

# About Vienna



## 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics

Vienna is one of the most important conference places in Europe.

Vienna's geographical situation makes it an ideal meeting place between the East and the West. It has outstanding international organizations such as the IAEO, IIASA and of course the United Nations.

Not only is Vienna the capital of Austria, but also the largest town in the country and offers all the facilities of a major city. Yet you will find places where Vienna has the character of a small town. There are plenty of parks and other leisure time facilities such as the Donauinsel, a major resort on the banks of the Danube river. But of course Vienna also stands for culture: the Viennese music and the theatres on its own are worth a trip to Vienna which is reached via train, car or airplane. You will enjoy good wine and beer, excellent restaurants and numerous pubs and bars. The countless cafés are oases of the typical Viennese "Gemütlichkeit".

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# Invitation

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics that will be held in the University of Vienna (founded in 1365) from August 29, 2011 to September 3, 2011.

With this meeting in Vienna we will be re-visiting a city that is of utmost historical importance for our field of Forensic Genetics. The first genetic system that was used in forensic genetics, the ABO blood group system, was discovered in Vienna in 1900 by Karl Landsteiner. Furthermore, the first forensic genetic opinion of a medical expert with regard to paternity was given by Anton Werkgartner of the Institute for Forensic Medicine at the University of Vienna in 1925 and forensic genetic expert opinions based on ABO results were accepted by the Supreme Court of Austria (Oberster Gerichtshof) in 1926, which documented that forensic genetic serology was fully accepted as evidence for or against paternity.

We will do our very best to organize an exciting and memorable conference. We invite all scientists interested in forensic genetics to join us in August/September 2011 in Vienna.

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## Scientific Topics

- ◇ Forensic applications of human polymorphisms (paternity and other relationships, immigration, biological stains, disaster victim identification, human remains, etc.): STRs, SNPs, X and Y chromosomal polymorphisms, mtDNA, insertion/deletions, etc.
- ◇ Prediction of externally visible physical traits/ forensic DNA phenotyping
- ◇ Pharmacogenetics
- ◇ Forensic molecular genetics
- ◇ Population genetics of polymorphisms of forensic interest
- ◇ DNA typing methodologies and strategies
- ◇ Biostatistics
- ◇ Standards and quality control
- ◇ Forensic DNA databases
- ◇ Genetic analysis of forensic non-human material
- ◇ Ethical and legal issues related to forensic genetics
- ◇ Investigations of interest for experts in the area where genetics interact with the law

## Congress Venue

The congress will take place at the University of Vienna, which was founded in 1365 and is the oldest university in the German-speaking world as well as one of the largest in Central Europe. At present, about 74,000 students are enrolled in close to 180 courses. The University of Vienna is also the largest teaching and research institution in Austria.



## Congress Dates

**August 29–30, 2011**

**Precongress Educational Workshops**

**August 31–September 3, 2011**

**ISFG Congress**

## Social Programme/Tours

Vienna offers not only a perfect location for scientific congresses but also provides numerous possibilities to experience culture at its best. Various evening events and a variety of tours offered to participants will help to make your stay in Vienna most memorable.