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3-6 September 2003

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September 3 – 6, 2003, Stockholm, Sweden
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INVITATION TO STOCKHOLM

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is our honour and pleasure to invite you to the XVI International Workshop on Gastroduodenal Pathology and Helicobacter to be held in Stockholm from September 3 – 6, 2003.

In April 2002, helicobacter research celebrated its 20th year anniversary and there has been much progress especially concerning host-pathogen interactions and extragastric manifestations in the bile tree, liver and other organs and helicobacter-associated cancer. Despite the progress, worldwide interest in Helicobacter has declined in recent years. The priority problems remain however, and there is still much to do. The development of antimicrobial resistance and the search for novel therapeutic approaches, including vaccination, remain scientific challenges for this and future meetings.

The European Helicobacter Study Group (EHSG) 2003 Workshop hope to stimulate an interdisciplinary approach and “Clinic Meets Basic Research” will be an overall theme. Gastric Cancer, Transmission and Early Manifestations, as well as Clinical Management in General Practice and Specialist Care will be the three main topics. In plenary sessions, state-of-the-art and keynote lectures, outstanding scientists will highlight special topics such as carcinogenesis and possible new vaccination strategies. The public health impact on a global scale will be discussed by experts in special sessions.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Stockholm, the city often referred to as the “Beauty on Water”, sometimes also “Venice of the North”. You will be invited to a Civic Reception at the City Hall, where the Nobel Prize Banquet takes place every year. The month of September offers nice mild weather and light evenings. You can visit on your own the beautiful archipelago and Lake Malar with Birka, the capital of the Swedish Viking empire. Sigtuna and Uppsala, the first real Swedish capital and University City.

Last but not least, you can go on the post congress tour we arrange to Gotland island with its medieval and beautiful city Visby or during the workshop with any of the sightseeing tours we arrange around the city of Stockholm. On behalf of the organizing committee and the European Helicobacter Study Group (EHSG), we look forward to welcoming you to Stockholm in September.

Torkel Wadström
President of the EHSG

Lars Engstrand
Scientific secretary

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

Abstract Submission

Abstract submission is possible only online on www.helicobacter.org. Detailed instructions are available on the website.

Acceptance and Selection of Abstracts

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee in June 2003, and authors will be notified by email by the end of June whether their abstract has been selected. All accepted abstracts will be presented as posters which will also be on exhibit during the entire meeting. Some selected abstracts will also be presented orally in workshops. All poster authors are required to bring 3 power point slides covering their contribution.

Workshop - Poster Presentations

Poster sessions will be integrated with the workshops. Authors will be notified about the allotted speaking time. Data Projection will be provided and is encouraged. Standard 35 mm slide projections may also be used. All slides should be checked beforehand at the „Slide Preview Room“. Slides have to be handed in not later than one hour before the presentation. Double projection is not available.

KEY DATES

Submission of abstracts:	May 30, 2003
Reduced registration fees:	June 30, 2003
Pre-Registration:	August 1, 2003
Opening of the Congress:	September 3, 2003

WEBSITE

The preliminary programme is now available on the web site www.helicobacter.org. As of end of July the final programme will also be online.

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SCHEDULE AND PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday, September 4 Transmission and early manifestations

8.30 - 12.00					State of the Art Lecture S. Czinn				
					Round Table S. Czinn, D. Danielsson				
Epidemiology H. Malaty		Immunology A.M Svennerholm		Clinic B. Gold		Transmission tba		Microbial factors T. Meyer	

13.30 - 17.00			Poster viewing and Workshops		
Pediatric issues ∇Introduction ∇Clinical management ∇Dyspepsia ∇Diagnosis ∇Treatment ∇Epidemiology ∇Transmission		Inflammation - host response ∇Introduction ∇Inflammation versus protective immunity ∇Animal models ∇Vaccines ∇Pathology		Microbiology ∇Introduction ∇Virulence factors ∇Molecular genetics ∇Resistance	

Friday, September 5 *Helicobacter pylori* and cancer

8.30 - 12.00						State of the Art Lecture D.Y. Graham					
						Round Table D.Y. Graham, O Nyrén					
Epidemiology D. Forman		Host susceptibility M. Blaser		Cell biology P. Falk		Clinic K. McColl		Pathology R. Genta		Microbial factors S. Normark	

13.30 - 17.00				Poster Viewing and Workshops			
Clinical and Epidemiological Issues ∇Introduction ∇Management of <i>H. pylori</i> in primary and secondary care ∇Clinical Trials ∇Symptomatology ∇Prevention		Extragastric Benign and Malignant Diseases ∇Introduction ∇Hepatobiliary ∇Pancreas ∇Intestine ∇Extra-Abdominal		Microbial pathogenesis ∇Introduction ∇Virulence factors ∇Gastric Neoplasia ∇Host-bacterium interactions ∇Microbial and Host markers		Experimental Models ∇Introduction ∇Vaccines ∇Probiotics ∇Immuno-modulation	

Saturday, September 6 Diagnosis and Treatment

8.30 - 11.45						Introduction B. Marshall, L. Agreus					
						Round Table N. Talley					
Diagnosis - test strategies P. Bytzer		Resistance - current status and consequences L. Engstrand		„Test and treat“ W.A. de Boer		„Test and scope“ N. Vakil		“Empiric treatment or scope them all - the extremes” B. Delaney		NSAID management R. Jones	

State of the Art Lecture N. Talley					
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12.00 - 13.30						Workshop Reports					
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13.30						Presentation of EHSO 2004 Closing of the Workshop					
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REGISTRATION

Registration Fees in EURO¹

Payment received	Before June 30, 2003	After June 30, 2003
Regular Participants	EUR 350.- (SEK 3.215.-)	EUR 500.- (SEK 4.593.-)
Participants of CHRO AND EHSG ²	EUR 265.- (SEK 2.434.-)	EUR 375.- (SEK 3.445.-)
Young Scientists ³	EUR 250.- (SEK 2.296.-)	EUR 350.- (SEK 3.245.-)
Students ⁴	EUR 200.- (SEK 1.837.-)	EUR 250.- (SEK 2.296.-)
Accompanying Persons	EUR 40.- (SEK 367.-)	EUR 60.- (SEK 551.-)
Lunch Box (per day)	EUR 20.- (SEK 183.-)	EUR 20.- (SEK 183.-)

¹Fees in Swedish Crowns are approximations only, as per the exchange rate of April 2003.

² 25% Reduction. Please provide a copy of certificate of payment of the CHRO meeting.

³ Younger than 35 years, please provide a copy of an ID together with your registration.

⁴ Please provide a copy of a Student ID together with your registration. Post-doc students are being considered as "young scientists".

What is covered by the registration fee?

Participants:

Admission to all scientific sessions and exhibition
Admission to Inauguration Ceremony and Welcome Reception
Abstract book and Programme
Refreshments during breaks

Accompanying Persons:

Admission to the Inauguration Ceremony
Admission to the Welcome Reception
Admission to the Exhibition Area
(No Admission to the lectures)

Payment of Registration fees may be made in advance in EURO by:

- ∇ **Bank transfer** to bank account "EHSG 2003", IBAN: AT092011130003101333, SWIFT/BIC: GIBAATWW, Acc.No. 300031-01333, Bank/Routing code 20111, at the Erste Bank, Alser Strasse 23, 1080 Vienna, Austria. **Please note that from July 1, 2003, the costs for international bank transfers are being considerably decreased when using the "IBAN" and "SWIFT" Codes on the transfer form.** Payments should be made without charges to the beneficiary. Any bank charges will be collected on site. Clearly state the participant's name(s), matching with the name(s) on the registration form.
- ∇ **Cheque:** Bank cheques without charge to the beneficiary, should be payable to "EHSG 2003" c/o Vienna Medical Academy.
- ∇ **Credit Cards:** Diners Club, Mastercard and Visa (Amex cards cannot be accepted).

Please note

The reduced registration fee is only applicable, if it has been credited to the congress account before the deadline. Registering before June 30, 2003 without performing an actual payment is not sufficient to benefit from the reduction. Pre-registration without payment of the registration fee is possible. The (non-reduced) fee will then have to be paid at the registration desk (Credit card or cash in EUR or SEK).

Confirmation of Registration

You will receive written confirmation of registration by mail when the registration form has been received and the payment has been credited to the congress account.

After August 1, 2003, pre-registration will be closed, but you may register at the "On-site registration Desk" in Stockholm that will open in the afternoon of Wednesday September 3.

Cancellations and Refunds

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing by registered letter or fax to the Congress Office.

Registration fees may be refunded as follows:

Written cancellation received:

- before August 1, 2003: 75% refund

- after August 1, 2003: no refund

The date of the postmark or fax ID will be the basis for considering refunds. Please indicate the preferred method of reimbursement (cheque or bank transfer, incl. account number) on your written cancellation. Refunds will be made after the congress.

REGISTERING ONSITE

Registration will be possible from Wednesday September 3, from 15.00 hrs. The desk will be open throughout the congress hours.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Inauguration Ceremony, 17:00

All participants and accompanying persons are invited to the Inauguration Ceremony at the Stockholm International Fairs.

Civic Reception at the City Hall, 19:00

The City and County Council of Stockholm invite all participants and accompanying persons to the Civic Reception, which will be held in the City Hall. This beautiful building is situated on the waterfront of Riddarfjärden in the centre of the town, built between 1911-1923 to the design of architect Ragnar Östberg. It is one of Sweden's foremost buildings in the national Romantic style. Behind the imposing facades, built with 8 million bricks are found offices, meeting rooms and banqueting halls. Inspired by the palaces of the Renaissance, Ragnar Östberg had the City Hall built around two squares or "piazzas", Borgargården and the Blue Hall. In the Blue Hall which is the building's largest hall, the Nobel Prize Banquet takes place on the 10th of December every year. Here you will also find one of Northern Europe's largest organs with 10 000 pipes and 138 stops.

Friday, September 5, 2003, 19:00

Get-together buffet at the Vasa Museum

The evening will begin with a guided tour of one of the most remarkable and awe-inspiring historical sights in the world - the Warship Vasa. The Vasa was to have been Sweden's largest and most prestigious warship - the pride of the naval fleet and the Swedish nation. Her glory was short-lived. Shortly after having set sail on her maiden voyage in 1628 she sank within Stockholm harbour. She spent the next 333 years lying on the bottom of the sea until she was finally located and raised from the water. The ship was found to be incredibly well-preserved and a painstaking operation to protect her from further damage has resulted in her taking pride of place in her own museum. After the tour a buffet will be served.

Contribution towards expenses: EUR 70.- (approx. SEK 641.-)

OPTIONAL SOCIAL PROGRAMME

City Tours

- ▽ Stockholm City Tour
- ▽ Old Town Walk and visit to the Nobel Museum
- ▽ Royal Stockholm - Swedish culture and art

Post Congress Tour

- ▽ Gotland - the medieval island in the Baltic Sea

All further details as well as online registration can be found on the website www.helicobacter.org

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Local Organiser

Hotel accommodation and Tour bookings should be made, either on-line, or by using the hardcopy form and returning it to:

Stockholm Convention Bureau (StoCon)
Box 6911
SE- 102 39 Stockholm, Sweden
E-mail: confirmation@stocon.se
Phone: +46 8 5465 1500, fax: +46 8 5465 1599

As a service for the participants, Stockholm Convention Bureau (StoCon) will arrange your hotel accommodation at no extra charge. StoCon has selected certain hotels for the participants attending the XVI International Workshop of the European Helicobacter Study Group - EHSg 03.

Further information, price overview and online booking can be found on the website www.helicobacter.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please note that full updated details on programme, travel, accommodation, Stockholm and Sweden can be found at www.helicobacter.org

Official Language

The official language of the workshop is English; no simultaneous translation will be provided.

Venue

The XVI International Workshop of the European Helicobacter Study Group will take place at Stockholm International Fairs, (Stockholmsmässan), which is located in Älvsjö, south of Stockholm. The address is: Mässvägen 1, SE-125 80 Stockholm, Sweden. Tel: +46 8 749 41 00, Fax: +46 8 99 11 35.

The quickest and most convenient way of reaching the congress is by a nine-minute commuter train ride from the Central Station. Take the train bound south which stops at "Älvsjö".

Tourist Information

For tourist information on Stockholm and Sweden, please contact the Tourist Center in 'Sweden House' (SverigeHuset). Open Monday-Friday 09:00-18:00 and Sat-Sun 09:00-16:00. Telephone: +46 8 789 24 95. Telefax: +46 8 789 2491. E-mail: info@stoinfo.se, website: www.stockholmtown.com

For more information about Sweden, please visit the following Internet sites:

www.stockholm.se (The City of Stockholm) and www.nobel.se (The Nobel Prize Archive)

Currency

The Swedish currency is Swedish Kronor (SEK). Approximate exchange rates (February 2003) are:

SEK 100 = EUR 10.88 EUR 1 = SEK 9.18 SEK 100 = GBP 7.45 GBP 1 = SEK 13.41

SEK 100 = USD 11.52 USD 1 = SEK 8.68 SEK 100 = CHF 16.19 CHF 1 = SEK 6.17



Key to the signs

A City Hall

B Vasa Museum

C Central Station / City Terminal
Arrival of trains and buses from Arlanda.
Departure of commuter trains, track 13/14
to Stockholm International Fairs, train stop "Älvsjö"

1 Comfort Hotel Stockholm

2 Freys Hotel

3 Hotel Tegnérslunden

4 Scandic Hotel Continental

5 Rica City Kungsgatan

6 Wallin Hotel



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CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

Please return before August 1, 2003

Please complete in capital letters and return to:
EHSG 2003 c/o Vienna Medical Academy
Alser Strasse 4
1090 Vienna, Austria

Fax: +43 (0)1 407 82 74 - E-mail: ehsg-registration@medacad.org

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Principal Activity: Patient related Research related Other
Speciality: Internal Medicine Gastroenterology Pathology Bacteriology Industry
 Molecular biology Immunology Epidemiology Paediatrics Other

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- Welcome Reception in the City Hall
Wednesday, September 3, 2003, 19.00 hrs _____ Person(s) **No Fee, but registration is mandatory**
- Get-together buffet at the Vasa Museum
Friday, September 5, 2003, 19.00 hrs _____ Person(s) 70.-

LUNCH BOXES

- Thursday, September 4, 2003 _____ Person(s) 20.- p.p.
- Friday, September 5, 2003 _____ Person(s) 20.- p.p.
- Vegetarian box required

METHODS OF PAYMENT

- Bank transfer **free of charge for the beneficiary** to the Congress Bank Account: "EHSG 2003",
IBAN: AT092011130003101333 SWIFT/BIC: GIBAATWW at the "Erste Bank", Alserstrasse 23, 1080 Vienna,
Austria, Account No. 300031-01333, Bank/Routing code: 20111
- Cheque **free of charge for the beneficiary**, payable to the ESHG Congress Office c/o Vienna Med. Academy
- Credit card Visa Mastercard Diners Club

Card number _____ CVV2/CVC 2 Code* _____ Expiry Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____ Signature _____

*The CVV2/CVC2 is a 3-digit security code printed on the back side of your card. The number appears in reverse italic at the top right end of the signature panel behind the last 4 digits of your card number. This helps us to fight fraud in the "card-not-present transactions". Thank you!

Date _____ Signature _____



ACCOMMODATION AND TOUR BOOKING FORM

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PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

Family name _____ First name _____ (001)

Company/Institution _____

Dept. _____

Street/Box _____

Postal/Zip Code _____ City _____

Country _____ E-mail _____

Tel _____ Fax _____
(Incl. country and area code) (Incl. country and area code)

Name of accompanying person _____ (015)

ACCOMMODATION Arrival date: _____ Departure date: _____ Late arrival (after 18:00)

Hotel	Price (SEK) Single room	No. of rooms	Price (SEK) Double room	No. of rooms	Hotel deposit **) SEK per room
Scandic Hotel Continental	2 250		2 680		2 700
Rica City Kungsgatan	standard 1 436 superior 1 634		standard 1 661 superior N/A		1 700
Freys Hotel	1 495		1 690		1 700
Wallin Hotel	1 325		1 575		1 700
Hotel Tegnér lunden	1 150		1 480		1 500
Comfort Hotel Stockholm	1 150		N/A		1 500

Special requests (300)

Rates are in SEK per night and room, and includes breakfast, service and 12% VAT. Please note: The deadline for hotel reservation is July 15, 2003. After the deadline, Stockholm Convention Bureau (StoCon) cannot guarantee a hotel room or the preferential rate. Reservations will be confirmed when StoCon has received your hotel deposit.

Tours	Price SEK per person	No. of persons	Total SEK
Sept. 3, City Tour	*295	_____	_____ (101)
Sept. 4, Old Town Walk and Visit to the Nobel Museum	*320	_____	_____ (103)
Sept. 5, Royal Stockholm – Swedish culture and art	*295	_____	_____ (105)
Sept. 7-9, Gotland- the medieval island in the Baltic Sea			
<input type="checkbox"/> single room /cabin	*6 820	_____	_____ (107)
<input type="checkbox"/> double room /cabin	*5 900	_____	_____ (108)
Arlanda Express (please see General Information)			
I would like to order tickets, one way Arlanda-Stockholm	*180	_____	_____ (110)

Hotel deposit per room Please see table above **)**Total SEK**

*VAT increment will be specified in the confirmation letter. StoCon's VAT registration number is SE556127722801.

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Payment should be made in SEK payable to StoCon. Please indicate EHSg 2003 and your name on all money transfers.

Please indicate which of the following means of payment you will use:

- Banker's Draft (Personal or Company cheques cannot be accepted)
 Bank Account, SEB, Stockholm No 5267-10 066 16, SWIFT-address ESSESESS
 Postal Giro 65 37 38-5 (Nordic countries only) Bankgiro 644-8773 (Sweden only)
 Eurocard / Mastercard Diners Club American Express Visa

Charge my credit card No.: _____

Expiry date: _____ Total SEK: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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