



# 37<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology

*Tradition Meets Future*

**6–10 September 2025**

Vienna, Austria

**Preliminary Programme**

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## Welcome Address

Dear Colleagues,

The European Society of Pathology (ESP) and the Austrian Society for Clinical Pathology and Molecular Pathology (ÖGPath) would like to invite you to the 37th European Congress of Pathology (ECP). The conference will take place in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), in the heart of Vienna, from 6th – 10th September 2025. The ECP has grown to become the world’s largest congress in Pathology with a dynamic scope, attracting over 5,000 colleagues from all over the world. For these few days in September, pathologists, clinicians, molecular biologists, geneticists, bioinformaticians, IT experts, as well as our industry partners will gather for ECP 2025 and make Vienna the world capital of Pathology.

Vienna is home to a prestigious scientific tradition in Pathology, encompassing giants like Carl von Rokitansky and Hans Popper and continues to be at the forefront of Pathology research and education. The congress in Vienna will show its commitment to this legacy by presenting an innovative and attractive programme that showcases the cutting edges of pathology.

Our motto for the ECP 2025 – “ECP Vienna - Tradition Meets Future” – acknowledges the significant improvement Pathology research has brought and continues to bring to diagnostics and clinical practice. Modern pathology is the foundation for many targeted therapies that have dramatically changed how we treat cancer and chronic diseases today.

The excellent programme prepared by the ESP working groups, ESP-affiliated societies, education and trainee subcommittees and other collaborating societies aims to reflect on and contribute to this extremely dynamic development of the field of pathology.

An attractive and dedicated programme of keynote lectures, slide seminars, interactive sessions, special symposia as well as multiple oral and poster presentations, from internationally renowned experts and leaders in their fields, will provide an ideal opportunity for professional development, networking, and sharing ideas. Additionally, sessions organised by and for trainee pathologists, encompassing important and cutting-edge advancements in pathology practise, will be integral to our programme and will show the commitment of the ESP to shape the Pathology and Pathologists of the future.

Vienna offers rich cultural heritage through its numerous museums: among them the pathologo-anatomical collection in the Narrenturm and the Medical History Museum Vienna Josephinum. The city’s historical buildings, beautiful gardens and parks, strong literary, theatrical and musical traditions, will also provide opportunities for culture activities.

We are very much looking forward to hosting and meeting you in Vienna!



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## About ESP

The European Society of Pathology (ESP), established in 1963, has its headquarters in Brussels and is the leading European force in Pathology with more than 5,000 active members, 25 Working Groups (WG) and affiliated Societies and 30 national pathology societies.

ESP interacts with national pathology societies in Europe and has a significant number of established collaborations with other European organisations, clinical and scientific associations, and international pathology societies.

The ESP Foundation provides external quality assessment (QA) programmes for several biomarkers. Diagnostic laboratories worldwide participate in the ESP Foundation QA, such as Lung and Colon.

ESP organises the European Congress of Pathology (ECP) annually, holds several virtual and on-site postgraduate courses each year, among others through the European School of Pathology, ESP Academy, Masterclasses, and has an official journal “Virchows Archiv”.



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## Colour Legend

Colours and abbreviation codes of sessions

Working Group Sessions

AUT	Autopsy Pathology	H&N	Head and Neck Pathology
BREAST	Breast Pathology	HIST	History of Pathology
CARD	Cardiovascular Pathology	INFE	Infectious Diseases Pathology
CYTO	Cytopathology	MOPA	Molecular Pathology
DCP	Digital and Computational Pathology	NEPH	Nephropathology
DERM	Dermatopathology	NEURO	Neuropathology
DEVEL	Pathology in Favour of Developing Countries	OPHTH	Ophthalmic Pathology
DIGE	Digestive Diseases Pathology	PAED	Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology
EM	Electron Microscopy	PULM	Pulmonary Pathology
ENDO	Endocrine Pathology	SO-TI	Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology
GYNAE	Gynaecological Pathology	THYM	Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology
HAEMA	Haematopathology	URO	Uropathology

Special Sessions

KNL	Keynote Lecture
SPEC	Special Session ESP
LOC	Special Session LOC
TR	Trainees' Session
MD	Molecular Pathology Diagnostics Symposium
CP	Computational Symposium
VA	Virchows Archiv
TEC	Technician Symposium

**BM** Business Meeting  
**DB** Debate Session  
**LC** Long Course  
**OFF** Oral Free Paper Session  
**SC** Short Course  
**SS** Slide Seminar  
**SY** Symposium  
**VM** Videomicroscopy

## Associations / Societies collaborating in the Scientific Programme

- Arthur Purdy Stout Society (APSS)
- Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology (AECVP)
- Digital Pathology Association (DPA)
- European National Societies affiliated to the ESP
- European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society e.V.(ENETS)
- European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO)
- European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO)
- European Confederation of Neuropathological Societies (Euro-CNS)
- Hans Popper Hepatopathology Society (HPHS)
- International Academy of Cytology (IAC)
- International Academy of Pathology (IAP)
- International Agency for Research on Cancer IARC WHO
- International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR)
- Japanese Society of Pathology (JSP)
- Korean Society of Pathology (KSP)
- Pancreatobiliary Pathology Society (PBPS)
- Rodger C. Haggitt Gastrointestinal Pathology Society (GIPS)

## Programme Schedule

Saturday, 6 September 2025

	Session Rooms	Hall A	Exhibition Area
Registration (16:00 - 20:00)			
	16:45 - 18:15 Industry Satellite Symposia		
		19:00 - 20:00 Opening Ceremony	
			20:00 - 22:00 Technical Exhibition / Networking Reception

Programme Schedule

				Hall A	Hall E2	Hall F1	Hall F2	Hall M
Registration (7:30 - 18:00)	Technical Exhibition (9:00 - 17:15)							
		8:30 – 12:00	09:30 – 10:30 Coffee Break + Poster Sessions	<b>SY BREAST</b> Spindle cell lesions and vascular lesions of the breast	<b>LC DIGE (GI)</b> The pathologist’s role in the diagnosis of inherited syndromes in the GI tract	<b>LC H&amp;N</b> Squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck – where are we now?	<b>LOC</b> Biobanking as a basis for basic and translational research	<b>LC + BM</b> Kidney diseases associated with infections
		12:15 – 13:00		<b>Keynote Lecture - Ruth Wodak (Austria)</b> “Let’s be clear!”: Navigating (mis)understandings in communication				
		13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	<b>Industry Satellite Symposia</b>				
		14:45 – 16:45		<b>SS BREAST</b> Lessons I learned from my cases	<b>Joint SY INFE &amp; DIGE (GI)</b> The microbiome in gastrointestinal pathology - diagnostic and research perspectives	<b>SC H&amp;N</b> New entities in head and neck pathology – blessing or curse?	<b>OFP</b>	<b>SS NEPH</b> Surprise! Unexpected biopsy results
		16:45 – 17:15		<b>Best Poster Sessions</b>				
		17:15 – 19:15		<b>OFP</b>	<b>SY DIGE (Li/Pa)</b> Molecular Tumour Boards in hepatopancreatobiliary cancers: facts and challenges	<b>SS + BM H&amp;N</b> Bouquet of challenging cases	<b>SY MOPA</b> Identifying the steps required to effectively implement molecular testing in oncology	<b>Joint SY NEPH &amp; CARD</b> Renal & cardiac transplant pathology
		19:30 – 20:30		<b>Industry Satellite Symposia</b>				

Sunday, 7 September 2025

Hall N	Room 1.61-62	Room 1.85-86	Room 0.94-95	Hall E1
<b>OFP</b>	<b>Joint SPEC ESP &amp; IAP</b> Ethics in pathology – does it matter where we come from?	<b>OFP</b>	<b>SY + BM EM</b> Quantitative morphology in electron microscopy - methods old and new	<b>CP SYMPOSIUM</b> Foundation models in pathology
<b>Keynote Lecture - Ruth Wodak (Austria)</b> “Let’s be clear!”: Navigating (mis)understandings in communication				
<b>Industry Satellite Symposia</b>				
<b>SS CARD</b> Inflammatory cardiomyopathies in the biopsy and autopsy setting	<b>Joint SPEC ESP &amp; National Societies</b> Green Pathology: start small, think big	<b>OFP</b>	<b>Joint SC EM and MOPA</b> Do we still need EM in the era of molecular diagnostics?	<b>CP SYMPOSIUM</b> Sustainability & interoperability
<b>Best Poster Sessions</b>				
<b>SY HIST</b> Emerging & re-emerging diseases: the importance of history of pathology	<b>SPEC ESP Education Subcommittee</b> Countdown to extinction	<b>OFP</b>	<b>Joint SC EM &amp; NEURO</b> Intriguing neuro-pathology: morpho-molecular approach to myopathy and CNS tumour	<b>CP SYMPOSIUM</b> AI in the clinic
<b>Industry Satellite Symposia</b>				

Programme Schedule

Monday, 8 September 2025

				Hall A	Hall E1	Hall E2	Hall F2	Hall M
Registration (8:00 - 18:00)	Technical Exhibition (9:00 - 17:15)	7:15 - 8:15		Industry Satellite Symposia				
		8:30 - 12:00	09:30 - 10:30 Coffee Break + Poster Sessions	<b>DB BREAST</b> Is large scale digital pathology and AI feasible in breast pathology?	<b>OFP</b>	<b>SY ENDO</b> The cutting edges of endocrine pathology: AI and digital/computational pathology	<b>LC DERM</b> Melanocytic proliferations	<b>SY HAEM</b> Novel mechanisms in lymphoma and diagnostic implications
		12:15 - 13:00		<b>Keynote Lecture - Michael Trauner (Austria)</b> Novel insights into the molecular pathogenesis of cholestasis				
		13:00 - 14:30	Lunch	Industry Satellite Symposia				
		14:45 - 16:45		<b>Joint SC DIGE (Li/Pa) &amp; HPHS</b> Liver biopsy in non-neoplastic liver diseases	<b>SC DCP</b> Computational pathology towards precision medicine	<b>Joint SC ENDO &amp; ENETS</b> Controversies and challenges in neuroendocrine neoplasms: MiNEN and NET G3	<b>VM DERM</b> Benign proliferations mimicking malignant and vice versa	<b>SC HAEM</b> The landscape of atypical/indolent proliferations
		16:45 - 17:15		Best Poster Sessions				
		17:15 - 19:15		<b>SY DIGE (GI)</b> State of the art of biomarkers in gastro-intestinal pathology	<b>Joint SC DCP &amp; DPA</b> Next generation pathology education	<b>SS ENDO</b> You learn by your mistakes: pitfalls in endocrine and neuroendocrine neoplasms	<b>SS DERM</b> How molecular studies influenced my diagnosis	<b>SS HAEM</b> Castleman disease-related and -associated pathological features
		19:30 - 20:30		Industry Satellite Symposia				

Hall N	Room 1.61-62	Room 1.85-86	Room 0.94-95	Hall F1
Industry Satellite Symposia				
<b>LOC</b> Rokitansky and his heirs	<b>Joint SY PAED &amp; MOPA</b> Common pathways in embryology and oncogenesis	<b>Joint SY CYTO &amp; IAC</b> Revealing genomic secrets from cytopathology samples	<b>SY THYM</b> Diseased or not? The normal thymus and its mimickers	<b>MD SYMPOSIUM</b> European Master Molecular Pathology (EMMP) - project presentations AND The future of molecular diagnostics – are new technologies changing things?
<b>Keynote Lecture - Michael Trauner (Austria)</b> Novel insights into the molecular pathogenesis of cholestasis				
Industry Satellite Symposia				
<b>SPEC</b> Highlights of ASCO	<b>Joint SY CARD &amp; PAED</b> Acquired heart disease in the paediatric age	<b>Joint SC CYTO &amp; DEVEL</b> A rainbow through cytopathology: from pre-analytics to diagnostics in personalised medicine	<b>Joint SY THYM &amp; SO-TI</b> The morphological conundrum: poorly differentiated tumours of the mediastinum	<b>MD SYMPOSIUM</b> Clinical applications of liquid biopsy testing in solid tumours AND Update on molecular biomarkers across organs in 2025
Best Poster Sessions				
<b>Joint SPEC ESP &amp; JSP</b> Spatial transcriptomics	<b>Joint SY DEVEL &amp; PAED</b> The state of the art of paediatric malignancies in low and middle-income settings	<b>OFP</b>	<b>SY THYM</b> What I learnt from a mistake I made in mediastinal pathology ( <i>case-based symposium</i> )	<b>MD SYMPOSIUM</b> Molecular pathology in practice: interactive case presentations
Industry Satellite Symposia				

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Registration (8:00 - 18:00)	Technical Exhibition (9:00 - 15:30)	7:15 - 8:15		Industry Satellite Symposia				
		8:30 - 12:00	09:30 - 10:30 Coffee Break + Poster Sessions	Joint LC DIGE (Li/Pa) & DCP Digital pathology and AI in HPB diseases	SS GYNAE Challenging cases addressed using molecular tools	LC + BM SO-TI Soft tumours with and without specific molecular abnormalities, how do I work them up?	SY URO Update on molecular and AI advances in GU tumours	Joint VM PULM & CYTO What is normal – what is pathological?
		12:15 - 13:00		ESP Symeonidis Lecture - Sarah Coupland (UK) Fuchs, Vienna and uveal melanoma: a story and city where ophthalmology and pathology intersect				
		13:00 - 14:30	Lunch	Industry Satellite Symposia				
		14:45 - 16:45		SC DIGE (GI) & GIPS Pathology of medical and surgical intervention in the GI tract	SY GYNAE ESGO, ESTRO, ESP Guidelines on the management of endometrial carcinoma	SC SO-TI Pitfalls, pearls and news of...	SS URO The challenging case that knocked me down!	SC PULM Lung diseases: lessons learned from animals and animal models
		16:45 - 17:30		Plenary OFP Session				
		17:30 - 19:30		Joint SS DIGE (Li/Pa) & PBPS Cystic lesions of the pancreatobiliary tract	SC GYNAE Lower genital tract pathology: new approaches and challenges	SC SO-TI Bone tumours, imaging and molecular: the traditional with a modern twist	OFP	Joint SC PULM & INFE Lung infections: from basics to post-transplantation
		19:45 - 20:45		Industry Satellite Symposia				

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Hall M	Hall N	Room 1.61-62	Room 0.94-95	Room 1.85-86
Industry Satellite Symposia				
Joint SPEC ESP & ICCR & IARC WHO Next level tumour classification	OFP	Joint SY AUT & PAED From common to complex in paediatric/perinatal autopsy practice	OFP	TECHNICIAN SYMPOSIUM New frontiers in macroscopic analysis/histodissection AND Digital pathology integration into routine laboratory workflows
ESP Symeonidis Lecture - Sarah Coupland (UK) Fuchs, Vienna and uveal melanoma: a story and city where ophthalmology and pathology intersect				
Industry Satellite Symposia				
SPEC Virchows Archiv Contemporary issues in endocrine neoplasms: focussing on the recent WHO	SC CARD Cardiac and pericardial tumours	SC AUT Secrets of brain diseases in autopsy pathology	SS OPTH Help! A conjunctival biopsy. Can you make the diagnosis?	TECHNICIAN SYMPOSIUM Integrating new technologies into modern pathology practise
Plenary OFP Session				
Joint SPEC ESP & APSS Talking about blue cells on the Blue Danube - current concepts in small cell neoplasms	OFP	Joint SC CARD & AUT Ischemic and non-ischemic myocardial injury: 2025 update	Joint SY DCP & NEURO & OPTH A"eye": a no brainer for neuropathology	TECHNICIAN SYMPOSIUM Building on the past, innovating for the future
Industry Satellite Symposia				

Programme Schedule

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Registration (8:00 - 17:30)		7:15 - 8:15		Industry Satellite Symposia				
		8:30 - 12:00	09:30 - 10:30 Coffee Break + Poster Sessions	LC DIGE (GI) Oesophagitis and gastritis: an update	SC + BM URO “News” in GU diseases: new concepts, new approaches and new/emerging entities	SS Trainee Subcommittee Pathologists’ adventures in multi-disciplinary team meetings	Joint LC NEPH & CARD & PULM & NEURO Vasculitis and organ pathology	Joint LC PULM & PAED Update on lung pathology in the young and the youngest
		12:00 - 13:15			12:00 – 13:30 ESP General Assembly			
		13:15 - 13:45	13:00 - 14:00 Lunch			Best Poster Sessions		
		14:00 - 16:00		SC DIGE (GI) Synoptic reporting in GI pathology	Joint SY DEVEL & URO A look at hot topics in pathology from the side of resource-limited countries	Joint SY PULM & Trainees Gamification in learning (lung) pathology	Joint SS DERM & INFE Infectious mimickers in dermatopathology	Joint SC PULM & MOPA Molecular evaluation of lung tumours – what is new, biomarkers, and beyond
		16:00 - 16:30		Best Poster Sessions				
		16:30 - 17:15		Juan Rosai Lecture - George Netto (USA) Precision Pathology: The Future is Now				
		17:15 - 18:00		Closing Ceremony				

Wednesday, 10 September 2025

Hall M	Hall N	Room 1.61-62	Room 1.85-86
Industry Satellite Symposia			
LOC Pathology in the era of neoadjuvant therapy	Joint LC OPHTH & H&N Pathology of the eye and orbit - what place in the head and neck galaxy?	SY HIST Historical pathology museums & collections: to and from Vienna	Joint SY DEVEL & BREAST Joining forces to improve diagnostic accuracy in breast pathology
Best Poster Sessions			
Joint SPEC ESP & KSP Human-machine interaction in digital pathology: bridging innovation and practice	SY PAED Paediatric haemato-oncology in the era of precision medicine	SC HIST Paleopathology: learning with mummies, skeletons and other remains	SS AUT When autopsy finds the unexpected: what is it?
Best Poster Sessions			
Juan Rosai Lecture - George Netto (USA) Precision Pathology: The Future is Now			
Closing Ceremony			



# Further Sessions

## Computational Symposium (CP) Sunday, 7 September 2025

The Computational Symposium is a unique event, bringing together an international interdisciplinary community of pathologists, scientists and computer scientists in this rapidly developing area. This year we focus on the major technological developments in artificial intelligence (such as large foundation models and vision-language models), community efforts to share and use data for computational pathology, and the practical side of computational pathology research. The event will include distinguished senior speakers as well as the latest work from up-and-coming researchers, selected abstracts in digital pathology and AI, and a lively panel discussion where you can put your questions to the experts.

**The symposium will cover the following topics:**

- Technological developments in artificial intelligence
- Community efforts to share and use data for computational pathology
- Practical side of computational pathology research

**Organisers of the symposium:**

Nasir Rajpoot, UK | Darren Treanor, UK | Jeroen van der Laak, The Netherlands | Inti Zlobec, Switzerland (Digital and Computational Pathology WG Chair) | António Polónia Oliveira, Portugal (Digital and Computational Pathology WG Co-Chair)

## Symposium on Molecular Pathology Diagnostics and Translational Research (MD) Monday, 8 September 2025

We are pleased to invite you to the “Symposium on Molecular Pathology Diagnostics and Translational Research”. Our programme for 2025 includes molecular approaches with clinical applications in oncology as well as newest developments of modern technologies and the analysis of biomarkers. The major goals for scientists working together with pathologists and clinicians in the field are to provide high quality molecular diagnostics, but at the same time to translate basic research discoveries into clinical practice. The symposium will address and discuss current advances, but also challenges and problem-solving approaches in the field of molecular pathology.

**The symposium will cover the following topics:**

- European Master Molecular Pathology (EMMP) – Project presentations
- The future landscape of molecular diagnostics – are new technologies and AI changing things?
- Clinical applications of liquid biopsy testing in solid tumours
- Update on molecular biomarkers across organs in 2025
- Molecular pathology in practice: Interactive case presentations

**Organisers of the symposium:**

Johan Botling, Sweden | Erik Jan Dubbink, The Netherlands | Carina Heydt, Germany | Marius Ilié, France | Caterina Marchiò, Italy | Matthias Matter, Switzerland | Sabine Merkelbach-Bruse, Germany | Karl Sotlar, Austria

## Technician Symposium (TEC) Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Recognizing the integral, multidisciplinary nature of modern pathology practice, the ECP meeting in Vienna will, for the first time, feature a dedicated program focusing on the crucial collaborative role of medical scientists and other allied staff in advancing integration of innovative techniques and technologies to routine diagnostic practice. Engaging presentations and panel discussions on topics such as Histodissection, Digital Pathology, Molecular Pathology and Artificial Intelligence will showcase how cross-disciplinary collaboration can transform diagnostic services while promoting professional growth. By sharing experiences and fostering thought-provoking discussions, these sessions aim to inspire advancements that will enhance the quality and effectiveness of pathological services in the future.

**The symposium will cover the following topics:**

- New frontiers in macroscopic analysis/histodissection
- Digital pathology integration into routine laboratory workflows
- Integrating new technologies into modern Pathology practise
- Building on the past, innovating for the future

**Organisers of the symposium:**

Eva Compérat, Austria | Catarina Eloy, Portugal | Louise Burke, Ireland



# Call for Abstracts

## Submission of abstracts

The scientific committee invites you to participate actively in this congress, which will be an extraordinary occasion for the exchange of thoughts and experiences. We look forward to receiving abstracts for consideration and inclusion in the scientific programme, either as oral or poster presentations on-site, or as E-Posters. **Please note that abstracts can only be presented (and thus published) on-site, not virtually! Please ensure that you are able to travel to Vienna when submitting an abstract. This also applies for abstracts which are being accepted as E-Posters.**

The submitted abstracts should give a brief description of the title and topic. All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the working groups and/or the scientific committee. The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the relevance to ESP, standard of English, objectivity of statement, description of what was done, suitability of methods to aims, conclusions confirmed by objective results, ethics, scientific value, potential clinical value, originality of work, and overall impression. All accepted abstracts will be published in an abstract book which is a digital supplement to Virchows Archiv, and online on the congress website [www.espcongress.org](http://www.espcongress.org). There will be no printed version of the abstract book. The deadline for abstract submission is 2 April 2025.

## Guidelines for preparation of abstracts

- Please choose a title that clearly indicates the content of the contribution.
- Please avoid abbreviations in the title (exception: scientific terms). Abbreviations may be used in the text if they are defined when used first.
- Please make sure to use **proper English language**.
- Please refrain from spelling abstract titles and co-authors’ names in capital letters.
- The author’s name (full first name, family name) and place of work (institution, city, country) should be indicated in the respective form fields, not in the abstract title.
- Degrees, titles, street addresses and acknowledgements of support should be omitted in the abstract title and text. To provide maximum information in the abstract please
- state the specific **background & objective** of the study
- state the **methods** used, if pertinent
- summarise the **results** obtained
- state the **conclusions** reached
- **ensure that the abstract does not contain spelling, grammar or scientific errors, as it will be reproduced exactly as submitted.**

## Guidelines for submission of abstracts

- **A maximum of 5 abstracts** per author will be accepted for submission. Additional submissions will not be considered (without further notice).
- Submissions **on behalf of other authors** cannot be accepted. The **original author should submit her/his work** and is considered to present it on-site in Vienna.
- An abstract which has been previously published cannot be submitted, unless there are new methods, findings, updated data or other acceptable reasons for submitting.
- Abstracts are to be submitted in English, the official language of the 37th ECP, should not exceed 290 words (in total) and be structured in the following specified subtitles: **background & objective, methods, results and conclusion.**
- Case reports should also be structured as much as possible following the aforementioned categories. If not possible, the authors should upload the abstracts using the most appropriate categories (in the respective text boxes in the submission form).
- The abstract submission constitutes a formal commitment by the first author in the session and time slot assigned by the scientific committee.
- Changes in authorship should be communicated to the ESP at [congress@esp-pathology.org](mailto:congress@esp-pathology.org) in order to ensure correct appearance in the printed programme.

- Should the first/submitting author, who is considered the presenter, turn out to be unable to present her/his poster, one of the co-authors should take over this responsibility. A change of the presenting author needs to be communicated to the ESP at [congress@esp-pathology.org](mailto:congress@esp-pathology.org) and will only be processed after acceptance of abstracts. Presenter changes, which are being addressed to the ESP before the official acceptance notification, will not be considered.
- Registration to the congress is mandatory to be able to present the abstract and get it published in the abstract book – and must be completed by **26 June 2025**. If the speaker fails to register and pay before this date, her/his abstract will be excluded from the scientific programme and publication in Virchows Archiv.
- If a delegate has registered upon the condition that her/his abstract is accepted and the abstract is rejected, the registration fee will be refunded. The acceptance of abstracts by the scientific committee does not imply any financial assistance or fee reduction.
- Notification of acceptance or rejection by the scientific committee will be emailed to the submitting author. Detailed information in which format the abstract is accepted (either oral, poster presentation or E-Poster), guidelines and recommendations for each abstract type as well as time allotment, date, hour, and venue will be sent in due time to registered first authors.

## Topics

When submitting an abstract, please choose one of the following topics:

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| 4. Cytopathology                                 | 18. Neuropathology                              |
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| 10. Endocrine Pathology                          | 24. Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology            |
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| 12. Haematopathology                             | 26. Other Topics                                |
| 13. Head and Neck Pathology                      | 27. Molecular Diagnostics Symposium (MD)        |
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## Bursaries for the Congress

For the 37th ECP in Vienna, the ESP will provide two different kinds of bursaries:

- Abstract-based bursaries to support the attendance of residents and trainees in pathology at the congress in Vienna
- Bursaries for pathologists from underserved countries

Bursaries include a free registration to the congress as well as a monetary grant.

You can only apply for ONE OR THE OTHER bursary category. Please refrain from submitting your application in both categories. The application deadline for both types of bursaries is **2 April 2025**. Please visit <https://www.espcongress.org/bursaries/> to find out more about the requirements of each bursary category and the application procedure.

## Poster Sessions, Best Abstract Prizes

### Poster Sessions

Poster sessions will be held from Sunday, 7 September to Wednesday, 10 September 2025 in Hall X4 of the ACV. These sessions offer an effective forum for the exchange of information and a means to communicate ideas, research, and programmes. Poster authors will be required to be available for questions and further information at their poster board during the morning session break (09:30 – 10:30) from Sunday to Wednesday. Posters will be grouped by topic for the convenience of those attending the sessions.

### Best Abstract Prizes

The ESP will provide a very limited number of prizes for the best abstracts of the congress. The awardees will be selected among all accepted poster and oral presentation abstracts. Best OFP Candidates will be invited to present again during the afternoon coffee break on Tuesday, 9 September 2025. Best Poster Candidates will be invited to present their work in the Best Poster Sessions, which are scheduled to take place in the afternoon coffee breaks. The winners will be notified by email and will be announced during the Closing Ceremony of the congress.

## Continuing Medical Education (CME)

An application will be made to the UEMS EACCME for accreditation of this event. The UEMS EACCME credits are recognised by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). More detailed information will become available prior to the congress on the congress website [www.espcongress.org](http://www.espcongress.org).



# Congress Registration

## On-site attendance – Registration Fees

Registration and payment received (Fees are inclusive of 20% VAT)	by 2 April 2025 EUR	by 3 July 2025 EUR	after 3 July 2025 EUR
ESP Members*	540	700	880
Non-Members	810	950	1,080
Residents, PhD Students**	230	310	500
Computational Symposium***	300	300	300
Molecular Pathology Diagnostics Symposium***	240	240	300
Technician Symposium***	90	90	150

\* In good standing (membership fee for 2025 paid). Please note that the member fee can only be granted if you are a member of the ESP at the time of registration. If you are not a member yet, you need to apply for membership first, and once you have received your ESP membership confirmation, you can register at the member fee.

\*\* For residents/PhD students under 45 (i.e. born after 6 September 1980 – to be proven by ID card /passport). The resident/student status must be confirmed by a formal declaration from the head of department or the responsible for the training programme. All documents need to be uploaded during the registration process.

\*\*\* Participants with full ECP registration can attend this symposium at no extra cost.

Please register online for the 37th European Congress of Pathology.

### Registration Fee for ESP Members, Non-Members, Residents and PhD Students includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions, including Molecular Pathology, Diagnostics Symposium (MD)/Computational Symposium (CP)/Technician Symposium (TEC)
- Admission to Opening Ceremony and Networking Reception
- Admission to poster exhibition and technical exhibition
- Coffee breaks and lunches from Sunday to Wednesday
- Congress material (delegate bag, final programme, etc.)
- Access to all sessions on demand (until 10 October 2025 for non-members and 10 December 2025 for ESP members)

### Registration Fee for the additional One-Day Symposia includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions of the respective Symposium
- Admission to poster exhibition and technical exhibition on the day of the Symposium
- Coffee break and lunch on the day of the Symposium
- Access to all symposium-related on demand content (until 10 October 2025 for non-members and 10 December 2025 for ESP members)

Participants who would like to register on-site are advised to arrive early. On-site registration does not necessarily entitle the participants to receive a delegate bag.

### Confirmation

Upon receipt of the registration and the corresponding payment, the congress office will send a confirmation to the participant which also serves as an invoice. You will need this confirmation when picking up your congress material on-site at the ACV.

## Virtual attendance – Registration Fees

Registration and payment received (inclusive of VAT rates if applicable)	by 3 July 2025 EUR	after 3 July 2025 EUR
ESP Members*	280	450
Non-Members	470	650
Residents, PhD Students**	155	205
Computational Symposium***	230	230
Molecular Pathology Diagnostics Symposium***	180	230
Technician Symposium ***	75	100

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- Access to all scientific sessions including Molecular Pathology Diagnostics Symposium (MD)/Computational Symposium (CP)/Technician Symposium (TEC) during live congress hours
- Access to all sessions on demand (until 10 October 2025 for non-members and 10 December 2025 for ESP members)
- Access to digital posters/E-Posters

### Registration Fee for the additional One-Day Symposia includes:

- Access to all sessions of the respective symposium during live congress hours
- Access to all symposium related on demand content (until 10 October 2025 for non-members and 10 December 2025 for ESP members)
- Access to digital posters/E-Posters

## Group Registration

You can order group registrations with the registration office. With full prepayment by 2 April 2025 you can take advantage of the early registration fees. The names of your delegates have to be submitted by 6 August 2025. The respectively higher registration fees will apply to orders received without payment by the above mentioned deadline of 2 April 2025 or if names are missing by 6 August 2025. No refund will be granted for cancellation of registrations.

## Payment

When registering for the 37th European Congress of Pathology, please arrange payment of the registration fee. All payments must be made in EUR. You can choose among the following payment options: Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Diners, Maestro, Apple/Google Pay, Discover and JCB.

## Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your registration, please notify the Registration Office at [ecp.registration@mondial-congress.com](mailto:ecp.registration@mondial-congress.com). A full refund (minus an administrative charge of EUR 100,00) will be given for cancellations received by **31 May 2025**. After 31 May 2025, no refunds will be granted.

# Congress Information

## Congress Venue

Austria Center Vienna (ACV)  
Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1  
1220 Vienna, Austria



## Congress Counter

The Congress Counter will be located in the foyer of the ACV.

### Opening hours

Saturday	6 September 2025	16:00 – 20:00
Sunday	7 September 2025	07:30 – 18:00
Monday	8 September 2025	08:00 – 18:00
Tuesday	9 September 2025	08:00 – 18:00
Wednesday	10 September 2025	08:00 – 17:30

## Host Organisation

European Society of Pathology  
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## Technical Exhibition

The 37th European Congress of Pathology will be accompanied by a major technical exhibition taking place in Halls X4 and X5 of the ACV in Vienna. Potential exhibitors can request an exhibition/ sponsoring brochure from the ESP Events Team.  
Email: [congress@esp-pathology.org](mailto:congress@esp-pathology.org)

### Exhibition hours

Saturday	6 September 2025	20:00 – 22:00
Sunday	7 September 2025	09:00 – 17:15
Monday	8 September 2025	09:00 – 17:15
Tuesday	9 September 2025	09:00 – 15:30

## Final Programme and Abstracts

The final programme and abstracts will be published on the congress website prior to the congress. This enables each participant to create her/his personal congress programme schedule. A printed copy of the final congress programme will be part of the congress materials which will be distributed on-site. Abstracts will be published in an abstract book which is a digital supplement to Virchows Archiv and online on the congress website [www.espcongress.org](http://www.espcongress.org). There will be no printed version of the abstract book.

## Congress Website

Further and updated information will be available on the internet at [www.espcongress.org](http://www.espcongress.org).

## Congress Language

The official language of the 37th European Congress of Pathology is English.

## Invitation Letter

The congress organisation will be pleased to send a formal invitation letter to delegates requesting a respective document for visa purposes. You can apply for an invitation letter online during the registration process. The letter will be sent as an email attachment. It is understood that such an invitation is intended to help potential delegates to raise funds or to obtain a visa. This does not imply a commitment from the congress to provide any financial support.

## Visa

The entry formalities for Austria vary according to the country of origin. Congress delegates are asked to address enquiries about entry and vaccination requirements to the travel agent or to the local consulate of Austria in the home country. More information can be found at <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entrance-and-residence-in-austria/visa>



# About Vienna

## Climate in Vienna

The climate of Vienna in September is generally mild, characterized by a transitional continental climate. Daytime temperatures typically range from 15 to 22°C. September is one of the best months to visit the city, with plenty of sunny days and comfortably warm weather, complemented by cooler evenings.

## Public Transport

Vienna offers an extensive public transport system with subway, tram, and over 100 bus lines. Wait times are brief, typically ranging from 3 to 5 minutes during peak hours. The ACV is located just a few minutes from the U1 station “Kaisermühlen-VIC,” and the U1 station “Stephansplatz” can be reached from the congress venue in less than 10 minutes.

## Airport

Vienna Airport is situated approximately 22 km from the congress venue (ACV). The City Airport Train (CAT) offers a non-stop service to the centre of Vienna in just 16 minutes, while the standard rail service takes around 30 minutes. Alternatively, the airport express bus reaches the ACV in approximately 30 minutes. Taxis are another option, with a travel time of approximately 25 minutes.

## Travelling by train

Vienna offers excellent train connections to all major European cities, particularly through night trains. From the city’s train stations, you can easily reach the ACV via public transport: Vienna Central Station (U1 subway line, just 15 minutes with no transfers), West Station (U3 and U6 subway lines), and Praterstern (U1 subway line).

## Travelling by car

Austria boasts an excellent motorway and road network. To reach the congress venue (ACV) by car, take the A22 motorway and exit at ACV/VIC (Vienna International Center). Alternatively, you can use the Reichsbrücke bridge or approach via Wagramer Strasse. On-site parking is plentiful, with a garage and 18 electric vehicle charging stations available.

# Hotels in Vienna

The official housing agency for ECP 2025 is MONDIAL CONGRESS & EVENTS, offering hotel accommodation for groups and individuals. MONDIAL CONGRESS & EVENTS has secured a wide range of different allotments for all preferences and budgets, close to the congress venue Austria Center Vienna (ACV), in the city center or with good access by public transportation. For reservations go to <https://www.espcongress.org/hotel-accommodation/>

## Individual Reservations

**(maximum 8 rooms)**

Special allotments at the hotels listed online have been secured.

## Group Reservations

**(9 rooms or more)**

Group reservations for 9 rooms or more can be made by email. Please state the number of rooms, arrival and departure dates, room type (single or double), preferred hotel and/or location and maximum room rate.

A tailor-made offer will be sent to you within 2 working days of the receipt of your request. This offer will include the payment and cancellation conditions. For large allotment requests please send your requirements at your earliest convenience. Over time the choice of hotels will decrease and offers will be sent as per availability. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

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## Dates to remember

- **2 April 2025**  
First deadline for early registration fees
- **2 April 2025**  
Deadline for abstract submission and bursary application
- **3 July 2025**  
Second deadline for early registration fees
- **6 September 2025**  
Opening Ceremony and Networking Reception of the 37th European Congress of Pathology

### **ESP Vision**

Excellence in pathology  
for optimal patient care.

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European Society of Pathology (ESP)  
promotes:

- High quality pathology  
diagnosis for all patients,
- Up-to-date education across Europe,
- Support cutting-edge research to  
understand disease and translate  
science into clinical practice