

# OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes

Budapest, Hungary

1–5 September 2002



### 1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

On behalf of the Hungarian Diabetes Association and its Pro Diabetologia Foundation we are pleased to invite you to the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes which will be held at the Budapest Fair Centre (BFC). The BFC is located in the southern part of the Hungarian capital and is the largest fairground in central Europe. The plenary sessions, oral presentations and State of the Art Lectures/Symposia will be held at the BFC as well as the exhibition, the poster display and discussion sessions. The BFC can be easily reached from the city centre by the subway line no.2 “red”. The BFC is a 15-minute walk from the subway and there is a shuttle bus no.100 which goes around the BFC and stops at GATE III at the main Congress entrance.

The Meeting will start with the Welcome Party on Sunday 1 September at 20:00 in the City Park near the Heroes’ Square, which will be a unique introduction to the Hungarian capital. The meeting will end on Thursday, 5 September at 13:30 with a Closing Ceremony followed by a Farewell Wine Festival at the BFC.

All registered participants and accompanying persons are invited to the Welcome Party: “A taste of Hungary” and the Farewell Wine Festival.

We are sure that the exciting scientific programme together with the traditional warm Hungarian hospitality will make this Meeting an unforgettable experience for all participants. We look forward to welcoming you to Budapest in September 2002.

### 2. PROGRAMME

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS, to last not longer than 10 minutes, are invited on any subject relevant to the understanding of diabetes mellitus. Detailed instructions are given in PARAGRAPH 4.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACTS IS 1 APRIL 2002. Communications must be delivered in English. There is no simultaneous translation. The Provisional Programme will be sent to all paid-up members of EASD in June 2001.

The programme will include the 34<sup>th</sup> Claude Bernard Lecture to be delivered by Prof. Marja-Riitta Taskinen, the 37<sup>th</sup> Minkowski Lecture, the 17<sup>th</sup> Camillo Golgi Lecture, the Somogyi Lecture to be delivered by Prof. Gyula Soltész who was nominated by the Local Organising Committee, State of the Art Lectures and Symposia and Oral and Poster Presentations.

**It is not permitted to take photographs and/or film during any of the sessions.**

### 3. RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS

**Abstracts can only be submitted online via [www.easd.org](http://www.easd.org)** and cannot be submitted LATER THAN 1 APRIL 2002. THE DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED, as will the regulations given in paragraph 4. Acknowledgement of receipt will be sent via email to the presenting (= first named) author.

### 4. SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Authors are not permitted to submit work which they know is likely to be published before the EASD Annual Meeting. The Programme Committee has the right to withdraw from the programme an abstract which contains material which has already been published. EASD will consider abstracts which, in recent months, have been presented at local or national diabetes meetings. An author submitting or presenting published work will be banned from presenting data at the EASD Meetings for three years.

#### **Abstracts submitted on Human Studies:**

The box must be marked stating that the study has been reviewed by the local ethics committee and that it has therefore been performed in accordance with the ethical standards laid down in the 1996 revision of the Helsinki Declaration (JAMA 277: 925–926, 1997).

#### **Abstracts submitted on Animal Studies:**

The box must be marked stating that the study has been carried out along the “Principles of laboratory animal care” (NIH Publication no.85–23, revised 1985) and according to the national law, if applicable.

Selection of abstracts for the Scientific Programme is made anonymously. THE ABSTRACT MUST BE SUBMITTED as follows:

EACH PRESENTING AUTHOR (= first named author on the abstract) CAN SUBMIT ONLY ONE ABSTRACT. (Presenting authors may be co-authors of other abstracts). It is MANDATORY that the first-named, presenting author of any abstract accepted for presentation, be present to deliver his/her paper. Failure to do so, without prior or adequate explanation, may result in the author being banned from presentation of future abstracts for a period of three years. Abstracts are welcome from non-mem-

bers of EASD, but attention is drawn to paragraph 15 of this Official Announcement, regarding the date by which authors must become members of EASD, in order to qualify for preferential registration fees. These regulations will be strictly enforced. Membership application forms are available from the EASD Secretariat in Düsseldorf and from the Association's website: [www.easd.org](http://www.easd.org)

The abstract must be submitted in English. Once it has been received by the Düsseldorf Secretariat **CHANGES IN THE CONTENT OF THE SUBMITTED ABSTRACT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

These instructions for the submission of abstracts must be strictly followed. If an abstract is unsuitable for reproduction, it will be disqualified. Detailed abstract submission instructions can be found under [www.easd.org](http://www.easd.org)

Please follow the instructions on the Website, special emphasis should be drawn to the following points:

- 1) The TITLE, in capital letters, should be short (maximum 2 lines).
- 2) \*\* Begin a new line with the initials and family name of the presenting author followed by the co-authors (e.g. T. Halmos) without titles. Continue with the address of the institution(s), where the work was performed.
- 3) The text should be continuous (no paragraphs).
- 4) The abstract must be structured. Begin each section with the words **Background and Aims**, **Materials and Methods**, **Results**, and **Conclusions**: in bold characters. One or two sentences should describe the **methods**, and any aspects of methodology (e.g. use of control groups, randomisation, patient selection, assay variation). The sentences stating the **results** must include hard data, including statistical analysis.
- 5) References may NOT be included.
- 6) Abbreviations may not be used in the title. A list of approved abbreviations and units of expression for use without definition appears in DIABETOLOGIA, Vol. 45, 1, 2002.
- 7) It is only possible to select one keyword.
- 8) Please mark preference for abstract presentation.
- 9) Abstracts **CANNOT** be submitted as an **e-mail attachment**.
- 10) Do **not use** the symbols for alpha, beta, gamma, etc. Please write out these symbols to avoid possible transmission difficulties.
- 11) A **signed copy** of the abstract **must** be faxed to the Secretariat **Fax +49 211 75846929. Deadline 1 April 2002. In case of questions, please call +49 211 7584690.**
- 12) **Do not** use graphs.

## 5. PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The Programme Committee Members will meet in May 2002 and have the absolute right to accept or reject abstracts. Their decision is final. Only accepted abstracts will be printed. Presenting authors will be advised of the Programme Committee's decision by the first week of June 2002.

## 6. POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Poster presentations rank equally with oral presentations in EASD Meetings. Posters are displayed throughout the Meeting, and should be mounted on the morning of the first day and removed after the end of the EASD Meeting. The Posters represent an excellent opportunity for direct scientific exchange, and are accessible for study at any time during the Meeting hours. Furthermore, all posters are presented at a special Poster Presentation during the lunch breaks when no other scientific session will take place. During the other Poster Presentation Sessions it is recommended that the authors are present or make arrangements that somebody with knowledge of the displayed work is present at their posters. Detailed instructions will be sent to the presenting author on notification of acceptance.

## 7. PROJECTION FACILITIES

Projection facilities will be available for 5 × 5 cm slides, mounted in glass or metal frame. Power point projection will also be available. Instructions on slide and power point presentations will be sent to the authors, when the programme has been finalised. **ONLY SINGLE PROJECTION IS PROVIDED.**

## 8. VOLUME OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in DIABETOLOGIA. The Volume of Abstracts will be sent to members together with the August issue of Diabetologia and will also be available on the Association's website [www.easd.org](http://www.easd.org) and upon registration at the Meeting.

## 9. SYMPOSIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

*SYMPOSIA* held on the occasion of the 38th Annual Meeting of the EASD will be announced by means of an ad-hoc specific programme produced and distributed by the Local Organising Committee. Symposia held on the occasion of the Annual Meeting are not endorsed by the EASD. For further information on symposia held prior to or after the official programme, please contact:

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PO Box 741  
H-1365 Budapest 5  
Hungary  
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## 10. CREDIT POINTS

Certificates of Continuing Medical Education Credit Points will be provided by the EASD Secretariat upon request at the EASD Annual Meeting.

## 11. TRAVEL GRANTS/STAYMENT GRANTS

Members can only apply for one grant.

### Travel Grants – Deadline 1 April 2002

A limited number of travel grants will be available to PAID-UP MEMBERS OF THE EASD UNDER THE AGE OF 35 ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2002 who are presenting authors of accepted abstracts.

### Stayment Grants – Deadline 1 April 2002

A limited number of stayment grants will be available to PAID-UP MEMBERS OF THE EASD who are presenting authors of accepted abstracts and who are living in countries facing financial problems.

### Application for Travel or Stayment Grants:

Application can be made only for one grant. The application for a travel or a stayment grant should consist of a SINGLE TYPE-WRITTEN PAGE giving the following information:

- Full name, date of birth and place of work of the applicant.
- EASD Membership number of the applicant.
- Date and nature of appointment to current position.
- Brief résumé of work on which the applicant is currently engaged.
- The cost of economy return fare between place of work and Budapest (in Euro).
- Brief recommendation by the Head of Department.

The application should be accompanied by a copy of the submitted abstract. Applications for these grants should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary of the Association TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 1 APRIL 2002. Applications received after this date cannot be considered!

EASD Secretariat  
Attn: Prof. A.J.M. Boulton  
Rheindorfer Weg 3  
D-40591 Düsseldorf  
Germany

All applicants will be informed the result of their application in June 2002.

## 12. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

A valid passport is required for entry into Hungary but most Europeans do not require an entry visa for Hungary. Please consult the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate nearest to you for specific details relating to Visas or alternatively you can visit the web-site of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.mfa.gov.hu/konzul/index-a.htm>.

## 13. OFFICIAL INVITATIONS

Official letters of invitation to the 38th Annual Meeting of the EASD will be sent by the Organising Committee on request. Please note this procedure aims to assist dele-

gates who need to obtain a visa or permission to attend the Meeting and is not an official invitation covering fees and other expenses. It does not imply any financial support from the Meeting. Requests should be addressed to:

### Local Organisers:

EASD 2002 Annual Meeting Secretariat  
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Fax: +36 1 3121582  
email: [easd2002@congress.blavo.hu](mailto:easd2002@congress.blavo.hu)

## 14. REGISTRATION

All registrations are requested to be made by means of the registration form or photocopy thereof. Please send your registration form together with the registration fee to:

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email: [registration-hotel@congress.blavo.hu](mailto:registration-hotel@congress.blavo.hu)

or via on line registration: [www.easd2002.com](http://www.easd2002.com) (this site is secured against any abuse).

Early registration closes on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2002, and any registration received after that date will be charged at the higher rate.

Participants will receive confirmation of registration and payment by the Local Organisers. On arrival, the confirmation must be shown at the Registration Desk. Participants will receive their documentation and name badge, which **MUST BE WORN** due to safety regulations throughout the Meeting.

### Registration Desk – Opening Hours:

Saturday	31 August	16:00–20:00
Sunday	1 September	08:00–20:00
Monday	2 September	08:00–18:00
Tuesday	3 September	08:00–18:00
Wednesday	4 September	08:00–18:00
Thursday	5 September	08:00–13:30

The registration desks will be situated in Pavilion F 4 at the **Budapest Fair Centre (BFC)**

### Participant's registration fees include:

- Admission to the Scientific Programme
- Admission to the Industry Exhibition
- Programme and Abstract Book
- Budapest Public Transportation Pass
- Coffee breaks
- Lunches on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Welcome Party: "A taste of Hungary" on Sunday, 1 September 2002
- Farewell Wine Festival on Thursday, 5 September 2002

**ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S FEES INCLUDE:**

- Welcome Party: "A taste of Hungary" on Sunday, 1 September 2002
- Budapest Public Transportation Pass
- Budapest Sight-seeing Tour on Monday, 2 September 2002
- Farewell Wine Festival on Thursday, 5 September 2002

**15. REGISTRATION FEES (in EURO)**

	Until 20 June 2002	On or after 20 June 2002
Paid-up member under 35 years of age on 1.1. 2002	€ 50.00	€ 160.00
Paid-up member between 35-45 years of age on 1.1. 2002	€ 160.00	€ 320.00
Paid-up member over 45 years of age on 1.1. 2002	€ 200.00	€ 450.00
Non-member of EASD	€ 550.00	€ 700.00
Accompanying person	€ 150.00	€ 150.00

All rates are indicated in Euro. The term "Paid-up member" refers to persons who are recorded at the EASD Secretariat in Düsseldorf as paid-up members at the time of the EASD Meeting. Annual membership payments received after 1 August 2002 from NEW MEMBERS will not entitle them to registration fees for members. Please bring your membership card to the EASD Meeting.

**16. PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES**

**a) Cheques** payable to *Pro Diabetologia Foundation* and sent to:

EASD 2002 Annual Meeting Secretariat  
PO Box 741  
H-1365 Budapest 5  
Hungary

**b) Bank Transfers** regarding registration have to be made to:

Account Holder's Name: Pro Diabetologia Foundation  
Giro Bank Code: 10300002  
Account Number: 50120064-21004887  
Bank: Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank  
Váci u. 38  
H-1056 Budapest  
Swift Code: MKKBHUHB

Please indicate "EASD 2002" and the name of the participant(s).

**c) Credit Card (only VISA, EuroCard/MasterCard, American Express; all other cards will not be accepted)** card number with expiry date, billing address and signature of the cardholder are needed.

Other forms of payment different than those listed above will not be accepted.

**All charges due to bank transfers have to be paid by the sender. The name and address of the sender have to be marked clearly on every remittance!!** Upon receipt of the appropriate fees, delegates will receive from the Local Or-

ganisers a confirmation letter, which should be presented at the registration desks in Budapest. Please submit your Registration Form and payment by regular mail or fax. In order to avoid double charges, only send the registration form ONCE. When the Registration Form is sent and confirmation has not been received after 4 weeks, please do not hesitate to contact the Local Organisers.

**17. SOCIAL EVENTS**

(included in the Registration Fees of participants and accompanying persons)

**Welcome Party "A Taste of Hungary"  
Sunday, 1 September 2002 at 19:00**

The Welcome Party will take place in the City Park just beyond the Heroes' Square, which was erected to commemorate the thousandth anniversary of the Conquest of Hungary. During the evening the biggest ever (200) Gypsy Virtuosi Orchestra will give a concert. The evening will also provide an introduction to traditional Hungarian cuisine. Rustic Hungarian dishes with abundant wine will be served during the evening and participants also have the possibility to visit - free of charge - collections of three beautiful historical buildings: *the Museum of Fine Arts* (which has a valuable Spanish, Venetian and Dutch collection), *the Art Gallery*, surrounding the Heroes' Square and the *Vajdahunyad Castle* in the City Park which houses the Museum of Agriculture.

All registered participants and accompanying persons are invited.

**Farewell Wine Festival,  
Thursday, 5 September 2002 at 14:30**

The Farewell Wine Festival will take place at the Budapest Fair Centre. The Wine Festival will be an excellent opportunity to taste the products of the different wine-growing areas of Hungary. Century-old wine making in Hungary has a glorious history: Hungarian wines have been drunk in the civilised world for centuries. Aszú of Tokaj have graced the table of renowned princes in Europe, which are said to be the nectar necessary for the conception of a male heir. For example, Aszú of Tokaj was called "King of wines, wine of Kings" by Louis XIVth, the Sun King of France. Wines from Eger, Neszmély, Szekszárd, Villány, Gyöngyös and Sopron, the volcanic area of Lake Balaton have always been good ambassadors of its culinary treasury, maintaining Hungary's position as the third senior wine producing country in Europe. Participants can make "comparative tests" among the various sorts of wine.

All registered participants and accompanying persons are invited.

**18. OPTIONAL SOCIAL EVENTS -  
Tuesday, 3 September 2002 at 20:00**

The Local Organising Committee is supporting two optional cultural events. These performances will give you an opportunity to enjoy Hungary's rich and varied cultural life.

**Tuesday, 3 September 2002 at 20:00**

a. An evening in the Hungarian State Opera House, built in Italian neo-Renaissance style in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by one of the most famous Hungarian architects.

The performance will be followed by a reception.

**Price:** Euro 50 per person

b. **Hungarian Folk Dances** in the **Budapest Convention Centre**. The BCC is located on Jagello Street, District XI. The ensemble presents a spectacular selection from the most famous, authentic Hungarian folk music and dances. Snacks and a glass of champagne will be served. Reservations will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Early booking is recommended.

**Free of charge**

**19. INDUSTRY EXHIBITION**

A professional exhibition will be held at the Budapest Fair Centre (BFC) concurrently with the Meeting. Manufacturers and companies requiring details should write to:

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**20. ITALIAN DELEGATES**

Please note that Italian organisations that wish to sponsor the participation of Italian doctors should present their applications through our official agency, who will forward them to the Italian Health Ministry. Our agent's details are as follows:

TWT World-Wide Tours and Meetings  
Mr. Gianni Frontani  
Via Cagliari 13  
I-00198 Rome  
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email twtconventions@dada.it

**21. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

The Congress Organisers have reserved accommodation in a number of hotels of different categories. Due to the fact that the attendance at the Annual Meeting has increased steadily in recent years and more than 10,000 delegates are expected, we kindly ask you to reserve your room at your earliest convenience.

**HOW TO BOOK**

In order to benefit from the special rates, kindly send the Hotel & Optional Programmes & Tours Booking Form, together with the deposit/payment of your accommodation to:

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email registration-hotel@congress.blavo.hu

Online hotel bookings can be made under **www.easd2002.com**

We strongly advise all participants to reserve their hotel accommodation as soon as possible. The Congress Bureau is unable to guarantee rooms after 29 July 2002.

**Accommodation**

Rates are per room, per night and include breakfast & all taxes	<b>PRICE (Euro)</b>	<b>DEPOSIT REQUIRED</b>
Category A	≥ 300	600
Category B	200–300	400
Category C	150–200	300
Category D	80–150	160
Category E	35–80	70
Youth Hostel	25–35	Full payment

All rates will be confirmed on your accommodation acknowledgement and will be inclusive of VAT at the current rate, service charge and breakfast, unless otherwise notified. Reservations should be made with the official Hotel Booking Form.

Blaguss-Volánbusz Congress Bureau will endeavour to meet all accommodation requests. However, should your preferred hotel category be full, Congress Bureau reserves the right to change your booking to the nearest available alternative.

**Payment**

**To guarantee your reservation payment of the deposit is required.** Full pre-payment is required for Youth Hostel accommodation. Upon receipt of the deposit, each participant will receive written confirmation. **The balance of the accommodation has to be settled by 20 July 2002.** If payment does not arrive by 20 July 2002, the reservation will be cancelled without reminder. Payments may be made via cheque, bank transfer or credit card (only Visa, EuroCard/MasterCard and American Express). The credit card number, expiry date, billing address and signature of the cardholder are needed. *Please note that bank charges are the responsibility of the payee.* The name and address of the participant has to be marked clearly on every remittance. In case of any reservation change after 1 July 2002 the Congress Bureau must charge Euro 10 to your account. Please do not send any reservation payment or change of reservation directly to the hotel. Deadline for changes is 16 August 2002.

**22. GROUP RESERVATIONS**

Special reservation procedures apply for group bookings. For the booking of more than 15 rooms please contact:

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## 23. CANCELLATION POLICY

### 1. Cancellation of Registration

Refund of registration fees will be as follows:

- postmarked before 20 June 2002–100 % refund (minus Euro 50 handling fee)
- postmarked between 20 June 2002 and 31 July 2002–50 % refund (minus Euro 50 handling fee)
- no refund on cancellations sent after 31 July 2002

### 2. Cancellation of Hotel Accommodation

Only written cancellations and changes will be accepted.

- Before 1 June 2002–100 % refund (minus Euro 50 handling fee)
- Between 1 June 2002 and 20 July 2002, the hotel deposit will be charged.

If cancellation is received after 20 July 2002, no refund of the hotel costs is possible.

### 3. Cancellation of Optional Social Programmes and Tours

- Before 31 July 2002–80 % refund of the fees
- After 31 July 2002, no refund. Tickets can be exchanged for other programmes upon availability.

**All refunds will be processed after the Annual Meeting**

## 24. TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST

There are excellent flight connections from all over the world. The Ferihegy Budapest International Airport is situated approx. 15–20 minutes from the Congress Venue. MALEV Hungarian Airlines, the official carrier for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, offer non-stop, direct flights from the major European and overseas cities. This Official Announcement has to be presented to a MALÉV agent in order to benefit from the offered discount.

**MALÉV** 10% discount on market fare business and economy class. Tour Code HU10371  
Reservation information: [www.malev.hu](http://www.malev.hu) or [www.easd2002.com](http://www.easd2002.com)

## 25. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND SHUTTLE SERVICE

A Public Transportation Pass will be given to registered participants and accompanying persons. A complimentary

shuttle service will be provided from outlying hotels to the nearest subway station. Please visit the official website of EASD 2002 for further information: [www.easd2002.com](http://www.easd2002.com). The detailed schedule of the shuttle bus service will be announced in due course.

## 26. INSURANCE

The registration fees do not include provision for the insurance of participants against personal accidents, sickness, cancellation, theft, property loss or damage. Participants are advised to take out adequate personal travel insurance.

## 27. DISCLAIMER

All best endeavours will be made to present the programme as printed. However, EASD 2002 and its agents reserve the right to alter or cancel, without prior notice, any of the arrangements, timetables, plans or other items relating directly or indirectly to the Meeting, for any case beyond its reasonable control. EASD 2002 and the Local Conference Organisers are not liable for any loss or inconvenience caused as result of such alteration. EASD 2002 and the Local Conference Organisers are not liable for any other loss or inconvenience caused as a result of such a cancellation. Delegates are therefore advised to take out their own travel insurance and extend their policy to cover personal possessions as the Meeting does not cover individuals against cancellation of bookings, theft of, loss or damage to personal belongings.

## 28. TOURS, ITINERARIES

Tour for registered accompanying persons, included in accompanying persons' registration fee.

### Sightseeing Tour

**Monday, 2 September at 10:00**

An approximately three hour sight-seeing tour introducing the most attractive features of the capital. Transportation by bus, English-speaking guide and entrance fee are included.

### Optional Tours (The tours will be available if at least 20 participants register.)

#### Trip to the Hungarian Puszta

**Saturday, 31 August 14:00–22:00**

**Thursday, 5 September 14:00–22:00**

The afternoon includes a tour to the surrounding countryside of Budapest and the Puszta Plains, of which most parts are under natural protection. After a spectacular show displaying the unique equestrian skills of the Hungarian "Cowboys", every guest is welcome to ride on horseback or in horse drawn carriages. A sumptuous meal of local specialities and wine follows at a nearby country inn where the large adjoining estate gives home to the horse stables, the indigenous animals: grey Hungarian cattle and "racka" sheep. The highlight of the evening is a colourful and lively Hungarian folklore show with beautiful costumes. Amusing games and dances involving the guests round off the night.

Price: Euro 65 per person

**The Residence of Queen Elisabeth “Sissy”****Tuesday, 3 September 14:30–18:00**

A tour to Gödöllő, the nearby settlement of Budapest, to the castle of Grassalkovich, which was the residence of the Hapsburg Royal Couple (King Franz Joseph and Queen Elisabeth) during the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The largest baroque building complex of Hungary is now under reconstruction, the main parts of the building with the apartments of the royal couple, the beautiful ballroom, etc, can still be seen. Refreshments will be served in the castle’s coffee shop.

Price: Euro 30 per person

**Art Tour****Tuesday, 3 September 9:30–13:30**

A half-day visit to the Hungarian National Gallery and the Museum of Fine Arts (Gallery of Old Masters: Spanish Collection, Renaissance and Venetian). Refreshment in the City Park and entrance fee are included.

Price: Euro 25 per person

**Danube Bend Tour Wednesday, 4 September 9:30–16:00**

A whole day programme visiting Esztergom, the birthplace of the first Hungarian King and the residence of the Hungarian Cardinal Archbishop (Basilica, Treasury). On the way back to Budapest, a visit to picturesque Visegrád, which once was the seat of the Hungarian Kings, exploring the ruins of the old Royal Palace and the medieval fortress. Lunch is included.

price: Euro 60 per person

**Budapest by Night on Board****Wednesday, 4 September 19:00–21:30**

A guided cruise on the river Danube starting right in the centre of Budapest, circling Margaret’s Island providing an unforgettable view of the illuminated Budapest and its riverside buildings, monuments and bridges. Light buffet dinner will be served on board.

Price: Euro 40 per person

**Art Village – Szentendre****Thursday, 5 September 9:30–13.30**

Szentendre is located on the Danube about 25 km north from Budapest. By coach it takes no more than 40 minutes. This colourful artists’ settlement has preserved its medieval character with its ancient buildings and cobble stone streets, nowadays cheered up with numerous street vendors, musicians lending a Mediterranean character to this small town.

Price: Euro 40 per person

**PRE CONGRESS TOUR****Around Lake Balaton****Friday 30 August – Sunday 1 September**

Excursion along the north part of Lake Balaton via Székesfehérvár (residence of the first Hungarian King St. Stephen) and Veszprém. Accommodation at Balatonfüred on the shore of the lake in a nice resort hotel. Vintage in the nearby vineyards of the Csupak wine-region or wine tasting in a wine cellar in the region. Afternoon excursion to the Tihany peninsula visiting the Tihany Abbey founded nearly 100 years ago and a visit to the Herend porcelaine manufacture is planned. Third day: after breakfast sailing on the lake and a visit to the old castles of the Balaton highland. Return to Budapest in the early afternoon.

(Accommodation in a three-star hotel, half board, programmes and entrance fees are included).

Price: Euro 239 per person (single supplement: Euro 30)

**POST CONGRESS TOUR****Hungarian MANSIONS****Thursday 5 – Saturday 7 September**

A tour through beautiful scenery and the relics of the rich historical past, staying in mansions and castles and visiting Transdanubia, near the border to Austria. During the round trip the participants will visit – among others – the Benedictine Abbey in Pannonhalma, the baroque downtown of Győr, the Esterházy Castle at Fertőd and the Széchenyi Castle at Nagycenk, the Nádasdy fortress and Festetics Castle at Keszthely. You will also visit the Nagyvázsony medieval fortress and the castle as well as the fort and baroque downtown in Veszprém. Fee includes 2 nights’ accommodation, half-board, entrance tickets and programmes.

Price: Euro 259 per person (single supplement: Euro 30)