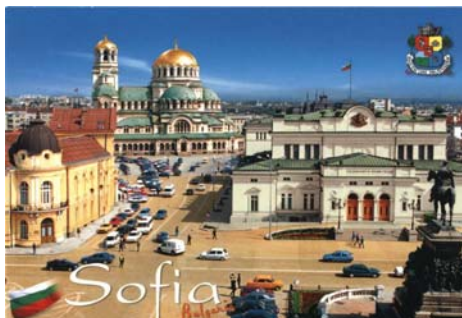


**Ninth International Conference on Progress
in Vaccination Against Cancer
(PIVAC 9)
October 8 -10, 2009, Hilton Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria**

Second announcement



Main Topics

- Cancer immunity and ageing
- Tumour escape
- Immunotherapy in Cancer and Cancer Vaccines
- Animal models
- Clinical trials
- Standardization and monitoring
- Stem Cell Therapy in Cancer and Cancer Stem Cells

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Important dates:

Call for Abstracts: Deadline August 15, 2009;

Early registration: Deadline August 15, 2009;

Abstract submission:

1. Abstract submission will be via e-mail only : info@aci-bg.org.
2. Abstracts submitted by fax will not be accepted.
3. All abstracts must be submitted and presented in English.
4. Maximum 350 words.
5. All abstracts will be published in the Conference documentation.



Awards – 3 Meeting Bursaries will be offered to the best abstracts and the winners will be asked present their work as a short talk in the “EACR Young Researcher Awards” session.

General information

Bulgaria is situated in southeastern Europe and occupies the eastern part of the Balkan Peninsula. To the north it borders on Romania, to the west on the Republic of Macedonia and Serbia, to the east on the Black Sea, to the south on Greece and to the southeast on Turkey's European part. Area: 111.000 sq km

Climate:

Temperate continental with four clearly distinguishable seasons. A Mediterranean influence is felt in the country's southern regions. The average annual temperature is 10.5°C. The weather in Autumn in Bulgaria is pleasant and usually the temperature is between 15 and 18°C.

Time:

GMT+2 hrs

Currency: Bulgarian lev (BGN) =100 stotinki. The lev is fixed to the EUR at a rate of EUR 1=Lev 1.95

Electricity: 220V/50Mhz

Population: 8 million

Business Hours:

Mon-Fri - 09:00am-6:00pm

Language:

Bulgarian, English, German, French and Russian are widely spoken. The conference will be exclusively in English.

There are many other good reasons for attending this important congress in Sofia:

The capital of Bulgaria - Sofia (1.2 million) is a city whose name means “wisdom”, a crossroads of civilizations and a focus of cultures. Like any other European capital, Sofia is the hub of the country's political, business and cultural life, the center of various international events, symposia, meetings, conferences and fairs. The area surrounding the city is rich in natural beauty. The tranquillity and charm of the **Vitosha Mountains** offers ideal spots for picnics or walking in the summer and superb skiing in the winter. **Shopping** in Sofia is quite an experience. There are all kinds of shops - from shining boutiques offering designer clothing to shops for traditional arts & crafts that feast the eyes. Each **night in Sofia** is a thrilling experience, with many concerts, opera or theatre, jazz and rock clubs or piano bars to choose from. Disco fans will find Sofia discos as good as any in Europe. Nightclubs have variety shows in the small hours. Casinos in Sofia don't close before dawn.

Top things to do in Sofia

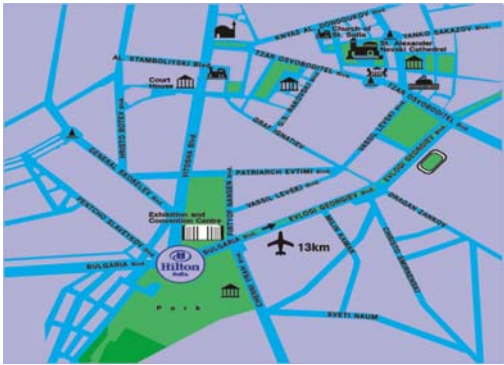
- Visit the **Alexander Nevsky Cathedral** – the biggest orthodox cathedral on the Balkan peninsular whose magnificent icons and frescoes are world famous
- Visit the UNESCO-listed **Boyana church** - a fine example of Medieval architecture with unique wall paintings.
- Visit the **National History Museum** housing the world famous Panagyurishte Gold Treasure
- Visit the **St George Rotunda**, part of a large archeological complex with rare Roman architectural features
- Visit the **Sveta Sofia Basilica** which inspired the city's coat of arms
- Visit the 105 year-old **National Theatre “Ivan Vasov”**
- Go to the **Vitosha Mountain** (only 20 min drive from the Hilton Hotel Sofia)
- To make your stay in Sofia truly enjoyable you must taste the renowned **Bulgarian red and white wines** such as Gamza, Dimiat, Pamid, Muscat, Misket, Mavrud and Melnik



Travel to Sofia: Sofia is easy to reach from all around the world. It is 10 hours from the East Coast of North America and just 2 hours from Central Europe. Almost all major international airlines serve Sofia Airport which is 13 km away from the congress venue – Hilton Hotel Sofia

Travel within Sofia: The congress venue and hotels are located near the city centre (about a 10-minute walk; public transport – buses and trams as well as taxis are also available).

Hilton Hotel Sofia, the newest and most modern hotel in Sofia, opened its doors in April 2001. It has a perfect location at the heart of the city, surrounded by the South Park and overlooking the Vitosha Mountain. The hotel is in close proximity to the commercial district and government offices. Boutiques, restaurants and nightclubs are within walking distance



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Transportation to the Hilton Sofia

From	Km	Time	Via
Sofia Airport	13	15 min	Taxi/Shuttle
Downtown	1	5 min	Taxi/Walk
Railway Station	5	15 min	Taxi

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Preliminary program

Thursday October 8, 2009	
16:00 – 16.15	Welcome
Keynote presentation 16:15 – 17:00	Olja Finn: Distinguishing self from abnormal self on tumors to enhance vaccine efficacy
Session: Cancer immunity and ageing 17:00 – 18:30	
Joseph Lustgarten	Implications of self-tolerance and aging for the development cancer immunotherapeutics
Claudia Gravekamp	The importance of the age factor in cancer vaccination
Graham Pawelec	Immunosenescence, cancer and Cytomegalovirus
19:00-21:00	Welcome reception
Friday October 9, 2009	
Session: Tumour escape 08:30 – 10:00	
Federico Garrido	MHC Molecules and the Immune Escape of Cancer: Consequences for Immunotherapy
Thomas Blankenstein	No escape
Sjoerd van der Burg	Poised HPV16-specific T-cells in cervical carcinoma and draining lymph nodes
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
Session: Immunotherapy in Cancer and Cancer Vaccines 10:30- 12:30	
Dmitri Gabrilovich	Novel mechanism of combined effects of immunotherapy and chemotherapy of cancer
Lea Eisenbach	Anti-tumor vaccines to defined antigens: the upside and the downside
Enzo Bronte	Control of tumor-induced immunosuppressive pathways increases the effectiveness of cancer immunotherapy
Bob Rees	Discovery of cancer antigens and biomarkers associated with cancer and patient response to immunotherapy
12:30-14:00	Lunch
Session: Animal models 14:00 – 15:30	
Emanuela Signori	DNA vaccination strategies in mouse models of cancers
Suzanne Ostrand-Rosenberg	Myeloid-derived suppressor cells: Linking inflammation and cancer
Tom Sayers	Sensitizing tumor cells to immune-mediated cytotoxicity
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
Session: Clinical trials 16:00 – 18:00	
Daniel Speiser	Persistent multifunctional human effector CD8 T cells induced by repetitive vaccination with class I (but without class II) antigens
Per Thor Straten	Immunological targeting of the malignant phenotype
Gustav Gaudernnack	Results of clinical trials of the telomerase vaccine GV1001 in patients with lung cancer and malignant melanoma
Kris Thielemans	Next generation DC vaccines: TriMix modified dendritic cells as new designer cellular vaccines

18:30 – 21:00	Cancer Immunology Immunotherapy Board Meeting (Editorial Board Members only) and dinner
	Saturday October 10th
Session: Standardization and monitoring (Company session) 9:00- 11:00	
Lecturer	Lecture
Cecile Gouttefangeas	Harmonized T-cell monitoring assays for immunotherapy trials: update on the CIMT immunoguiding program
Paul Lehmann	Testing of Cryopreserved PBMC Reference Samples Shows Unexpectedly Low Intra- and Inter- Laboratory Variability of ELISPOT Results
Sylvia Janetzki	Optimization of immune monitoring through assay harmonization and transparent reporting
Steffen Walter	Multi-Parameter Immunomonitoring and Biomarker Analysis for Multi-Center Clinical Trials
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
Session: Stem Cell Therapy in Cancer and Cancer Stem Cells 11:30 – 12:30	
Lecturer	Lecture
Alejandro Madrigal	Immunotherapy in Stem Cell Transplantation
Dominique Charron	Immune reconstitution and stem cell therapy
.....still open	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Poster viewing
15:30-17:30	Selected oral presentations
Daniel Gomez	Racotumomab a monoclonal anti-idiotype tumor vaccine against N-glycolyl.-containing gangliosides
17.30 – 18.00	Awards and Closure
19:00	Dinner and Farewell Party

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