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International Scientific Congress on Spinal Muscular Atrophy

25–27 January 2018

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It will be a great pleasure to welcome you to Krakow for our International Scientific Congress on Spinal Muscular Atrophy lead by SMA Europe, which will take place from 25 to 27 January 2018 in Auditorium Maximum of the Jagiellonian University.

SMA is experiencing exceptional hours, research has progressed significantly, clinical trials have multiplied, new treatments are coming on the market. Therefore, it was important for us as a representative of the SMA patients to bring together in Europe all the scientists in the field. Innovative therapies and new care forms are essential to all of us, especially the sick and the family, who have the strength to fight against the disease on a daily basis.

More broadly, this development. these results show that it is really possible to accelerate the development of treatments by bringing together researchers and doctors. The best experts in this emerging discipline from five continents are expected to present and compare their latest work and discoveries not only in basic but clinical research and in therapies.

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President

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Congress date and venue

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Auditorium Maximum UJ

33, Krupnicza Str., Krakow, Poland

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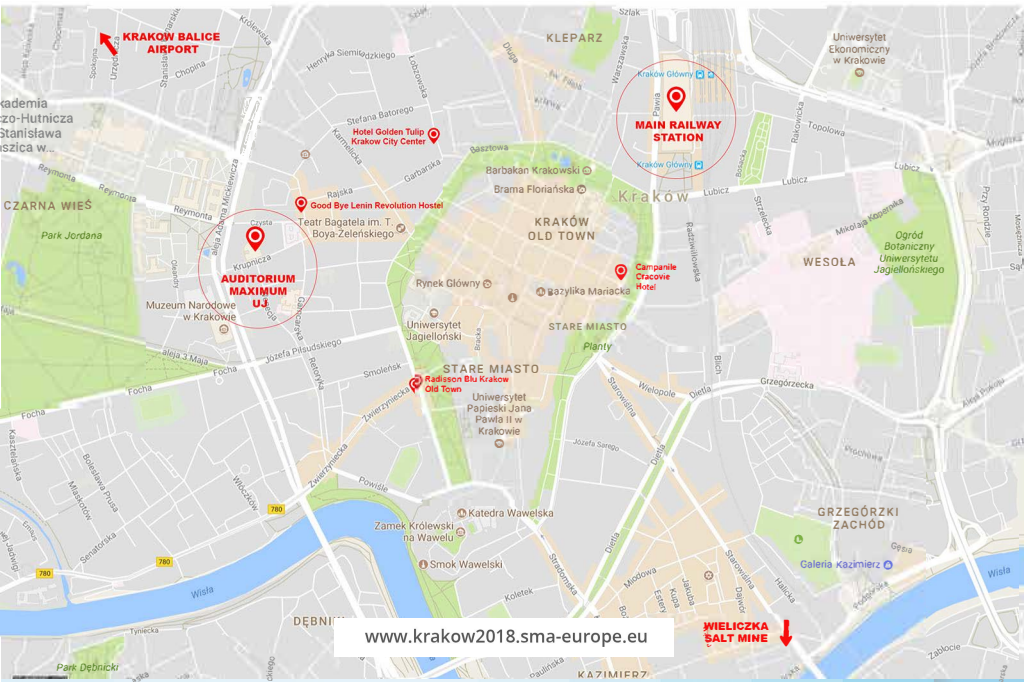
Krakow, situated on the crossroads of several European transport corridors, is well connected with the rest of Poland and Europe.

Air

Krakow's Balice Airport offers direct flights to/from more than fifty European airports from its recently opened new terminal. The city centre and the Congress Venue can be reached from the airport in barely 30 minutes by taxi or 15 minutes by shuttle train

Train

Express trains run from Krakow to Warsaw hourly with journey time of around 2.5 hours. The Kraków Główny railway station is situated a walking distance from both the Old Town and the Conference venue.



The conference center

Auditorium Maximum

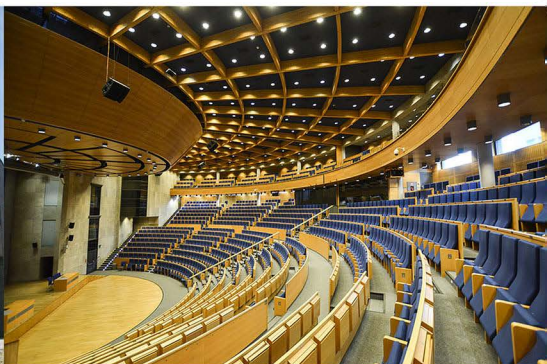
33, Krupnicza Str., Krakow, Poland

The modern building of the Auditorium Maximum of the Jagiellonian University was erected in 2005 uniquely to host academic congresses.

It is in regular use by the University, is managed by the University's congress bureau and has all the modern conference facilities, including audio-visual systems, rooms for satellite meetings, a poster presentation space, and catering area.

Auditorium Maximum is centrally located within a walking distance from the Old Town and major transport links.

The building is fully adapted for wheelchair users.



Auditorium Maximum

Google Street View from Main Square





Programme

Thursday, 25th January

12:00 - 13:00 **LUNCH**
13:00 - 13:45 **WELCOME**
13:45 - 14:30 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
Where have we come, where do we go?
Prof. Arthur Burghes, Ohio State University, USA

14:30 - 16:00 **SESSION I**
SMN function importance in the context of this new era - Basic function in splicing
Prof. Livio Pellizzoni, Columbia University, USA

16:00 - 16:30 **BREAK**
16:30 - 18:00 **SESSION II**
Neuronal specific function of SMN
Prof. Dr. med. Michael Sendtner, University of Würzburg, Germany

18:15 - 21:00 **RECEPTION**

Friday, 26th January

08:00 - 09:00 **Industry Symposium: NOVARTIS**
09:00 - 10:30 **SESSION III**
SMA as a systemic disease
Prof. Charlotte Sumner, John Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA

10:30 - 11:00 **BREAK**
11:00 - 12:30 **SESSION IV**
Modifiers of phenotype
Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Brunhilde Wirth, University of Cologne, Germany

12:30 - 14:00 **LUNCH**
13:00 - 14:00 **Industry Symposium: AVEXIS**
14:00 - 15:30 **SESSION V**
Pre-clinical combined therapies
Prof. Christian Lorson, University of Missouri, USA

15:30 - 16:00 **BREAK**
15:30 - 17:00 **POSTER SESSION**
17:00 - 18:00 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**
European collaboration moderated
Prof. Enrico Bertini, IRCCS Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù, Italy
Dr. Eduardo Tizzano, Vall d'Hebron Hospital, Spain
Big data & registry moderated
Prof. Hanns Lochmuller, Newcastle University, UK

19:00 - 22:00 **RECEPTION & DINNER**

Saturday, 27th January

08:00 - 09:00 **EARLY POSTER SESSION**
08:00 - 09:00 **Industry Symposium BIOGEN**
09:00 - 10:30 **SESSION VI**
Emerging phenotypes & standards of care
Dr. Laurent Servais, I-Motion Institute, France

10:30 - 11:00 **BREAK**
11:00 - 12:30 **SESSION VII**
The challenges of clinical trials and beyond
Prof. Richard Finkel, Nemours, University of Central Florida College of Medicine, USA

12:30 - 13:00 **CONCLUSION**
Summing-up
Prof. Francesco Muntoni, University College London, UK

13:00 - 13:30 **Closing ceremony**
13:30 - 15:00 **LUNCH**



The Committee

President



Brunhilde Wirth

Professor of Human Genetics and Director of the Institute of Human Genetics at the Medical Faculty of the University of Cologne, Germany.

Coordinator



Vanessa Christie-Brown

Vanessa was a research scientist, working in the field of immunology, initially at The Royal Postgraduate Medical School (Hammersmith Hospital) and later at Imperial College. She joined The SMA Trust in the UK in January 2011 as Research Coordinator and SMA Europe's Coordinator in May 2014.

Members



Kevin Talbot (DPhil, FRCP)

Professor of Motor Neuron Biology, Head of Division of Clinical Neurosciences in the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences at the University of Oxford and Honorary Consultant Neurologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital. He is Director of the Oxford Motor Neuron Disease Care and Research Centre



Enrico Bertini (MD)

Paediatric Neurologist. Head of the Unit of Neuromuscular and Neurodegenerative Disorders at the Bambino Gesù Children's Research Hospital in Rome, and Contract Professor in Neurogenetic disorders at the School of Clinical Genetics of the Catholic University of Rome.



Eduardo Tizzano (MD, PhD)

Paediatrician & Medical Geneticist Director of the Department of Clinical and Molecular Genetics and Unit of Rare Diseases, Hospital Universitari Vall Hebrón, Barcelona, Spain.



Luda van der Pol (MD, PhD)

Ludo van der Pol, MD PhD is a Neurologist, Associate Professor of Neurology and head of the Netherlands SMA center at the University Medical Center Utrecht (UMCU) in the Netherlands.



Tom Gillingwater (PhD)

Professor Gillingwater is Professor of Neuroanatomy at the University of Edinburgh and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Anatomy and Academic Editor of PLoS One. He also teaches gross human anatomy and neuroanatomy to medical students and MSc students.



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Richard Finkel (MD)

Paediatric Neurologist and Division Chief of the Division of Neurology, Department of Paediatrics at Nemour's Children's Hospital in Florida, USA.



Arthur Burghes (PhD)

Professor at the Center for Muscle Health & Neuromuscular Disorders, The Ohio State University/ Nationwide Children's Hospital. Columbus, Ohio, USA



Serge Braun (PharmD, PhD)

Scientific Director of AFM TEIElthon (Association Française contre les Myopathies), France



Cecile Martinat (PhD)

Dr. Martinat obtained her PhD in 2001 at the Pasteur Institute in the laboratory of Michel Brahic on the cellular mechanisms involved in the persistence of Theiler's virus within the central nervous system. In 2005, she returned to France to join I-STEM, created by Mare Peschanki, dedicated to the use of human pluripotent stem cells to study and treat monogenic diseases. After two years she was appointed by I NSERM as a permanent researcher and obtained from the Genopole an ATIGE program to further develop her research in I-STEM. In 2005, she also became head of INS-ERM/UEVE UMR 861 in I-STEM.

Laurent Servais (MD, PhD)

Dr. Servais graduated from Louvain Medical School (Belgium) in 1999. He obtained a PhD in Neuro-science in 2005 from the Free University of Brussels (ULB), Belgium. He became a Child Neurologist in 2006 at the Free University of Brussels (ULB) then a Resident in child neurology in the Robert Oebre Hospital in Paris, until 2008 when he was appointed as a Child Neurologist at the Institut de Myologie in November 2008



Stefania Corti (MD, PhD)

Dr. Stefania Corti is a neurologist in Milan, Italy. She is an Associate Professor of Neurology and PI of Neural Stern Cell Lab at the University of Milan. She is the co-supervisor of the motor neuron out-patient service and member of neuromuscular team at the IRCCS Foundation Ca' Granda University of Milan. Corti's main research interests are stem cell/molecular therapies for the treatment of motor neurons diseases, in particular, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), Spinal Muscular Atrophy with respiratory distress type 1 (SMARD1), and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

After Board Certification in Neurology, she obtained a PhD in Molecular Medicine at the University of Milan. Since 2004, up to now, she has worked first as research collaborator, then as Assistant Professor and from 2015 as Associate Professor at the University of Milan. In 2014 she obtained the habilitation as Associate Professor and as Full Professor of Neurology. She is a member of the Board of the PhD School of Molecular Medicine and of the Dino Ferrari Center Scientific Committee. The scientific results of Dr. Corti, basic and clinical research have been published in high citation rating peer reviewed journals (> 130 articles).



Accommodation

There are countless hotels and guest houses in and around Krakow Old Town, ranging from backpackers hostels to truly exclusive hotels with only a handful of suites serviced to the highest standard

For the purpose of the SMA Congress, we are listing three business hotels located in close vicinity of the Auditorium Maximum - barely a 10 minutes' walk.

Recommended Hotels

Radisson Blu Krakow Old Town **Golden Tulip Krakow City Center**

Straszewskiego Str. 17
Price of single room 112 EUR
Price of double room 123 EUR/ room

Łobzowska Str. 8
Price of single room 78 EUR
Price of double room 90 EUR/ room



The Campanile Cracovie

Sw Tomasz Str. 34
Price of single room 69 EUR
Price of double room 80 EUR/ room



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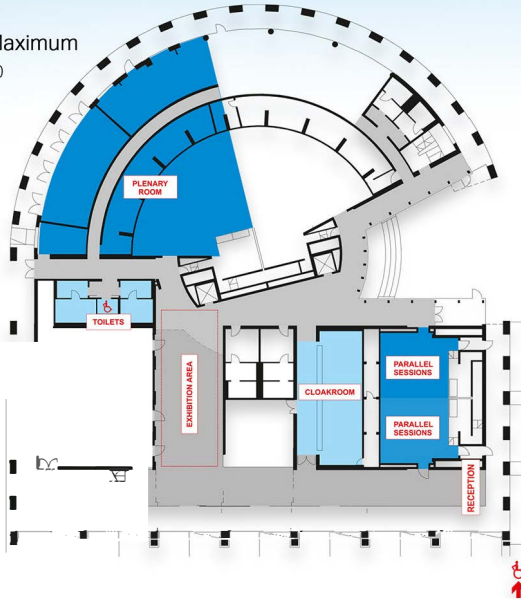
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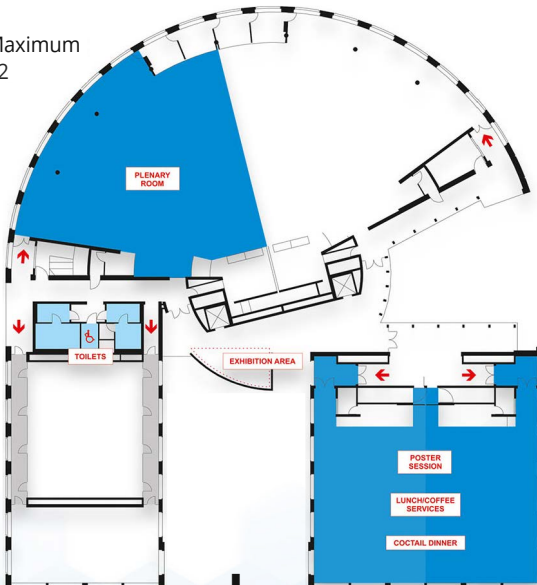
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