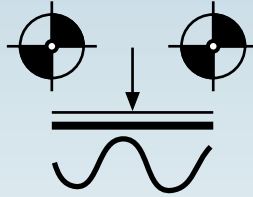


13th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BIOENGINEERING AND SKIN



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR
BIOENGINEERING AND SKIN
(ISBS)

Jerusalem, March 26-30, 2000

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



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Dear Friend and Colleague,

We take great pleasure in inviting you to participate in the 13th Congress of the International Society of Bioengineering and Skin, which will take place in Jerusalem, Israel, March 26-30, 2000.

Jerusalem is the ancient and modern capital of Israel and the holy city of three great religions. Situated at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe, it has for more than three millenia been the source of profound intellectual and emotional inspiration, of prayer and of pilgrimage. Today, Israel has a unique blend of historic vistas, sacred sites as well as contemporary architecture, archeology and an ideal Mediterranean climate.

We look forward to welcoming you in Jerusalem in 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Shabtay Dikstein
Chairman, Organizing Committee

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TIMETABLE

● *Final Submission of Abstracts*

January 1, 2000

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TENTATIVE GENERAL PROGRAM

Sunday, March 26, 2000

Afternoon: Arrival and Registration

Evening: Informal 'Get-Together' Reception

Monday, March 27, 2000

Morning: Opening Ceremony

Invited Lectures

Afternoon: Plenaries and Sessions

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

Morning: Plenaries and Sessions

*Afternoon: Tour of Old City of Jerusalem to be followed by a
Reception and Visit of Israel Museum*

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Morning: Plenaries and Sessions

Afternoon: At leisure

Evening: Gala Dinner

Thursday, March 30, 2000

Morning: Plenaries and Sessions

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ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAM

Two special tours will be provided for accompanying persons which are in addition to the Congress's social events (Informal 'Get-Together' Reception, Tour of Old City of Jerusalem, Reception and visit to the Israel Museum)

Monday, March 27, 2000

Tour to Ein Kerem, Mt. Herzl, Chagall Windows

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

Visit to Stalactite Cave and Kibbutz Tzora, including meeting with Kibbutz members and lecture about the history of the Kibbutz.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Authors wishing to present a paper or poster may either (1) send their abstract by E-mail to bioskin@ortra.co.il as a WORD ATTACHMENT, or (2) mail their abstract on a diskette in WORD FORMAT to reach the Congress Secretariat by January 1, 2000 together with 4 original copies. Material should be sent by Airmail in a padded envelope marked "Do Not Fold".

Abstracts should be written in English, typed single space in Times Roman font, 10-11 point, on a single A4 size page in a area of 15 cm width x 23 cm in length (6 x 9 inches). The title should be typed in CAPITAL LETTERS, leave one line empty, type the authors' names (underline the name of the presenting author), addresses and e-mail addresses, then leave 2 lines empty and begin the text of the abstract (see example below):

THE SKIN BARRIER FUNCTION DURING AGEING

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The purpose of this study is...

THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS ARE PROPOSED:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| ❖ Photoageing | ❖ Skin Imageing |
| ❖ Mechanical properties | ❖ Optical properties |
| ❖ Perception | ❖ Skin barrier |
| ❖ Hydration | ❖ Wound healing |
| ❖ Clinical Studies | ❖ Pharmacology |

Please specify on a separate sheet of paper :

- 1. If you wish to present a:***
 - Lecture***
 - Poster***
 - No preference***
- 2. In which session you prefer to present your material***

GENERAL INFORMATION

Travel

The best way to travel to Israel is by air by direct flight from most major cities in Europe, North America and Asia.

Venue

The Congress will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem.

Language

The official language of the congress is English. Lectures, discussions and printed material will all be in English.

Tourist Services in Israel

Tourist Services will be provided by Ortra Ltd. Pre and Post-Congress tours can be arranged for those interested in touring Israel and neighbouring countries. Special Congress rates are applicable only for reservations made through Ortra or its representative.

Climate and Clothing

March is early Spring in Israel, with temperatures ranging between 18-22°C during the day. Some rain may be expected. Raincoats and warm clothes are recommended for evenings and tours. Dress will be informal throughout the Congress.

Visas

Participants from most countries do not require a visa for Israel. Individuals from countries without diplomatic relations with Israel should write not later than three months prior to the Congress to the Secretariat, giving the following details: full name, date and place of birth, passport number and date of issue, time of arrival and flight number. The Secretariat will arrange for a visa to be issued at the airport upon arrival.

Currency

The unit of currency in Israel is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS), commonly known as the Shekel. The Shekel consists of 100 Agorot, NIS 4.2 = approximately US \$1.

VAT and Tipping

Most bills include VAT. At hotels, however, non-Israelis paying in foreign currency are exempt from VAT. The accepted rate of service charge (tip) at restaurants, when not included, is 10%.

Information about Israel on the Internet

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.mfa.gov.il

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REGISTRATION

All presenting authors and participants attending the Congress must register:

	Before Jan 15, 2000	After Jan 16, 2000
<i>Participants:</i>		
<i>ISBS Member</i>	<i>\$ 410</i>	<i>\$ 460</i>
<i>Non Member</i>	<i>\$ 450</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>
<i>Accompanying Persons</i>	<i>\$ 180</i>	<i>\$ 220</i>
<i>Gala Dinner (Optional)</i>	<i>\$ 60</i>	<i>\$ 60</i>

Students and Research Fellows are Encouraged to Apply for Registration Funds.

Fees for participants include:

- *Attendance at the Scientific Program*
- *Book of Abstracts*
- *Participant's Kit*
- *Informal "Get-Together"*
- *Lunches and Refreshments during session days*
- *Visit and Reception at the Israel Museum*
- *Half day tour of the Old City of Jerusalem*

Fees for Accompanying Persons include:

- *All items mentioned in Accompanying Persons' Program*

Preliminary Registration

Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and send it together with your payment to the Congress Secretariat. Payments can be made by bank draft or bank transfer to Account #142-47233, Bank Hapoalim, Branch 554, Namir Square, Tel Aviv, by Eurocheque (in the currency of the issuing country), by Traveler's Cheques or by Credit Card (Visa/Mastercard/Diners/American Express only)

Registration Fees Cancellation Policy

Refund of Registration Fees will be made as follows (less US \$80 handling fee):
Airmail postmarked until January 20, 2000 - full refund
Airmail postmarked from January 21, 2000 - 50% refund
Airmail postmarked from February 20, 1999 - no refund

TRAVEL, TOURS AND ACCOMMODATION

The Organizing Committee has appointed **Ortra Ltd.**, a registered travel agent, as the official organizer and travel agent for the Congress. Rooms have been reserved at the Crowne Plaza Jerusalem Hotel (5-star) and at the Mercure Jerusalem Gate Hotel (3-star). Double and single occupancy rooms will be available.

Ortra Ltd. will offer pre-and post-Congress tours. Participants will be invited to make additional reservations for tourist services in Israel as desired, such as hotel extensions, regular tours, private car tours, car rentals, touring in limousines with driver/guide, desert trips, trips to Jordan, etc.

Airport Transfers

Limousine transfers can be arranged by Ortra Ltd. for participants of the Congress at a cost of US \$74 per car (maximum 5 persons per car). Participants who wish to book this service will be met at the airport by Ortra Ltd. representatives at the “Tour Bus” counter, located in the Arrival Hall (after customs)

I. BASIC CONGRESS PACKAGE

(SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2000)

Sunday, March 26, 2000

Meeting at Ben Gurion International Airport for transfer to your chosen hotel in Jerusalem (Sunday, March 26, 2000 only)

Monday, March 27 – Friday, March 31, 2000

Congress Program

Rates:

	Per person in a double room *	Per person in a single room
Crowne Plaza Jerusalem Hotel	\$ 475	\$ 845
Mercure – Jerusalem Gate	\$ 300	\$ 520

Rates include:

- Arrival transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to your chosen hotel in Jerusalem (Sunday, March 26, 2000 only)
- **5 nights accommodation** at your chosen hotel in Jerusalem, including Israeli buffet breakfast and service charge.

II. DAILY ACCOMMODATION

	<i>Per person in a double room *</i>	<i>Per person in a single room</i>
<i>Crowne Plaza Jerusalem</i>	<i>\$ 88</i>	<i>\$ 156</i>
<i>Mercure - Jerusalem Gate</i>	<i>\$ 53</i>	<i>\$ 91</i>

Fees include:

One night accommodation including Israeli buffet breakfast and service charge.

III. PRE-CONGRESS TOUR TO JORDAN

(WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 – SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2000)

Wednesday, March 22, 2000

Arrival transfer from Ben Gurion International Airport to the Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv or similar

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Drive from Tel Aviv to Allenby Bridge. After crossing the border, drive to Maddabah and Mount Nebo. Continue to Amman for overnight at first class hotel.

Friday, March 24, 2000

Drive south to Petra. Ride by horse through Siq Canyon to the ancient capital of the Nabateans - El Khazneh, Field of Tombs, Obelisks and al Madabbah. Drive back to Amman. Overnight in Amman at first class hotel.

Saturday, March 25, 2000

Drive to Jerash to visit the ancient Roman City. Return to Amman. Remainder of day at leisure in Amman. Overnight in Amman at first class hotel.

Sunday, March 26, 2000

Depart Amman for Allenby Bridge. Cross border into Israel and drive to your chosen hotel in Jerusalem.

Rates:

Per Person in Double Room \$ 543*

Per Person in Single Room \$ 707

Rates include:

- *Arrival transfer (Wednesday, March 22, 2000 only)*
- *4 nights accommodation including Israeli buffet breakfast and service charge.*
- *3 days touring in an air-conditioned bus with licensed guide.*

Rates do not include:

- *Cost of visas to Jordan*
- *Israeli and Jordanian border taxes*
- *Tips and personal expenses*

Visas:

Visas to Jordan are arranged on a group basis. You are requested to advise us of the following information in order to enable us to make the necessary arrangements.

- *Full name as appears on passport*
- *Nationality and passport number*
- *Issue and expiry date (Passport must be valid for at least 6 months)*
- *Date and place of birth*

The arrangements do not include payment for the visa which is made on an individual basis directly with the Jordanian border authorities. The cost of visa differs for each country.

**IV. POST CONGRESS TOUR TO THE DEAD SEA
(FRIDAY, MARCH 31 - SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2000)**

Friday, March 31, 2000

Departure for full day tour to the Judean Desert, Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, the ancient Herodian fortress of Massada and the delightful Ein Gedi Spa. Highlights include Judean Desert, Kalia, Massada and a swim at the Dead Sea.

Overnight at your chosen hotel in Jerusalem.

Saturday, April 1, 2000

Departures on your own.

Rates:

	<i>Per person in a double room *</i>	<i>Per person in a single room</i>
<i>Crowne Plaza Jerusalem</i>	<i>\$ 155</i>	<i>\$ 220</i>
<i>Mercure – Jerusalem Gate</i>	<i>\$ 120</i>	<i>\$ 155</i>

Rates include:

- 1 night accommodation including breakfast and service charge
- 1 day of touring in air-conditioned bus with licensed English speaking guide

Rates do not include:

- Tips and personal expenses

**V. POST CONGRESS TOUR TO THE DEAD SEA AND THE GALILEE
(FRIDAY, MARCH 31 - TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000)**

Friday, March 31, 2000

As per Post Congress Tour IV to the Dead Sea.

Saturday, April 1, 2000

Full day tour to Beit Shean, Tiberias, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mount of Beatitudes and the Upper Galilee Region.

Dinner and overnight at Kfar Blum Kibbutz Guesthouse or similar.

Sunday, April 2, 2000

Full day tour to the Galilee and the Golan Heights including Nazareth and Sefad.

Dinner and overnight at Kfar Blum Kibbutz Guesthouse or similar.

Monday, April 3, 2000

Full day tour to Acre, Haifa via Caesarea ending in Tel Aviv.

Overnight at the Metropolitan Hotel Tel Aviv or similar.

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Departures on your own.

Rates:

	Per person in a double room *	Per person in a single room
Crowne Plaza Jerusalem Hotel	\$ 493	\$ 654
Mercure – Jerusalem Gate	\$ 458	\$ 589

Rates include:

- 4 nights accommodation including breakfast and service charge
- 2 dinners
- 4 days of touring in air-conditioned bus with licensed English speaking guide

Rates do not include:

- Tips and personal expenses

☛ **Important Note** *The number of single rooms is limited. Participants requesting to share a double room should send their Tourist Services Forms together. The Secretariat will not accept reservations for sharing double rooms unless the forms are received together.*

Post Tour V will operate with a minimum of 15 participants !

Request for Tourist Services:

*Kindly make your requests on the attached "Tourist Services Form" and return it with payment to **Ortra Ltd.** Payments can be made by bank draft or bank transfer to Account #142-47233, Bank Hapoalim, Branch 554, Namir Square, Tel Aviv, by Eurocheque (in the currency of the issuing country), by Traveler's Cheques or by Credit Card (Visa/Mastercard/Diners/American Express only)*

Tourist Services Cancellation Policy:

In case of cancellation, payments will be refunded in full, except for an \$80 cancellation fee plus bank charges, if notification reaches Ortra Ltd. by February 20, 2000. After this time, a \$100 cancellation fee plus one night hotel charge and bank charges will be retained.

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