



ESFH - WAA 2010

Joint Congress

**Interdisciplinary European Society for Haemapheresis
and Haemotherapy (ESFH)**

World Apheresis Association (WAA)

Blood Transfusion Service of the Swiss Red Cross (BTS/SRC)

Swiss Association of Transfusion Medicine (SATM)

Invitation

2. - 4. September 2010



**Location
Interlaken, Switzerland
Casino Kursaal**



Welcome

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

it is with immense pleasure that we invite you to attend the Joint Congress of the Interdisciplinary European Society for Haemapheresis and Haemotherapy (ESFH) and the World Apheresis Association (WAA) together with the Blood Transfusion Service of the Swiss Red Cross (BTS/SRC) and the Swiss Association of Transfusion Medicine (SATM), to be held in Interlaken from September 2 through 4, 2010.

Interlaken, in the heart of the Swiss Alps and Europe, between the Lakes of Thun and Brienz and at the foot of the world-famous triumvirate of peaks, the Eiger ("Ogre"), Mönch ("Monk") and Jungfrau ("Virgin"), may be a meaningful symbol for what this meeting is aimed at.



We wish to focus on main topics, to build bridges, and, in particular, to deal with specific aspects of Apheresis. Specific objectives of the Congress will therefore be: to discuss recent advances in basic research and their upcoming application in clinical practice, to intensify the dialogue with our colleagues from other clinical disciplines, and, last but not least, to foster young physicians and young talented scientists. To achieve these goals, the Scientific Program Committee will put all efforts together to prepare an interesting and stimulating program of Plenary Lectures and State-of-the-Art Symposia that we hope you will find innovative and exciting. Moreover, we will organize Educational Sessions, Workshops and Training Meetings, and Corporate or Satellite Symposia in collaboration with sponsors. Your suggestions for the scientific program are very welcome.

The Interlaken Casino Congress Centre appears to be an ideal location for these activities. Railway lines and motorways connect Interlaken with the airports of Zurich, Geneva, Basel and Bern and with the most important cities in Switzerland and abroad. You can fly directly to Bern from London City, Munich and Bonn, to name just a few places.

Thus, the frame is set for a stimulating atmosphere and a fruitful exchange of ideas and opinions. Apart from serious science, a variety of cultural and social activities are awaiting you. So, come to join us in Interlaken 2010, see your longstanding colleagues and meet new friends.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Interlaken 2010

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Organization and Scientific Program

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Main Topics

- Stem cells, haematological and oncological diseases
- Blood cell engineering
- Immunomodulation & therapeutic apheresis
- Novel cellular therapeutics
- Pediatric apheresis (Registry data, Regulations, indications, outcome criteria, future aspects)
- Kidney diseases (Registry data, indications, outcome criteria, technical aspects future aspects)
- Inflammatory bowel diseases
- Neurological issues
- Liver failure issues
- Transplantation issues (antibodies, pre- and post transplantation apheresis).
- Photopheresis
- Sepsis and multiorgan failure
- Donor apheresis
- Quality assurance, Registries
- Nurse and technician issues and patient care

Scientific sessions

- Plenary Lectures and State-of-the-Art Symposia
- Oral Sessions and „Best of Abstracts“ Session
- Poster Sessions (with discussion)
- Educational Sessions, Workshops and Trainings
- Corporate and Satellite Symposia
- Postgraduate course
- Around the world activities

Abstract submission: Deadline for submission of abstracts is May 15, 2010.

General Information

**Joint WAA and ESFH Congress 2010
Interlaken, Switzerland
2.- 4. September 2010**

**17 th Congress of the Interdisciplinary European Society
for Haemapheresis and Haemotherapy (ESFH)
13 th International Congress of the World Apheresis Organisation (WAA)
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Organizer

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Congress Venue

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