

Third International CMT Consortium Meeting, Antwerpen – Belgium, July 9-11, 2009

Dear colleagues,

We first wish you all the best in 2009!

And we have the pleasure to inform you that the **Third International CMT Consortium Meeting** will be organized in **Antwerpen, Belgium**, from **Thursday, July 9 to Saturday, July 11, 2009**.

Meeting Place:

Best Western Hotel Ter Elst
Ter Elststraat 310
B-2650 Edegem
Belgium

<http://www.terelst.be/bestwestern/index.asp?pagina=HOME&ln=EN>

The meeting will start on Thursday evening with a welcome reception, followed by a full two-day program on Friday and Saturday. The hotel is located 10 km from Antwerp (railway station or regional airport) and 35 km from Brussels (International Airport).

For your convenience, the 2009 CMT meeting will be organized just after the PNS meeting (July 4-8, 2009 in Würzburg, Germany), similar to the 2007 meeting in Snow Bird, Utah. This will allow you to participate to both meetings. The distance between Würzburg and Antwerp is 560 km.

Further information on abstract submission and program is provided below.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting in Antwerp.

Sincerely,

Vincent Timmerman, Peter De Jonghe and Michael Shy

Programme:

The Third International CMT Consortium Meeting will have the same format as the previous meetings, with the emphasis on oral and poster presentations, ample time for discussion and interaction. The programme foresees a plenary lecture and introductory lectures covering clinical, diagnostic and basic research of CMT neuropathies. A final programme will be sent to all participants by fax or e-mail before June 15, 2009. An abstract book and list of participants will be available at the meeting. The aim is to exchange new information and, equally important, to start or strengthen collaborations between research groups.

Venue and hotel accommodation:

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Hotel Ter Elst has 53 rooms, all of which have been blocked for this meeting. Additional hotel accommodation is available in hotels situated in the close vicinity of the venue. If needed, shuttles will be arranged.

Travel information:

By Car—

From Brussels: Motorway E19, direction Antwerpen-Mechelen, exit 7 at Kontich, keep following the direction Antwerpen. You will pass 2 intersections with traffic lights. After about 1 km, you take the first small street at the left, just after the garden shop AVEVE.

From other directions: in Antwerpen take Motorway E19, direction Brussels-Mechelen (Ringroad exit nr. 5). After the Craeybeckx-tunnel take exit 7 at Kontich, keep following the direction Antwerpen. You will pass 2 intersections with traffic lights. After about 1 km, you take the first small street at the left, just after the garden shop AVEVE.

By Plane—

From Brussels National airport: Take the SN-Brussels Airlines (bus) to Antwerpen. First stop is at the hotel Holiday Inn Crown Plaza (you have to ask the driver to stop there when getting on the bus). Take a taxi from there to the congress centre.

From Antwerpen airport: Take a taxi to the congress centre.

From Amsterdam airport - Schiphol: The railway station is located under Schiphol Plaza, in the central hall of the terminal. Train tickets, as well as departure information, are available at Dutch Railways ticket counters. These counters are located in Reclaim 1,2 and 3 and at Schiphol Plaza. It takes less than 2 hours by train from Amsterdam Schiphol to Antwerp-Central station. Take a taxi or bus 32 to the congress centre in Edegem. The bus stops at 500 m from the Hotel (bus stop: Drie Eikenstraat, Edegem).

By Train—

Arriving in Berchem Station: Take a taxi to the congress centre.

Arriving in Antwerp-Central station: Take a taxi or bus 32 to the congress centre in Edegem. The bus stops at 500 m from the Hotel (bus stop: Drie Eikenstraat, Edegem).

Registration:

Please send your completed registration form to Mrs. Gisèle Smeyers (secretary). We will take care of the hotel reservations. Accommodation and seminar package have to be paid directly to the hotel upon departure. **Deadline for registration May 15, 2009.**

SEMINAR PACKAGE WITH ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES 2 NIGHTS HOTEL, MEALS, DRINKS DURING LUNCHEAS AND DINNERS, AND COFFEE BREAKS FROM 6 PM THURSDAY (DINNER) UNTIL 6 PM SATURDAY EVENING. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, DRINKS, PHONE CALLS AND OTHER PERSONAL EXPENSES.

Submission of abstracts:

Deadline for abstract submission is **May 15, 2009**. Please follow the guidelines for abstract submission.

Fellowship grants for investigators traveling from North America:

The Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA) will provide a limited and competitive travel fellowship to help defray the cost of PhD students and Postdocs, who will be presenting at the meeting. Please check the box on the abstract form if the presenter is a candidate for the fellowship. The CMTA committee in the USA will review and select those abstracts that are eligible for a travel fellowship.

Registration form—DEADLINE: May 15, 2009

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Please complete and return this form to the address indicated above.

Surname:	First name:
Institute/Company	Department:
Street & N°:	City:
Country:	Postal Code:
Tel:	E-mail:
Fax:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

Hotel accommodation & Seminar package: Single Room approx. 500 EUR/pp
 Double Room approx. 400 EUR/pp

Additional night(s) in single room: 105 EUR/pp/night: number of nights:
Additional night(s) in double room: 60 EUR/pp/night: number of nights:

Seminar package without accommodation: approx. 280 EUR/pp

Name(s) of accompanying person(s) not participating in the meeting:

Name of colleague with whom you are planning to share a room:

Would you like to share a room with another participant? Yes No

Vegetarian: Yes No

Please provide us with your credit-card information. We will not use it for a down-payment, but a valid credit card is needed to secure your reservation:

Type of Credit Card	
Name of Credit Card Holder	
Credit Card Number	
Exp. Date:	

Cancellation policy: a one-night room will be charged if cancellation occurs less than 24 hours prior to date of arrival

Travel info

Date of arrival:	Time of arrival:
Date of departure:	Time of departure:

Abstract Form - DEADLINE: May 15, 2009

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Title of abstract: Times New Roman 12, Bold, and single-line spacing

Authors: Times New Roman 12, Bold, and single-line spacing

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Text: 300 words, Times New Roman 12, regular, and single-line spacing

Check here if you are applying for a travel fellowship from the CMTA.

Please return abstracts to gisele.smevers@molgen.vib-ua.be

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