# Invitation for ICS electorate to Prague

### Dear friends and colleagues!

It is my pleasure to invite you to one of the most charming places in the world - Prague International Continence Society Annual Meeting 2017 is awaiting you!

Our charming capital hosts the international congresses of renowned societies for many decades. Also our Society has a good experience with the Czech hospitality from early nineties when we met here to discuss among 1200 participants (huge number at that time) the research and clinical experience on different aspects of urinary tract and pelvic floor dysfunctions.

Our renowned Society holds its traditional preeminent position in the fields of male and female incontinence and related disorders and deserves our concentrated attention in choosing the site of most important event of the year. The changes of the conditions for such scientific and social get-togethers due to the industry restrictions of support are real challenge for the General Secretary, Board of Trustees and last but not least Local organizing committee and his Chairman. As our former congresses (ICS 1994, IUGA 2002) were well known not only by scientific program but also by the level of social events and enogastronomic background we decided to use an experience of their organizers and to add a group of young professionals able to contribute to the success of such a prestigious meeting.

The town belong to the most charming and relaxed places of the world and its surrounding environs offer many attractions for our guests and we are ready to make your holiday sojourn adjacent to the Meeting a success.

# Chair:

Annual meeting chair: Prof. Michael Halaska (Gynecologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: since 1985 all except Peking)

Scientific chair: Prof. Tomas Hanus (Urologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: since 1994 almost all meetings)

Local organizing committee (LOC) - in alphabetical order:

Prof. Jiri Drahos (Physical chemistry; President of the Czech Academy of Sciences /Auspices/, ICS Annual Congresses attendance: N/A)

Dr. Lukas Horcicka (Gynecologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: Glasgow, Toronto and San Francisco)

Mrs. Libuse Jirkovska (Nurse; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: Rotterdam, Glasgow)

Prof. Jan Krhut (Urologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: Peking, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Christchurch)

Prof. Alois Martan (Gynecologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: since 1991 almost all meetings)

Dr. Katerina Maxova (Gynecologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: Glasgow, Toronto)

Dr. Oldrich Sottner (Gynecologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: since 2006 all meetings)

Dr. Radovan Vrtal (Urologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: Glasgow, San Francisco and Toronto)

Assoc. Prof. Roman Zachoval (Urologist; ICS Annual Congresses attendance: Peking, Glasgow and Christchurch)

<u>Scientific program</u> will be created by ICS Scientific Committee based on contemporary research preferences and topics of participants' abstracts.

Proposed date: Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

Expected weather: Climate of Prague is mild. This period is usually warm, high temperatures reaching 25°C and low falling usually not bellow 10°C. Average wet days for late August and early September in Prague are one of the lowest of the calendar year.

### **Venue**

Prague Congress Centre, 5. kvetna 65, 140 21 Prague 4, Czech Republic

Web pages in English: http://www.kcp.cz/an

This spacious modern congress centre accommodating up to 4000 congress participants. It has attractive exhibition space with charming views on Prague Castle. Together with Holiday Inn Hotel in closest neighborhood can serve catering to 7000 people at one time.

#### Social Event Proposals

Welcome Reception at Prague Congress Centre (Meeting Venue) on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

Chairman's Dinner at Brevnov Monastery on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

Annual Dinner at Hotel Hilton Prague on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 2017

Pre and Post-Congress tours: Karlstein and Konopiste Castles

Carlsbad Spa

Guided Tour Prague - UNESCO recognized

#### City of Cesky Krumlov - UNESCO recognized

#### Wine routes Moravia

# **Local support**

Local organizing committee will apply and hopefully arrange the free public transportation for participants during the Meeting days (Prague is well known for an excellent and efficient public transportation).

#### Accommodation

Prague as one of the main world touristic targets offers more than 50 000 beds in its hotels. Two of 5 stars facilities are adjacent to the Congress Centre and offer 800 rooms. Many other luxurious and smart accommodation facilities are in the circle of 2 km (within 10 min travel time by public transport).

<u>Currency:</u> 1 Czech Crown <u>Rate of exchange:</u> 1 Euro 26 crowns

1 USD 19 crowns

1 GBP 30 crowns

Meal prices: local pubs menu from 4 Euro, bier 1 pint for 1 Euro

medium meal from 6 -10 euro, wine from 20 Euro

fine dining world prices

# **Get ready for Prague!**

We hope to find – in the close cooperation with our PCO – a generous support of sponsors which will enable to plan the program at the level you deserve.

I am sure the charms of the city and of the country will be amenable to a good meeting and I do hope you will find the time for both the science and sightseeing in relaxed atmosphere.

Enjoy the paradise of hospitality in medieval scenery and vote for Prague!

