

# MEDICAL & LEGAL CONFERENCES

# Prague

Continuing Professional Education

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## THE 7<sup>th</sup> EAST WEST MEDICAL & LEGAL CONFERENCE PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC 20 – 27 JULY 2012

*This conference runs after **New York** 25 June – 2 July and **Lipari, Sicily** 7 – 14 July 2012*

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Prague is one of the most well preserved cities of Europe. The Baroque church bells, fantastic architecture and old-world glamour, Prague is a great place to visit and explore. Prague boasts more than ten major museums, along with countless theatres, galleries, cinemas, and other historical exhibits. The Czech's regard their locally produced beers as a national treasure.

The palaces, chapels, museums, galleries and gardens serve as testament to the rise of the Přemyslids, the first documented Bohemian native dynasty, and every internecine struggle for power within that family and the later rulers and their competitors: the Jagellons, Charles IV, the Habsburgs and the Catholic Church, to name just the major players. The Golden Age of Charles, in the mid 14th century, and the Nazis' march through the gates are just two events in the castle's relatively recent history that indicate its iconic value as the nation's grandest seat of power.

The Prague Castle dominates the city's skyline, its variety of styles and influences perfectly illustrating the shifting demands of its occupants and conquerors over the last millennium. At the centre of the castle, its dramatic Gothic spires and flying buttresses visible from everywhere in town. Nowhere else in Prague resonates with as much national identity and symbolism, increased by the pride Czechs have taken since having had the castle returned to them in 1989.

We are currently compiling a comprehensive 'Delegate Information Bulletin' which gives detailed facts on the conference. This will be sent to you prior to the conference commencing.

**The academic and professional program** has always been the centre piece of our conferences, but an equally important part is the networking activities we organise outside of the formal program. Over the years many delegates have forged professional links with other practitioners arising out of meeting for the first time at the conferences. The synergy of medical and legal practitioners at these conferences has led to a greater understanding of each other's role and broken down many barriers. Delegates have also reported that the informal interaction with other delegates has led to an exchange of ideas and methodologies, and an enhancement of professional camaraderie among fellow practitioners including referrals from both fellow medical practitioners and lawyers. Many delegates are now coming to these conferences as individuals because of the camaraderie and networking events associated with the conferences.

### **THE CONFERENCE HOTEL & ACCOMMODATION**

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Mamaison Suite Hotel Pachtuv Palace (located in the heart of the city) is the closest hotel to Charles Bridge. Former residence of Earl Karel Pacht and once Mozart's home, the hotel boasts stunning features including vaulted chapel ceilings, sculptures and cosy courtyard gardens. Costs start at AUD\$335 per night for a Deluxe suite including buffet breakfast, based on a 7 night stay (second person occupying the room free of charge). Rates also include internet connection and free entrance to the fitness centre. Other room configurations and prices available on request.

### **GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE HOTEL**

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**Directions from Airport:** Prague Ruzyně International Airport is 16km away from the hotel. While taxis and buses are available at the airport, private transfer can be requested (contact our office for prices).

**If driving:** follow signs to 'Centrum'. Once you arrive at the bank of the Vltava River, turn left and the hotel will be visible on your left.

**Directions from the Train Station:** Hlavni Nadrazi International train station is 3km away from the hotel. Take tram number 9 to Lazarská Station. Change here to tram number 14 and take it to Zborovska Station. If you are coming from Holesovice International train station (6km away), take tram number 14 directly to Zborovska Tram Station.

**Directions from the Tram Station:** Both Karlovo Namesti Metro and Tram Station and Zborovska Tram Station are within easy walking distance of the hotel. Walk across the Vltava River Bridge from Karlovo Namesti Metro and Tram Station or Zborovska Tram Station.

## **TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS**

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CPE Travel Pty Ltd is our licensed travel agency within the conference organisation. Our experienced travel consultants are available to assist you with all travel arrangements including airfares, 2-for-1 packages, car hire, pre-conference and post-conference accommodation. Contact our office to speak with one of our consultants on 07 3254 3331 or email [travel@educationcpe.com](mailto:travel@educationcpe.com).

## **ACCREDITATION**

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*We are now an endorsed provider of Continuing Medical Education for the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. This conference attracts points at rate of 2 points per hour of participation (although not every session attracts points). And we are applying for accreditation with other Colleges.*

## **REGISTRATION**

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Registration cost is \$AUD1100 for single registration or for multiple registrations, \$AUD850. Accompanying persons not needing formal registration are free and are welcome to attend all functions and sessions. Please note that rooms will be allocated strictly in accordance with the receipt of the registration fee. If for any reason you wish to cancel your registration (even at the last minute), we will refund your registration fee less an \$AUD100 administration charge. Accommodation once paid can only be refunded at the hotel's discretion.

## **THE PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

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Conference sessions will run on 4 days of the conference for a disciplined 4 hours, generally starting early to late afternoon depending on the days social event/s.

Conference sessions always include a paper on medical litigation and a separate session on medical law. And we try to do such sessions in an interesting way – like when husband & wife team Dr Dan Peleg head of delivery ward in Rabin Medical Centre & Attorney At Law, Israel, gave a joint presentation on Caesarean Delivery on Maternal Request – Medico-Legal Aspects (Yael Peleg being a plaintiff medical litigation lawyer!). Other fascinating medical speakers at these conferences have included Dr Karl-Heinz Kuenzel, Professor of Anatomy – University of Innsbruck who cut up the Ice Man & gave a discourse on forensic anatomy using the Ice Man as an example. Clinical papers have also been given on asbestos diseases, intellectual property & medicine, and a host of other areas.

**Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)**