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CEFORM
1st Central European Forum for Microbiology

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October 26-28, 2005
Hotel Helikon, Keszthely, Lake Balaton, Hungary

Dear Colleagues!

The organisers of the 1st Central European Forum for Microbiology (CEFOM) and the Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology are pleased to provide information to help you extract maximum benefit from the event. About 400 participants from over 10 countries and 20 exhibitors are registered for this conference. About 130 oral presentations, and posters in the same number are in the program of CEFOM (soon available electronically).

The topics of the special and plenary lectures on Wednesday October 26, 2005 include:

Ervin Balázs: Genetic engineering of transgenic virus resistant plants - a success story

Eva Klein: Epstein-Barr Virus - B lymphocyte interactions

George Klein Non-immune surveillance against tumors

Jaroslav Spizek: The initial steps in the lincomycin biosynthesis

Christian P. Kubicek: *Trichoderma*: a versatile industrial fungus goes genomic

Kornél L. Kovács: Microbial engineering of gaseous biofuel production

Peter Raspor: Ecology of acetic acid bacteria in natural environments

Marijan Bosnjak: Applicability of mathematical models in defining the behaviour kinetics distinction among microbial strains

Sándor Biró: Genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics: their impact on *Streptomyces* biology and biotechnology

In order to be “protean” a special performance will cheer you up at the end of the first day of CEFOM before the Banquet: the Hungarian premier of the **poem “Microbes” (Microbi), performed by members of the Croatian Microbiological Society.** “Author” (music and text): Prof. Dr. Stjepan Pepeljnjak, Head of the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Zagreb.

We continue to work hard in the remaining time to satisfy your expectations as a speaker, poster presenter, CEFOM participant or visitor from wherever you came here and hope to make your stay in Hungary as interesting and enjoyable as possible.

We are convinced that you will share a scientifically intriguing meeting in the pleasant surroundings of Lake Balaton.

Welcome in Keszthely!

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General Informations

Registration and Information Desk

The Registration Desk will be in the Entrance Hall of the Congress Venue (Hotel Helikon; Balatonpart 5, H-8360 Keszthely), opposite to the reception desk. The desk will be opened

Tuesday,	October 25.	16.00 - 21.30
Wednesday,	October 26.	7.00 - 17.00
Thursday,	October 27.	8.00 - 13.00
Friday	October 28.	8.00 - till the end of sessions.

Payment at the desk will be available in Hungarian Forints. At the reception desk of the hotel there is a possibility to change money, and there is a teller machine (ATM) in the hotel.

During CEFORM, information and help may be obtained at the Registration Desk. Chemol Travel Ltd. (Incoming & Congress Department, Deák Ferenc utca 10, Budapest, H-1052 Hungary; phone: +36-1-266-7032; Fax: +36-1-266-7033; E-mail: incoming@chemoltravel.hu) will be happy to help you at the Registration Desk.

The CEFORM Programme with any last-minute changes will be available at the Registration desk, and on the doors of the lecture halls.

Congress Venue

CEFORM will be held in Hotel Helikon (8360 Keszthely, Balatonpart 5.; www.danubiushotels.com/helikon).

Accommodation

Accommodation of participants is either in Hotel Helikon, or in Hotel Kristály (8360 Keszthely, Lovassy u. 20.;

http://www.balaton.hu/index.php?open_partner=1&partner_id=1088), and

Hotel Hullám (8360 Keszthely, Balatonpart 1.;

<http://www.travelport.hu/szallas/EHotel.vd?ml=31&mi=1&sub=1&xcnl12005&prf=24&lang=en>).

The prices include breakfast, lunch, and the use of the hotel swimming pool (Hotel Helikon), parking and taxes.

Presentations

Presentations will be held in the lecture halls of Hotel Helikon. The official language of CEFORM is English (including all talks and posters). *Posters and figures of talks of the Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Society for Microbiology will also be in English* and CEFORM participants will have an opportunity to take part in discussion.

Speakers (excepting invited, and introductory lectures) will have 15 minutes, which include questions and discussion. The time limit will be as strictly enforced as possible. Standard audio-visual equipment provided will include a video projector & computer, a slide projector (50 by 50 mm slides) and an overhead projector. Please indicate your special needs (e.g. dual projecting) by e-mail to the Meetings Secretary (fotitkar@mmt.org.hu).

Speakers and chairpersons should meet minimum 5 minutes before their relevant sessions to be briefed and to fill up the presentation, to become acquainted with audio/visual

aids etc. and resolve any problems. Please take your time to organise your presentation correctly!

Posters will be displayed in the Poster Hall for three full days. Please mount your poster as soon as possible, preferably on October 25 afternoon, but not later than October 26 noon. To install your posters please look up the number of your presentation in the Programme booklet and find your number on the provided boards. Help from our staff (if needed), as well as pins to install your poster will be provided. During the Poster Session authors of posters are requested to be present at their posters at the time specified in the programme. This will give all participants the opportunity for questions and discussion. Poster displays however should be self-explanatory even in the absence of authors. Posters should not exceed a size of 85 cm (width) x 120 cm (height) (standing A₀).

There will be an award for the 2 most outstanding student posters. The awards will be based on the quality of content of the contribution and on the quality of the presentation (layout etc.). Please find a poster competition form in your Congress Bag and drop it in the appropriate box at the Registration Desk not later than October 27, Thursday noon. The poster awards will be announced at starting of the sessions on October 28. The 2 winning poster presenters will get a traditional Hungarian speciality.

CEFORM Proceedings

The CEFORM abstracts will be published in a Supplement issue of Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica.

Invited speakers, and speakers of introductory talks are welcome to publish their contributions in the form of review and/or research articles in the journals

Acta Microbiologica et Immunologica Hungarica

([http://www.akademiai.com/\(nlsgddzxtxrbzc55hcdszlqh\)/app/home/journal.asp?referrer=parent&backto=linkingpublicationresults,1:119703,1](http://www.akademiai.com/(nlsgddzxtxrbzc55hcdszlqh)/app/home/journal.asp?referrer=parent&backto=linkingpublicationresults,1:119703,1)) or in the

Food Technology and Biotechnology

(<http://public.carnet.hr/ftbrfd/>).

Exhibition

A commercial exhibition related to microbial diagnostics, research and biotechnology will be organized during the meeting. A sponsorship programme ensures contributing organisations receive maximum exposure during the meeting.

Exhibitors will have their stands in the foyer of the Hotel and in the lobby of the lecture halls.

Sponsors and Exhibitors:

Becton Dickinson Hungary Kft

Biocenter Kft

BioMarker Kft

Bio-Science Kft

Biotest Hungária Kft

Csertex Kft

Dade Behring Magyarországi Közvetlen Kereskedelmi Képviselet

Frank Diagnosztika Kft

Hain Lifescience GmbH

IZINTA Kereskedelmi Kft
Kasztel-Med Kft
Kvalitex Kft
Lab Intern Kft
Labsystem Kft
Lambda-Med Kft
LGC Promochem GmbH Magyarországi Közvetlen Kereskedelmi Képviselő
Nebotrade Kft
Roche Magyarország Kft
Vitani Kft.

Travel to Keszthely

Most participants coming from abroad, and travelling by plane or train will arrive to Budapest.

To participants arriving to Budapest by plane it is recommended to choose the „Airport Minibus” service to your hotel in the city, or directly to the railway station. Tickets are available at the stand in the Arrivals Hall.

To participants arriving to Hungary by international railway connections it is recommended to change to the direction of Keszthely in Budapest. At arrival we recommend the use of “Radio taxi” (it can be called by dialling 37-77-777), or public transport. Public transportation in Budapest is extensive, and reliable. Tickets must be purchased at Metro stations, Hotels, Tobacco shops, etc. in advance and validated on board. Use tickets valid for one ride only. Last busses and trams start from termini at approx. 11 p.m.

From Budapest direct railway connection is available to Keszthely:

Tuesday October 25, 2005

Departure		Arrival
10.15	Budapest Keleti pályaudvar	13.47 Keszthely
16.40 (IC)	Budapest Déli pályaudvar	19.27 Keszthely

Wednesday, October 26, 2005-10-07

07.00 (IC)	Budapest Déli Pályaudvar	10.14 Keszthely
08.35	Keleti Pályaudvar	11.33 Keszthely
10.15	Keleti Pályaudvar	13.47 Keszthely

The hotels are in a 10 minutes walking distance from Keszthely Railway Station. Tuesday evening, and Wednesday morning (arrivals: 10.14, 11.33) a bus service will pick up CEFORM participants. Please look for the bus with CEFORM inscription in front of the railway station.

Participants coming by car should follow the shields of Hotel Helikon. The hotels are located close to the harbour of Keszthely. The use of the parking place of the Hotel Helikon is free for CEFORM participants. Before you leave ask for a card at the Reception desk. (For your orientation please refer to the maps below:

<http://www.terkepcentrum.hu/index.asp?go=map3eu&rid=1&pid=0&sx=&sy=&lx=0&ly=0&tertip=hu&cx=19.400000&cy=47.300000&z=200.000000&wgsy1=&wgsy2=&wgsl=&wgsl2=&p1.x=42&p1.y=123>

<http://www.terkepcentrum.hu/index.asp?go=mapszarvashu2&sx=1000&sy=1000&ex=1268,61538461538&ey=3038,453333333333&tertip=szarvashu2>

<http://www.terkepcentrum.hu/index.asp?go=map&pid=0&mid=20&tid=18421&lid=0&rid=0&sx=520&sy=520&cx=-348.375&cy=-72.75&zoom=3.375&pcz=1.50&x=248&y=180>

Meals and Banquet

Breakfasts to all guests will be served in the hotel, where they have their accommodation. All other meals (lunch, dinner) and the banquet will be arranged in the Restaurant of the Hotel Helikon on a buffet basis: different main dishes (including vegetarian, etc.), soups and a broad selection of entrées, desserts are always at one's favour.

Cultural Programs

Excursion to Sümeg. One of the most important historical values of the Keszthely area is the medieval (royal) castle of Sümeg built in the XIIIth century, together with the small town of Sümeg adorned by its baroque church treasures. The glowing colours and ecstatic composition of frescos are masterpieces of A. Maulbertsch. The evening will be closed by a chevalier's tournament in the castle followed by a dinner served with wines of the Balaton region. Music of the period will also be played.

The excursion will start on Thursday (October 27) at 15.00. Busses will wait for the participants in front of Hotel Helikon.

Sightseeing Tour on Foot in Keszthely will start on Thursday (October 27) at 14.30 to interested participants of CEFORM. Keszthely is called the Capital of the Lake Balaton since it has been a city from the early middle age. Attendants will get an introduction to the history, and the architectural, etc. treasures of the city.

The organisers of the CEFORM take the opportunity to draw your attention to the world famous health spa of Hévíz, close to Keszthely. The small, picturesque town of Hévíz is one of Europe's major spas (Hévíz Thermal Lake).

Emergencies

In case of emergency or if you need medical help during CEFORM hours, please contact the Registration Desk. Outside the CEFORM time in case of emergency turn to the Reception at your Hotel or use the following numbers: Ambulance 104, Fire brigade 105, Police 107.

Climate and Clothing

The climate in the end of October is usually calm, quiet and it can be very pleasant: the average daytime temperature is around 15°C degrees. Daily maximum values can reach 20-23°C. In the sunny, protected areas even warmer. In the morning and in the evening can be foggy and cold. In the night the forecasted minimum temperature values are 3-5 °C. A season coat and pullover and some wet weather protection is useful.

Insurance

The organisers cannot be held responsible for injury to CEFORM participants or for damage to, or loss of their personal belongings, regardless of cause. Participants are advised to make their own insurance arrangements.

Additional Information

Currency: Hungarian Forints

Credit cards: Visa, Diner, Eurocard, MasterCard, JCB Card are accepted in Hotels and first class restaurants and stores. Please ask before ordering!

Shopping hours: usually 10.00 to 18.00.

Tax: VAT (in Hungarian ÁFA) is charged on goods, the rate is 25 %.

Tipping: Tips in restaurants and for taxis – depending on the service – are in most cases optional but expected. Maximum rate is 10 %. There are some restaurants, where a service charge is calculated. In such cases tips shall not be expected.