ICM 30th Triennial Congress
Prague, Czech Republic
1 – 5 June 2014
Midwives: Improving Women’s Health Globally

Registration Brochure

The International Confederation of Midwives
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- **Ing. Petr Bratský**
  Senator, Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

- **Dr. Leoš Heger**
  Minister of Health of the Czech Republic

- **Dr. Bohuslav Svoboda**
  Mayor of the City of Prague

- **Ing. David Vodrážka**
  Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and Mayor of district of Prague
WELCOME FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF PRAGUE

Dear Midwives,

I am delighted that ICM will hold its 30th Triennial Congress in the City of Prague. Not only is Prague one of the most beautiful cities in the world but it is also a safe and friendly location for midwives.

The City will provide a stimulating and inspiring setting for your international Congress that is recognised for its excellent scientific programme, which addresses the challenges facing the world of midwifery and the care of mothers and their new-borns. I am pleased that you also will have time for social networking and for enjoying the sights and scenery of Prague.

I hope to be able to meet some of you during your visit and to personally welcome you to our city. I am sure that the congress will be a great success and that you take home fond memories of Prague.

Bohuslav Svoboda
Mayor of the City of Prague

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

Dear Midwives,

Czech health care can justly be proud of the established system of care for pregnant women and newborns. Thanks to long-term efforts to improve the quality of perinatal care, including care for pregnant women, mothers and newborns, and thanks to the interdisciplinary cooperation of gynaecologists, obstetricians, neonatologists, paediatricians, geneticists, midwives and paediatric nurses, the Czech Republic attains one of the best results worldwide in the field of care for the newborn.

I would like to point out, however, and repeated suggestions from mothers and midwives are the proof, that an increasing number of women, for whatever reason, do not consider giving birth in a health care facility to be the optimal variant for themselves.

I regard the establishment of good relations and communication at the factual and professional level as very important and crucial. I am glad that also thanks to the ICM Prague 2014 Congress we can draw on new experience and knowledge about the roles of midwives in perinatal care.

Dear and esteemed midwives, I would like to wish that this gathering be of benefit to your immensely important work and of benefit to your patients as well.

Leoš Heger MD
Minister of Health of the Czech Republic

In Prague on 1 November 2012
PRAGUE 2014 – KEY DATES AND EVENTS

Registration Opens on Saturday, 31 May
Registration at the Prague Congress Centre opens at 10:00 and continues until 18:00 on Saturday 31 May and again on Sunday 1 June from 09:00. Delegates are urged to register early and then enjoy Sunday’s “Opening Day” events. Members of the Czech Confederation of Midwives will be at Prague International Airport to greet arriving delegates – look out for the ICM Welcome Desk!

Multi Faith Celebration of Midwifery on Sunday, 1 June at 13:00
This uplifting and inspiring start to the Congress will include music, dancing and contributions from different faiths. Starting at 13:00 on Sunday, 1 June in the Forum Hall, the celebration is an ideal start to the 5-day Congress. There is a limit of 1200 places because of the size of the hall and seats will be available on a first come basis.

Opening Ceremony on Sunday, 1 June at 15:00
This spectacular Opening Ceremony in the Congress Hall of the Prague Congress Centre is not to be missed as it also incorporates the presentation of each member country’s national flag. Make sure to register in time! Tickets can be purchased for 39 EUR on a first come first served basis as the large plenary hall has a limited number of seats. Late registrants will be able to book a space for 20 EUR in the overflow hall where the ceremony is relayed on a big screen.

Introduction to Prague
A half-day tour of Prague has been organised for Sunday morning. Details of tours can be found under “Guided Tours”, page 14. This is an ideal opportunity to get to know your host city.

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening
Immediately after the Opening Ceremony, this is a great opportunity to meet up with old and new friends over refreshments and a light buffet in the Exhibition Area of the Prague Congress Centre. The opening of the Exhibition at approximately 17:30 will provide delegates with their first introduction to the services and products of exhibitors.

Scientific Programme
A stimulating programme is being prepared by the Scientific Professional Programme Committee (SPPC), for midwives of all experiences and backgrounds. The overarching congress theme is “Midwives: Improving Women’s Health Globally”, with a separate but related sub-theme for each of the four professional days (Monday–Thursday).

The daily topics are:
• Bridging midwifery and women’s health rights
• Access: bridging the gap to improving care and outcomes for women and their families
• Education: The bridge to midwifery and women’s autonomy
• Midwifery: bridging culture and practice

A plenary session, with guest speakers, is held each day in the Congress Hall, whilst parallel sessions such as workshops and seminars are held throughout the day in smaller rooms.

The Scientific Committee wants to assure delegates that the majority of parallel sessions will be held in large rooms capable of accommodating between 200 and 1000 delegates.

Some small, targeted workshops, which will require advance bookings, will be held in smaller venues to fit the audience. A popular feature of the week will be the peer reviewed papers, allowing active participation by delegates.
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Saturday, 31 May
10:00 – 18:00  Registration
14:00  The Voice of Midwives

Sunday, 1 June
09:00 – 18:00  Registration
13:00 – 14:00  Multi faith celebration
15:00 – 17:30  Opening ceremony
18:00 – 21:30  Welcome reception and Exhibition opening

Monday, 2 June to Wednesday, 4 June
09:00  Start of Congress day
09:00  Plenary session, workshops or concurrent sessions
10:30  Coffee break and networking in Exhibition area
11:00  Plenary session, workshops or concurrent sessions
12:30  Lunch – Exhibition and networking; this is also the period when sponsored satellite sessions will be held
14:00  Plenary session, workshops or concurrent sessions
15:30  Tea break and networking in Exhibition area
16:00  Symposia, workshop or concurrent sessions
17:30  End of Congress day

Thursday, 5 June
08:30  Start of Congress day
08:30  Workshops or concurrent sessions
10:00  Coffee break and networking in Exhibition area
10:30  Workshops or concurrent sessions
12:00  Lunch – Exhibition and networking; this is also the period when sponsored satellite sessions will be held
13:30  Plenary session
14:30  Closing ceremony
16:00  Congress ends

Start of Congress time is subject to change and may begin up to 30 minutes earlier.
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The theme of the ICM 30th Triennial Congress, to be held in Prague 1 – 5 June 2014, is “Midwives: Improving Women’s Health Globally”.

The Scientific and Professional Programme Committee (SPPC) of the International Confederation of Midwives invites submission of abstracts on the following four sub-themes:

• Bridging midwifery and women’s health rights
• Access: bridging the gap to improving care and outcomes for women and their families
• Education: the bridge to midwifery and women’s autonomy
• Midwifery: bridging culture and practice

Types of presentations:

The four types of presentations are:

Oral Presentations
Oral presentations are usually delivered by a single presenter in a time-slot of 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion. Oral presentations can be on any topic relevant to the Congress themes and with a focus on research, theoretical debate, innovative/sustainable midwifery practices, or midwifery stories/personal experiences. The word limit for oral presentation abstracts is 300 words.

Poster Presentations
Poster presentations are visual displays of material to be presented and constitute an interactive and communicative medium, usually combining text and graphics information. Posters may be on any topic relevant to the Congress themes and with a focus on research, theoretical debate, innovative/sustainable midwifery practices, or midwifery stories/experiences. The word limit for poster abstracts is 300 words.

Symposium of Related Presentations
The symposium is a presentation during which more than three individuals present papers that have a common focus. The symposium may be on any topic relevant to the conference themes and with a focus on research, theoretical debate, innovative/sustainable midwifery practices, or midwifery stories/personal experiences. Examples of symposium topics include various aspects of a large research project or different approaches to managing clinical problems. The length of a symposium will be 90 minutes. The word limit for a symposium abstract is 1,000 words.

Workshops
A workshop is an interactive session facilitated by more than one person, names of whom must be identified. A workshop will allow significant time (at least half of the allocated workshop period) for audience participation, exchange of ideas or developing skills. The purpose of the workshop is to extend both the skills and knowledge of the individuals attending. The workshop may be pitched at introductory, intermediate or advanced levels of activity. The workshop leader should indicate the preferred maximum number of participants. In any case, venues will limit workshop numbers to a maximum of 50, but can be fewer if preferred. Workshop abstracts should be no more than 1,000 words.

Deadlines

Abstract Submission Opens
December 2012

Deadline for Submissions
now extended to 29 March 2013

Notification of acceptance
1 September 2013

Presenter must be registered by
1 December 2013

For full instructions on submitting an abstract go to the Congress website on www.midwives2014.org
ICM PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

Dear Midwives, Colleagues and Friends,

It is my privilege to extend a warm invitation to the midwives of the world to register for our 30th triennial Congress in the beautiful city of Prague. Not only will this Congress provide a unique opportunity to share knowledge and strengthen midwifery in various regions of the world, but also marks the next phase in moving the midwifery profession forward.

Midwives are increasingly recognised as key health workers in reducing maternal and infant mortality and morbidity, and this Congress will focus on the global impact and importance of our role. The world needs midwives now more than ever and this message has been acknowledged by Governments and global partners in the achievement of the 2015 Millennium Development Goals. The theme of the Congress ‘Midwives: Improving Women’s Health Globally’ embraces MDG5 and the improvement of maternal health.

Significant challenges remain for midwives in many parts of the world, including in Eastern Europe, and our Congress will consider the bridges that must be built here and in other regions to ensure high quality, woman-centred, midwifery care.

Outstanding events are being planned by the Host organising group to provide an historic occasion including a social schedule of networking, entertainment and fun in one of the world’s oldest cities. With Scientific and Professional Programme Committee co-chairs Dr Margaret McGuire and Ms Karen Guilliland at the helm, this ‘not to be missed’ Congress will feature global experts and advocates sharing their vision to improve maternal and newborn health; a peer reviewed scientific programme, and topical presentations from midwives globally.

Prague is one of the world’s most beautiful cities with its historic sites and many bridges spanning the river Vltava. It is therefore appropriate that the daily themes are based on building bridges to improve access to high quality maternal and newborn care globally.

Our professional partner organisations and leaders from alliances and UN organisations will also be in attendance to inform policy and discussion.

I appreciate the hard work of the Czech Confederation of Midwives who, as the host organisation, is contributing in many ways to provide a successful and friendly Congress.

Please make sure you have 1 – 5 June firmly in your diary, and join me in Prague for this memorable event, where, together, we can celebrate our successes, share our challenges, and contribute to the future of midwifery globally, together.

Frances Day-Stirk
ICM President
WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CZECH CONFEDERATION OF MIDWIVES (ČKPA)

Dear Midwives,

It is an honour for me, as President of the Czech Confederation of Midwives and Congress Host Association to encourage the midwives of the world to come to the Czech Republic in 2014 for the 30th ICM Triennial Congress.

Your presence at the Congress in Prague will not only boost our nation’s midwifery but will also be a significant event for midwifery development in neighbouring countries of this Region. Many government and international organisations know that midwives play a crucial role in saving lives and strengthening national health systems; as we approach the target year of 2015 for Millennium Development Goals, it is this message that will resonate from the world’s midwives who gather in Prague for the 30th ICM Congress.

Our capital city, Prague, is known as the “heart of Europe” and I believe that similarly midwives are the “heart of maternity services worldwide”. Midwives provide a unique personal commitment and contribution to the health and wellbeing of women and their newborn, and this Congress will make a major contribution to midwifery and women’s health globally.

Prague 2014 will provide a wonderful opportunity to share experiences and build on the essential midwifery services that we already provide for women in our respective countries and communities.

ČKPA is committed to contributing to an exceptional and unforgettable Congress. So register early, and see you in Prague!

Věra Vránová
ČKPA President
ACCOMMODATION AND HOSPITALITY

Hotel Accommodation
For your convenience, a number of hotels have been selected as the official ICM 2014 Hotels, and special rates have been obtained. Prices vary from 25 EUR to 175 EUR and a full list is published on the congress website www.midwives2014.org. More than 3000 rooms are available within a short distance of the Prague Congress Centre ranging from budget to five star accommodation. Whilst the ICM list of approved hotels is recommended, delegates who wish to book independently will find a list of Prague hotels under the accommodation section at www.praguewelcome.cz/en/.

Questions regarding accommodation may be directed to the Congress Secretariat at:

CZECH-IN
5. května 65
140 21 Prague 4
Czech Republic
Tel.: +420 261 174 305
Fax: +420 261 174 307
Email: accommodation@midwives2014.org

By train
Prague has several train stations, but international trains are likely to arrive at the Main Railway Station (Hlavní Nádraží). There are also some international arrivals at Holešovice Station (Nádraží Holešovice). These stations are connected to the underground (red line) and go directly to the Prague Congress Centre.

Public Transport
Prague has much used and inexpensive underground, tram, and bus system. During the peak hours, underground trains run every 1 or 2 minutes, and during off-peak hours at least every 10 minutes. For more information about Prague public transportation visit www.dpp.cz. Negotiations are taking place with the city for subsidies or free travel for congress delegates. Check the Congress website for development.

From Václav Havel International Airport to Prague city centre and Congress centre
A special Airport Express Bus runs from the airport to Prague Main Station (Hlavní nádraží), departing every 30 minutes from Terminal 1 and 2. Tickets can be bought directly from the bus driver. Price: approximately 50 Czech Koruna (CZK).

At Prague Main Station (Hlavní nádraží) change to underground line C (red line) in direction “Háje” and get off at “Vyšehrad” metro station, the third stop after the Main station.

When you exit the metro station, the Prague Congress Centre will be on your right.

By Taxi from the airport will take about 40 minutes (60 minutes during peak hours) and should cost about 600 CZK.

Getting to Prague

By air
• Easily accessible from all major European cities (max. flying time 2.5 hours)
• Direct flights from 128 destinations all over the world
• Two terminals – Terminal 1 and 2
• Many low cost providers

By road
• From the North – Highway E55
• From the South – Highway E50
• From the West – Highway E50
• From the East – Highway E67
THE VOICE OF MIDWIVES: ANNOUNCING MIDWIVES’ ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE AND HELPING CREATE A WORLD RECORD

On Saturday, 31 May at 14hr00 the pre Congress event to announce to the world that midwives have arrived in Prague is, ‘The Voice of Midwives’. This exciting event will be held in one of Prague’s central parks and aims to create a world record for midwives singing together, in addition to publicising the main Congress theme that midwives are meeting to identify ways to improve women’s health globally.

(Remember the spectacular 2011 pre congress event ‘the Road to Durban’ when over 2,000 midwives walked 5 kilometres into the Congress city?).

Negotiations are taking place with a 40-piece Prague orchestra and the ‘big –sing’ will be led by a local soprano alongside midwives from South Africa, Czech Republic and Canada: the past, current and future Congress hosts. It is intended to have live streaming of ‘The Voice of Midwives’ on the Congress web site to provide access by midwives in the 100 member countries of ICM – a truly global event with midwives of the world singing together in the largest ever midwives choir.

Further details will appear on the web site www.midwives2014.org but, in the meantime, try to ensure your booking arrangements allow you to arrive in Prague on Saturday 31 May 2014 to participate in this unique occasion.

CZECH GALA NIGHT

on Tuesday, 3 June 2014

The gala evening is one of the social highlights of any ICM Congress and there is always high demand for tickets. The host association, the Czech Confederation of Midwives, is planning a spectacular event featuring a taste of Czech culture and cuisine.

Entertainment followed by dance music will ensure a fun evening with an opportunity to meet socially, on and off the dance floor, with midwives from around the world.

The Gala evening will take place in the Industrial Palace, which was built in Art Nouveau style in 1891.

The area and venue is now used for fairs, exhibitions, concerts and events.

Tickets can be purchased at the time of making your Congress reservation and you can check the reservation form for price details. Further details about the specific event and entertainment will be featured on the Congress web site at www.2014midwives.org.
REGISTRATION FORM

Please use capital letters or attach a business card with full details.
For easier and faster registration, please register online at: www.midwives2014.org

Please return this form to:
ICM 30th Triennial Congress Prague 2014. Congress Secretariat CZECH-IN s. r. o.,
Prague Congress Centre, 5. kvetna 65, 140 21 Prague 4, Czech Republic, e-mail: registration@midwives2014.org

1.) PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Title
Ms, Mrs, Mr, Prof, Dr
ICM Board Member
ICM Council Delegate

Last Name

First Name

Phone
Fax

E-mail

Address

City
Country

Post Code

Current area of work
i.e. education, research, clinical etc.

2.) ACCOMPANYING PERSON

Title
Mr, Ms, Mrs, Prof, Dr, other

Last Name

First Name

Complimentary half-day tour

### 3.) OPENING DAY, Sunday, 1 June 2014

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Because of limited space available in the main plenary hall at the Prague Congress Centre, the fee for the live opening ceremony and the welcome reception has been separated from the full Congress fee to ensure the fair allocation of seats on a first come basis. Only delegates attending the full Congress are eligible for opening day tickets in the main plenary hall which will be allocated on a first come basis. The Opening Ceremony will be relayed to an overflow area in the Congress centre (the Forum Hall) when all seats for the plenary hall have been allocated. The fee for the relayed ceremony and the welcome reception is 20 €. The web site will indicate when all plenary hall seats have been allocated at the time of booking online.

### 4.) REGISTRATION FEES (EUR; incl. VAT)

**By 30 June 2013**
- BONUS DISCOUNT RATE: 519 €
- STUDENT MIDWIFE: 169 €
- NEWLY QUALIFIED MIDWIFE: 404 €
- ACCOMPANYING PERSON: 126 €

**By 21 February 2014**
- EARLY BIRD FEE: 579 €
- STUDENT MIDWIFE: 265 €
- DAY DELEGATE REGISTRATION: 206 €
- NEWLY QUALIFIED MIDWIFE: 454 €
- ACCOMPANYING PERSON: 136 €

**From 22 February 2014**
- STANDARD FEE: 689 €
- STUDENT MIDWIFE: 315 €
- DAY DELEGATE REGISTRATION: 236 €
- NEWLY QUALIFIED MIDWIFE: 538 €
- ACCOMPANYING PERSON: 136 €

* A student midwife is defined as person pursuing a recognized programme of study leading to a qualification as a midwife, approved by the regulatory authority in the country, in line with the ICM definition of a midwife.

** Qualifying period is up to 5 years after qualification at the time of registration. Payment and a copy of the certification document including date of qualification will need to be provided at the time of registration.

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### 5.) TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please note: All fees include VAT. If your payment is not received before the deadlines for Bonus discount 30 June 2013 and Early Bird rate 21 February 2014 the standard fee will be automatically charged. Pre-registrations will no longer be accepted by the Congress Secretariat after 9 May 2014, BUT you will be able to register on-site from 31 May 2014. For group bookings, please contact Congress Secretariat.

**Cancellations**

All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Congress Secretariat (registration@midwives2014.org) according to the following conditions:

- For cancellations received on or before 4 December 2013, 75 € will be deducted from all refunds.
- For cancellations received between 5 December and 1 March, 2014 a 50 % refund will be made.
- For cancellations received on or after 2 March 2014, no refunds will be made under any circumstances.
7.) PAYMENT

☐ Bank transfer

(Please transfer the payment clear of any bank charges)

Komercni banka a.s.
Na Příkopě 33, 114 07 Prague 1
Czech Republic
Name of the account: ICM Congress Prague 2014
Bank account: 107-1630080257/0100
IBAN: CZ8401000001071630080257
SWIFT/BIC: KOMBCZPPXXX

☐ VISA ☐ EC/MC

| Card Number |
| Card Holders Name |
| Expiration (MM/YYYY) |
| CVC Code* |

*Last three digits on the back of the card

If you are paying by bank transfer, please ensure that a copy of your proof of payment is faxed to +420 261 174 307 or emailed to registration@midwives2014.org. Please do not forget to include PRN (Participant's Registration Number) with the payment. Confirmation and receipt of payment will then be sent to you.

8.) YOUR SUMMARY OF FEES TO BE PAID

| OPENING DAY | CZECH GALA NIGHT |
| REGISTRATION FEE | TOTAL |

Liability

For reasons beyond its control the ICM 30th Triennial Congress and/or its Agents, the CZECH-IN s.r.o. and/or its agents have the right to immediately alter or cancel the Congress or any of the arrangements, plans, timetables, sessions or any other items directly or indirectly relating to the 30th ICM Congress. Participants shall not be entitled to return of fees or any compensation for damages that may result from any change, alteration or cancellation. Furthermore, with the exception of any wilful damage or gross negligence committed by the ICM 30th Triennial Congress and/or its agents, the CZECH-IN s.r.o. and/or its agents, neither ICM nor its agents shall at any time be liable for any direct or indirect damage suffered by the participants including consequential and immaterial damage, caused by failure to comply with any provision of this document. It is highly recommended that all participants carry proper travel and health insurance.

☐ I hereby accept all registration conditions of the Congress and agree for the payment corresponding to my request.

☐ Please tick should you not wish for your details to be included in the participants lists or passed to sponsors and exhibitors.

TOTAL TO BE PAID €
Signature
Date
PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON PRAGUE

City of Prague

Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic, situated in the heart of Europe ranks amongst the most impressive historical cities in the world. Prague was established as a town when the Prague Castle was built in 870. In the 11th century, the first Czech king, Vratislav II, chose Prague as his capital. The city has always played an important part in the history of the nation, country and Europe. Since medieval times, Prague has been distinguished as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Prague is not only a centre of cultural movements dating back for centuries (art from every period in history can be found here), it also exhibits a unique collection of historical monuments, dominated by the Prague Castle. Prague occupies both banks of the Vltava River and consists of 6 districts: the Old Town, which includes Josefov (the Jewish Quarter, which remains intact despite World War II), New Town, Lower Town, Hradčany and Vyšehrad. These districts house the majority of historical landmarks, museums and galleries. Charles University, founded in 1348 is one of the oldest universities in Europe. In 1992, the historical core of the city (866 hectares) was listed in the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Register as a town with a unique and lively blend of Roman, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Art Nouveau and Cubist architecture. Prague was one of nine European cities awarded the title European City of Culture in 2000. Prague has around 1.2 million inhabitants. For more information, visit the website www.pis.cz.

Climate

Prague is a city with a “mild continental climate”. The average temperature in June varies between 19°C and 25°C.

Currency

The official currency in the Czech Republic is the Czech Crown (CZK/Kc). 1 Czech crown (CZK/Kc) = 100 hellers (hal.). Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 crowns; 50 hellers. Bank notes: 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 crowns. Exchange offices and ATM machines are easily available throughout the town and at Prague International Airport. It is advisable to exchange money in banks rather than in the high street exchange offices. The approximate exchange rate as of November 2012 is: € 1 = 25 CZK. For up-to date exchange rates please visit www.cnb.cz.

Language

The official language in the Czech Republic is Czech.

Restaurants – Czech Cuisine

Czech cuisine is typical of Middle European gastronomy, yet clearly reflects a number of Czech elements – e.g. bread or fruit dumplings, various kinds of soups, sauces, numerous potato dishes, cakes and a wide range of festive dishes. In general, Czech gastronomy means roasted pork with dumplings and sauerkraut, potato pancakes, plum dumplings and bilberry cakes … and, of course, Czech drinks – primarily beer and first-rate wines from South Moravia, not to mention “Slivovice”, a clear Czech plum brandy and “Becherovka” a delicious herbal elixir with legendary aphrodisiac qualities. People usually have lunch between 12:00 and 14:00 and sit down for dinner between 18:00 and 21:00. However, it is possible to dine throughout the whole day and every visitor’s needs can be met.
Shopping
Shops in Prague are normally open Monday–Friday from 09:00 and 18:00, Saturday from 09:00 and 12:00. Most of the shops in the city centre are open every week day from 09:00 and 20:00. All major credit cards are accepted.

Taxi
When taking a taxi, be sure that the taxi is equipped with a permanently installed yellow roof lamp with the TAXI sign in black letters. The registration number, company name and the price list including the basic rate – rate per kilometre and one-minute waiting rate must be displayed on both front doors of the taxi. These prices must correspond with the prices set on the meter in the taxi. Customers are recommended to order a taxi with 24-hrs dispatching offices where the information on fares is available in advance. AAA Taxi provides an excellent taxi service within Prague (phone no. 14014).

Time
The Czech Republic lies within the Central European Time zone, i.e. GMT+1 hour.

Tipping
Service is almost always included in hotel and restaurant bills. A further tip of a few coins is appropriate. Some typical percentages for tipping are: restaurants 5–10 % and a recommended Tourist guide of 10 %.

Transportation in Prague
Prague Public Transit Co. Inc. is the main public transport operator in the Czech Republic. Almost two thousand metro trains, trams and buses are dispatched every day in Prague and the surrounding region. Tickets must be bought before start of the journey.

Metro/Underground:
The Metro operates daily from 05:00 to 24:00. We recommend that you use this kind of transport as the fastest and cheapest way of moving around the city.

Tram and Bus:
Trams and buses operate 24 hours a day.
Website: www.dpp.cz

Visa
All foreign visitors to the Czech Republic must possess a passport valid for at least the next 6 months. Visa applications must be made at least 3 months in advance to the general consular offices of the Czech Republic or diplomatic missions.
You can find all visa requirements for travelling to the Czech Republic on the website of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.mzv.cz.
For detailed information please visit the congress website www.midwives2014.org. Please note that the visa application procedure can take up to three months.
Please also note that it is not possible to obtain visas directly at the Prague International Airport.
GUIDED TOURS

All participants are kindly advised to wear comfortable walking shoes. The Prague historical city centre and the Czech towns are largely paved with cobblestones. The organiser reserves the right to cancel any tour in case fewer than 10 delegates are registered. On-site requests for guided tours are welcome but cannot be guaranteed. Cancellation free of charge is possible until 2 weeks before the event. In case of later cancellation, no refunds will be made.

HALF DAY EXCURSIONS

Grand tour of Prague
Sunday Morning Tour, 1 June 2014, 09:00 – 12:30

Price per person: 39 € – partly visit of St. Vitus Cathedral only
Duration: 3.5 hours
Please kindly note THIS IS A WALKING TOUR!

The insightful historical tour lets you enjoy the city’s most famous sights. The tour starts at Prague Castle (Hradčany), registered as the biggest castle complex in the world. It established itself as the spiritual centre of the Bohemian sovereigns from 9th century and since 1918 (foundation of Czechoslovakia) it has served as the residence of Presidents. A visit to St. Vitus Cathedral is included. The tour then follows the “Royal Route”, the former promenade of kings and part of the official coronation by foot, winding down to Lesser Town where you will cross the famous Charles Bridge and continue to discover remarkable monuments in the Old Town area. This remarkable journey ends in front of the Old Town City Hall with its extraordinary astronomical clock.

Includes coach transfer from the Prague Congress Centre to the Prague Castle and then at the end of the tour the coach transfer from the city centre to the Prague Congress Centre. English speaking guide.

Old town and Jewish quarter
Sunday Morning Tour, 1 June 2014, 09:00 – 12:30

Price per person: 50 EUR
Duration: 3.5 hours

This insightful historical tour of the Old Town of Prague lets you enjoy the city’s most famous sights such as the Powder Tower, the Estate Theatre, the Charles University, the Old Town Square, the Jewish Quarter and other sights. You will discover the astonishing history of the Jewish community in Prague, which can be traced back to the middle of the 10th century. Miraculously many outstanding monuments have remained intact through WWII. The visit includes the Jewish Museum located in Prague Synagogues and the Old Jewish Cemetery.

Includes coach transfer from the Prague Congress Centre to the city centre and at the end of the tour, coach transfer from the city centre to the Prague Congress Centre. English speaking guide.
Cruise on the river Vltava with dinner

**Wednesday, 3 June 2014, 18:30 – 22:00**

**Price per person:**
56 EUR

**Duration:**
3.5 hours

This tour offers the opportunity to explore enchanted Prague from the deck of a boat. The river cruise allows you to discover some of the city’s major monuments and sights, while relaxing over dinner or a drink and listening to music or dancing. During the dinner on the boat, which is served buffet-style, you can admire the illuminated sights of Prague passing by: Charles Bridge, the Castle district (Hradčany), the National Theatre, the Vyšehrad Castle etc.

*Price includes entrance fee, dinner and music. English speaking guide (transportation to/from boat is not included).*

Prague Castle in detail

**Accompanying Persons Tour; Wednesday, 4 June 2014, 09:00 – 13:00**

**Duration:**
4 hours

**Please kindly note THIS IS A WALKING TOUR!**

The Prague Castle, an ancient symbol of the Czech lands, is the most significant Czech monument and one of the most important cultural institutions in the Czech Republic. The Prague Castle was most likely founded in around 880 by Prince Bořivoj of the Přemysl Dynasty (Přemyslovci). According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the Prague Castle is the largest coherent castle complex in the world, with an area of almost 70,000 m². A UNESCO World Heritage site, it consists of a large-scale composition of palaces and ecclesiastical buildings of various architectural styles, from Roman-style buildings from the 10th century through Gothic modifications in the 14th century. The famous Slovenian architect Josip Plečnik was responsible for extensive renovations in the time of the First Republic (1918 – 1938). Since the Velvet Revolution, the Prague Castle has undergone significant and on-going repairs and reconstructions.

**A visit includes:** Old Royal Palace, Golden Lane, Bazilik of St. Georg, and St. Vitus Cathedral. The tour then follows the “Royal Route”, the former promenade of kings and part of the official coronation by foot. The tour ends at Lesser Town (close to Malostranská Metro station) after winding down the stairs from Prague Castle.

*Includes coach transfer from the Prague Congress Centre to the Prague Castle and at the end of the tour, coach transfer from the city centre to the Prague Congress Centre. English speaking guide.*
**ONE DAY EXCURSION**

**Karlštejn castle + Glass factory**

*Friday, 6 June 2014, 09:00 – 17:00*

- **Price per person:** 80 EUR
- **Duration:** 8 hours

During your visit to Prague you should not miss the large Gothic castle founded in the 14th century by Charles IV, King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor. Karlštejn served as a place for safekeeping the Empire coronation jewels, holy relics and other royal treasures. Located about 35 km southwest of Prague in the Karlštejn village, it is one of the most famous and often visited castles in the Czech Republic.

Also included is a visit to the Glass factory in Nižbor, where traditional Czech glass is produced.

*Includes coach transfer from the Prague Congress Centre to the Karlštejn and Nižbor and back to the Prague Congress Centre, English speaking guide, lunch and entrance fees.*

**TWO DAY EXCURSIONS**

**Karlový vary (Carlsbad)**

*From 08:30 Friday, 6 June 2014 to 19:30 Saturday, 7 June 2014*

- **Price per person:** 180 EUR
- **Duration:** 2 days

The city was founded in the 14th century by Charles IV and is world famous as a spa and health resort. This historic city is also renowned for its international film festival and its local products such as Becherovka liquor and glass products of the Moser Company.

On the first day, you will visit the well known Moser Glass factory, followed by a guided walk in the town centre, through the main colonnade and downtown streets lined with art nouveau bath houses, luxury hotels and healthy spa.

After lunch and check-in at the hotel the afternoon is free.

On the second day, you will take a trip to the town of Loket (meaning elbow) town with its 12th century gothic castle. The picturesque town is surrounded on three sides by the Ohře River, which is shaped like an elbow. The stone Loket Castle, over 800 years old, dominates the town on a granite solid rock.

The visit to Loket ends with lunch and return journey to Prague.

*Includes coach transfer from the Prague Congress Centre and back, lunches (incl. one drink), entrance to Moser factory and Loket castle, Bed and Breakfast accommodation at hotel Humbold and English speaking guide.*
Český Krumlov

From 08:30 Friday, 6 June 2014 to 19:30 Saturday, 7 June 2014

Price per person: 210 EUR
Duration: 2 days

Český Krumlov is a small city in the South Bohemian Region of the Czech Republic, best known for the fine architecture and art of the historic old town and Český Krumlov Castle. Old Český Krumlov is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was given this status along with the historic Prague castle district.

On the first day you will visit the inside of the castle and learn of its development from the early 14th century. There are some amazing rooms to view accompanied by equally amazing stories about the families who owned the castle. The walk up to the castle is not too steep but walking shoes are advised. A guided tour of this quaint town will reveal how it fell into disrepair during the mid 1930’s and how its former beauty has been now restored.

Following lunch and check-in at the hotel, the afternoon is free and you might want to see a local exhibition often with famous artists on display such as local artist, Egon Schiele.

On the second day there is a visit to the fairy-tale castle at Hluboká with its famous Windsor style chateau. Its royal heritage can be traced back to the Kings of Bohemia in the 13th century.

After the visit to the neighbouring town České Budějovice, the trip ends with lunch and return journey to Prague.

Includes coach transfer from the Prague Congress Centre and back, lunches (incl. one drink), Bed and Breakfast accommodation at hotel Cert a Kaca, entrance fees to Český Krumlov castle and Hluboka castle and English speaking guide.
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The form should be filled in clearly in block capitals. You are only able to register one participant and his/her accompanying person. Please read the registration and payment information carefully before submitting your registration.

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Your registration will be confirmed by CZECH-IN once your registration and payment have been received.

Your confirmation will be forwarded on to you within 21 days. This confirmation letter must be presented upon arrival at the pre-registration desk if the account has been settled, or at the non-paid desk if a balance is still due.

If you do not have a confirmation letter, please bring along your passport or other form of identification.

Group Registration

For bookings of ten people and more, please contact CZECH-IN Congress Secretariat.

Registration after 9 May 2014

Online and postal/fax applications will be closed from this date. Delegates wishing to register after 9 May 2014 should visit the Congress website, download the registration form, and bring the completed form and fee to the onsite registration desk at the Prague Congress Centre. A receipt will then be issued to you.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

29 March 2013
New deadline for abstract submissions

30 June 2013
Deadline for bonus discount rate

1 September 2013
Notification of abstract acceptance

1 December 2013
Registration deadline for presenters with an accepted abstract

21 February 2014
Deadline for early bird fee

9 May 2014
End of pre-registration