World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM)
First Congress
Advancing Sleep Health Worldwide

Berlin
15 - 18 October
2005

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13th Annual Meeting of the German Sleep Society (DGSM)
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Berlin is greatly honored to have been chosen as the venue for the first congress of the World Association of Sleep Medicine. We believe that this choice acknowledges the excellent reputation Berlin enjoys as a city of science and medicine.

Berlin can look back on a long medical tradition and a history that includes the work of figures like Robert Koch, Rudolf Virchow, and Ferdinand Sauerbruch. Various revolutionary developments in medicine originated here, and venerable institutions like the Charité contributed to setting and shaping international medical standards.

Today’s Berlin has succeeded in continuing this illustrious tradition. Our city is distinguished by a wide variety of unique medical products and services. Our hospitals are renowned, our position in the medical technology sector is outstanding, and our research is highly regarded in many different disciplines.

Our capacity in this area is undoubtedly a key reason why more and more medical conferences and congresses join us here in the city on the Spree each year. I am especially pleased that we will now also be able to welcome the participants in the first congress of the World Association of Sleep Medicine. I would like to take this early opportunity to wish you a very pleasant stay in our city and, at the same time, to suggest that you plan to take a few brief journeys of discovery here in Berlin when your congress schedule permits it. From theater to opera, classical music to jazz, ancient sculpture to contemporary art – our cultural calendar offers something for every taste.

Berlin is looking forward to the first congress of the World Association of Sleep Medicine in 2005.

Klaus Wowereit
Welcome Address

On behalf of the Organizing Committee we would like to cordially invite you to attend the Founding Congress of the World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM), scheduled to be held in association with the Annual Meeting of the German Sleep Society, in Berlin, during October of 2005.

The WASM is an international organization comprised of healthcare professionals primarily active in the field of sleep medicine. The WASM was founded to improve sleep health worldwide – by promoting and encouraging education and research in sleep medicine – and to encourage prevention and treatment of sleep disorders. We at the WASM work toward encouraging greater worldwide awareness of the importance of sleep and the adverse consequences resulting from lack of sleep, due either to enforced lifestyle or to sleep disorders themselves. The WASM aims to act as a link throughout various sleep association and cultures: i.e., as an international nexus among sleep clinicians and researchers in the advancement of worldwide sleep health.

Towards its mission, the WASM has chosen as venue for its first congress the German capital Berlin, among the foremost metropolises of Europe, with its splendid cultural and architectural heritage. The city of Berlin lies at the heart of new Europe and is a gateway to the new Eastern European countries. Berlin is rapidly developing into a centre not only for the sciences but also, due to its cultural and ethnic diversities, into a major European cultural focus.

We expect a great number of professionals from throughout the world to attend, particularly from Eastern Europe and Asia. Our overall goal is to create a forum for an exchange of experience by those involved in sleep medicine: neurologists, psychiatrists, pulmonologists, internists, general practitioners, pediatricians, oto-rhino-laryngologists, other specialists with interest on sleep and sleep disorders, dentists, psychologists and psychotherapists, and of course technicians. The congress plans to organize courses, symposia, workshops, as well as poster and platform presentations covering recent advances in sleep medicine.
Take this chance to combine a trip to the unique city of Berlin with the opportunity to hear about the latest developments, aspects, problems and strategies in practical sleep medicine. Come and share your experience with both our older and younger members: sleep physicians and laypeople, technicians and doctors, biologists and psychologists. We are keen on ensuring that this congress gives a fresh impetus to practical sleep medicine and improves the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders – in addition to facilitating the exchange of scientific know-how among sleep researchers from a wide range of countries. We intend to offer a rewarding chance to discuss global social developments that stand in the way of healthy sleep.

Let’s do our best to ensure that restful sleep will no longer remain just a dream.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-Chair

Ingo Fietze, MD
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Detailed Information on the Congress may be found at www.wasm2005.org.

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Important Dates and Deadlines

- **1 October - 15 December, 2004**
  Submission of symposia
- **December 2004**
  Publication and distribution of DGSM Preliminary Program
- **1 January - 31 March, 2005**
  Submission of abstracts (lectures, oral presentations, posters)
- **May 2005**
  Notification of acceptance of abstracts to first authors
- **1 January - 15 June, 2005**
  Early registration
- **10 October, 2005**
  Deadline for registration via internet, by mail or fax, afterwards only on site
- **April 2005**
  Publication and distribution of Advance Program
- **July 2005**
  Final scientific program in the Internet www.wasm2005.org
Preliminary Program

Thursday, 13 October (DGSM)

Morning  Working groups
Afternoon  General Assembly of the DGSM (for members only)
Evening  Opening Ceremony, followed by Get-Together

Friday, 14 October (DGSM)

Morning  Scientific Program
Afternoon  Scientific Program
Evening  free

Saturday, 15 October (DGSM & WASM)

Morning  Scientific Program (DGSM)
  09:00 – 13:00  WASM Pre-Conference Courses
  13:00 – 14:15  Lunch
  14:15 – 16:00  Sponsored Joint (WASM & DGSM)
                  Satellite Symposium I
                  Sponsored Joint (WASM & DGSM)
                  Satellite Symposium II
  16:00 – 17:00  Coffee Break
  17:00 – 18:30  Opening Ceremony
                 Welcome Address: Sudhansu Chokroverty, USA
                 President of the WASM
                 Sleep Medicine: William C. Dement, USA
                 Honorary President of the WASM Founding Congress
  20:00  Joint (WASM & DGSM) Sleepers Party (s.p. 13)
Sunday, 16 October (WASM)

07:30 – 08:30  Breakfast Courses
08:30 – 09:15  Keynote Lecture: Allan Pack, USA
09:15 – 10:15  Main Symposium I (Part I) “Future Aspects in Treatment of Sleep Disorders”
               Chairs:
               Sudhansu Chokroverty, USA
               President of the WASM
               Jürgen Fischer, Germany
               President of the DGSM
               Sleep Related Breathing Disorders:
               Mark Sanders, USA
               Insomnia:
               Goeran Hajak, Germany
10:15 – 11:00  Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30  Joint Education for Technicians I
               Joint Education for Technicians II
               Main Symposium I (continued)
               Parasomnia:
               Mark Mahowald, USA
               Circadian Rhythm/Sleep-Wake-Cycle Disorders:
               Torbjorn Akerstedt, Sweden
               RLS and PLM:
               Jacques Montplaisir, Canada
12:30 – 14:15  Lunch
               Lunch/Sponsored Satellite Symposium I
               Lunch/Sponsored Satellite Symposium II
14:15 – 15:45  Poster Session I
15:45 – 16:30  Keynote Lecture: Christian Guilleminault, USA
16:30 – 17:00  Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:30  Topic Symposia
               Free Oral Presentations
20:00          Gala Dinner (s.p. 16)
Monday, 17 October (WASM)

07:30 – 08:30  Breakfast Courses
08:30 – 09:15  Keynote Lecture: Virend K. Somers, USA
09:15 – 10:15  Main Symposium II (Part I)
               “Hot Topics in Sleep Research”
               Chairs:
               David Dinges, USA
               Markku Partinen, Finland
               Mechanisms of Sleep Regulation:
               Robert McCarley, USA
               Memory Consolidation during Human Sleep:
               Jan Born, Germany
10:15 – 11:00  Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30  Main Symposium II (continued)
               Autonomic Tone and Sleep:
               Peretz Lavie, Israel
               Imaging the Function of Sleep:
               Pierre Maquet, Belgium
               Genetics of Sleep:
               Emmanuel Mignot, USA
               Topic Symposia
12:30 – 14:15  Lunch
               Lunch/Sponsored Satellite Symposium III
               Lunch/Sponsored Satellite Symposium IV
14:15 – 15:45  Poster Session II
15:45 – 16:30  Keynote Lecture: James Walsh, USA
16:30 – 17:00  Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:30  Topic Symposia
               Free Oral Presentations
18:30 – 19:30  General Assembly of the WASM Members
Tuesday, 18 October (WASM)

07:30 – 08:30 Breakfast Courses
08:30 – 09:15 Keynote Lecture: Massaya Segawa, Japan
09:15 – 10:15 Main Symposium III (Part I)
    “Young Investigators Symposium”
10:15 – 11:00 Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 Main Symposium III (continued)
    Topic Symposia
12:30 – 14:15 Lunch
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15:45 – 16:30 Keynote Lecture: Soňa Nevsímalová, Czech Republic
16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:30 Topic Symposia
    Free Oral Presentations
followed by Farewell Party
Social Program

Thursday, 13 October

Get-Together (DGSM)
Location: bcc

Saturday, 15 October

Joint Sleepers Party (WASM & DGSM)
Location: Axel Springer Passage
The Joint Sleepers Party will take place in quite unusual surroundings. In an area rich with the traditions of the old press district and at the former interface between East and West, the Axel Springer Passage presents an attractive assortment of urban architecture. In a festive atmosphere, with live music in the Ullstein Halle or at the stylish bar in the Atrium, you will have the opportunity to meet and get to know sleep professionals and experts from Germany and from around the world. Be prepared for the unexpected.
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Sunday, 16 October

**Gala Dinner**

Location: Deutsches Historisches Museum (German Historical Museum), Schlüterhof

The oldest building on the grand boulevard Unter den Linden – and at the same time one of the most beautiful profane baroque buildings in Northern Germany – the German Historical Museum (Deutsches Historisches Museum) will be the exclusive setting for the Gala Dinner. Built at the beginning of the eighteenth century as an armoury (Zeughaus / Arsenal) it later housed the royal weaponry and model collections, it was eventually converted into a museum and operated under various guises. Since 1991 it has been the home of the German Historical Museum (Deutsches Historisches Museum), which after a six-year reconstruction period, reopened in 2004 with a newly added extension. During the course of the evening, you will have an opportunity to tour the museum and experience a journey through German history.

Tuesday, 18 October

**Farewell Party**

Location: bcc
Social Program for Accompanying Persons

Berlin Sightseeing Tour (approx. 2-3 hours)

Experience Berlin, the German capital, a city abundant in symbols that tell the story of Germany. Witness the growing together of East and West.

The tour covers the historic Eastern city centre with Gendarmenmarkt, the boulevard Unter den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate, the government quarter as well as the Potsdamer Platz, Alexanderplatz and the TV Tower. In the Western part of the city you will see the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Kurfürstendamm, the Victory Column and the Charlottenburg Palace.

Berlin Medical Historical Museum of the Charité

Situated on the premises of the historical Charité in Berlin-Mitte, the Berlin Medical Historical Museum is famous for its huge collection of dry and wet specimens. In original show-cases from 1900 nearly 1,000 preparations display the whole human body, explaining anatomy and pathology. In addition, the permanent collection offers a tour through medicine starting from around 1700. A larger number of medical instruments, drawings, models, photographs, books and manuscripts from the fields of pathology, ophthalmology, urology and dentistry are presented. In changing exhibitions important topics from current medicine and the history of medicine are addressed. Frequently art plays an eminent role in special exhibition projects.
Day Excursion to Potsdam

Experience Potsdam! A centre of Prussian history and culture, adjacent to Berlin. In the 17th century, the development of Potsdam as a second town of residence of the later Prussian kings was initiated by the Great Elector Prince Friedrich Wilhelm. In the course of the 18th century, numerous palaces and extensive palace gardens were created for the Prussian kings and princes. You will see the old city centre with St. Nicholas Church designed by Schinkel, Fortune’s Portal, the Dutch Quarter and Nauen Gate. The tour also leads to the Cecilienhof Palace and past the Russian Colony Alexandrowka. Highlight of the excursion will be a visit to the beautiful palace gardens of Sanssouci and an exclusive guided tour of one of the famous palaces.

Start: 10:00
End: 16:00
Price: 45 € p.P.
Lunch has to be paid individually.
General Information for Participants

Registration
(attending the WASM congress,
15-18 October 2005)

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The registration fee for participants includes access to all scientific sessions of the WASM congress, coffee and lunch breaks on 15 - 18 October, industrial and poster exhibitions and congress documents of WASM.
Registration (attending the DGSM & WASM congress, 13-18 October 2005)

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Registration deadline: 10 October 2005, afterwards registration is possible exclusively on site, at bcc!

Travel Grants

Travel grants and scholarships are available through the congress committee.

Accompanying Persons

The registration fee for accompanying persons covers a Sightseeing Tour of Berlin (approx. 2-3 h) on one of the congress days, free access to the congress center, coffee and lunch breaks, industrial and poster exhibitions and participation in the social events of the congresses at the special congress prices offered.
Payments

The registration fees for participation, courses and the festive evening can be paid as follows:

- Bank transfer to Berliner Bank; Bank Code: 100 200 00
  Account Name: WASM 2005; Account Number: 43 92 444 110
For money transfer from abroad, please apply the BIC (Bank Identifier Code) and IBAN (International Bank Account Number)
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Please note that any charges have to be paid by the sender.
- Credit cards: Mastercard and Visa
- Cash on site

Terms of Cancellation

Cancellations of registration will only be accepted in writing. In case of cancellation before 31 July 2005 registration fees will be refunded minus a handling fee of 25 €. No refund will be given after this date.

Certificate of Attendance

A certificate of attendance can be picked up at the registration desk on site.

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The participant accepts the above mentioned conditions with his/her signature on the registration form.

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To become a member of WASM, please contact for more details:
- www.wasm2005.org or
- WASM Office
c/o Carmen Castells
Klinikstr. 16, D-34128 Kassel, Germany
Industrial Exhibition and Sponsorship

The congress will be accompanied by an industrial exhibition, which will present the latest technology, equipment, pharmaceutical products and literature. During the coffee and lunch breaks you are welcome in the exhibition area where beverages and snacks will be offered. The exhibition will be opened throughout the entire congress. We would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting the production of the Preliminary Program for the WASM Congress:

- GlaxoSmithKline
- ResMed GmbH & Co. KG
- Respironics International

If you have any questions please contact: info@wasm2005.org

Young Investigator Award in Clinical Research

The company Weinmann, Hamburg, is founding the “Young Investigator Award in Clinical Research”. This award is specifically aimed at supporting young promising scientists working in clinical sleep research. Applicants should not be older than 35 years of age. Women with children get additional education time.
For further information please visit www.wasm2005.org.
Submission of Abstracts

General Information

Healthcare professionals from all over the world who are primarily active in the field of sleep medicine are invited to attend the First Congress of the World Association of Sleep Medicine.
A special criterion for finally accepting abstracts will be their degree of innovation.
Contributions on the main topics of the two congresses are especially welcome:

**DGSM:** Der Traum vom erholsamen Schlaf
(The dream of restful sleep)

**WASM:** Advancing Sleep Health Worldwide

All abstracts must be submitted electronically by using the “Abstract Submitter” available on the congress websites (www.wasm2005.org or www.dgsm2005.de). Abstracts submitted after the deadline of **31 March 2005** will not be accepted. The “Abstract Submitter” will be deactivated on 1 April 2005, 0.00 hrs/CET. Airmailed, photocopied or faxed abstracts will not be accepted as such.

Please read the instructions below carefully before submitting your abstract. Abstracts not fulfilling the given instructions will be returned to the authors for correction.

**Posters**

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Topics

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- Insomnia
- Narcolepsy
- Respiratory Sleep Disorders
- Restless Legs Syndrome
- Periodic Limb Movements
- Other Movement Disorders
- Neuromuscular Disorders
- Circadian Rhythm Disorders
- Parasomnia
- Hypersomnolence
- REM-Sleep-Behavior Disorder
- Epilepsy in Sleep
- Pediatrics
- Mental disorders/Psychiatric/Personality
- Sleep in other medical disorders
- Sleep Health Care Delivery
- Epidemiology/Individual Differences
- Instrumentation/Methodology
- Biological Rhythms
- Physiology/Endocrinology
- Molecular Biology/Immunology
- Pharmacology
- Children
- Sleep Deprivation
- Behavior and Dreaming
- Other Sleep Disorders

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- Animal Models
- Animal Studies
Reviewing, Abstract Acceptance and Presentation Format

- The abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by the program committee. The acceptance of each abstract (for oral or poster presentation) will be indicated on the congress website www.wasm2005.org or www.dgsm2005.de.
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2-star standard hotel. Situated in Friedrichshain, next to the train station Ostbahnhof and the bank of the river Spree.
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