Car, Neue Kanstraße 1, 14057 Berlin, Main Entrance (North)

Approaching Berlin on highway A 115 follow the signs for 'Messedamm / ICC' and eventually turn right at 'Neue Kantstrasse'. Please be aware that parts of the city belong to an environmental zone ('Umweltzone') with limited access (especially for older cars). Special stickers are required.

The ICC, however, is located outside this zone.

### Car Parking

There are parking spaces all around the area surrounding the ICC Berlin which are free.

In addition there is a car park in the ICC Berlin (south entrance). The fee is as follows:

- Per hour: € 2.50

- Maximum fee (full day): € 7.50

## Tips

Although all prices officially include a service charge, tipping is recommended – as long as you are satisfied.

- Taxi 10%
- Restaurant 10 - 15%
- Porter (hotel) € 2.00 - € 3.00 (depending on the standard of the hotel)
- Chambermaid € 2.00 - € 3.00 (depending on the standard of the hotel)
- Hairdresser 10%

The operator of the ICC can be reached on the following telephone number:  
+49 3030380; you will be connected to the congress staff.

## Weather

The average temperature in June is around 20° to 25°C.

