



IPEG'S
17th ANNUAL
CONGRESS
for Endosurgery in Children

JUNE 12-15, 2008 🌿 PALAIS STÉPHANIE 🌿 CANNES, FRANCE



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Advance Program

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group (IPEG), we would like to extend a personal invitation to all to attend **IPEG's 17th Annual Congress for Endosurgery in Children**, June 12-15, 2008 at the Palais Stephanie in Cannes, France. We look forward to an exceptional event with a state-of-the-art program featuring advances in Minimal Access Surgery (MAS), Bariatric Surgery, Basic Science, Thoracic, Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary, Robotics and Emerging Technology, Urology, Interventional Radiology, and Tracheal (Airway) surgery, as well as other interesting subspecialty areas.

We know that there are numerous educational events offered throughout the year and have made it a goal to incorporate content, which will benefit all pediatric surgical specialties.

We have also included the following:

- ♦ Post Graduate Bariatric Surgery Course
- ♦ Panels: Oncology, Urology, Interventional Radiology and MIS/MAS
- ♦ Keynote Lectures
- ♦ Basic Science Session

In Cannes, France you will ALSO find:

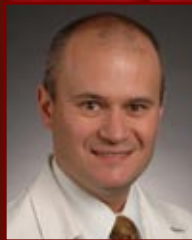
- ♦ Easy air access from most major cities
- ♦ Warm weather (74°F)
- ♦ A great vacation destination with numerous activities to offer
- ♦ Social events with world class faculty and lecturers (A la Cannes Film Festival!)
- ♦ An exhibit hall that serves as a debut for cutting edge minimal access surgery products.

We look forward to your participation and a great event!

Sincerely,



Jürgen Schleef, MD
2008 IPEG Program Chair
Children's Hospital, Triste, Italy



Thomas H. Inge, MD
2008 IPEG Program Co-Chair
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
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IPEG'S 17th ANNUAL CONGRESS

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GENERAL HOURS

EXHIBIT HOURS

Thursday, June 12 (<i>IPEG Welcome Reception!</i>)	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday, June 13	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Saturday, June 14	9:30 pm – 1:30 pm

REGISTRATION HOURS

Thursday, June 12	11:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday, June 13	6:30 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 14	6:30 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday, June 15	7:00 am – 12:00 pm

POSTER HOURS

Friday, June 13	11:00 am – 5:00 pm
<i>Poster Tour</i>	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 14	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
<i>Poster Tour</i>	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Don't forget!

Visit the IPEG Exhibit Hall!

The Hall opens at 9:30 am on Friday, June 13, 2008.

Event Housing

To book lodging, please complete the enclosed lodging form and fax directly to the hotel. You may also contact the hotel directly at +33 4 92997011, be sure to mention you are attending the IPEG event! The hotel lodging form is also available on the IPEG website: www.ipeg.org/registration/housing.php

The Following are special discounted room rates for IPEG'S 17th Annual Congress for Endosurgery in Children at the Palais Stéphanie.

Single: 260 € +VAT * Room rates include breakfast.

Twin: 290 € +VAT * Room rates include breakfast.

GENERAL INFORMATION



MEETING LEADERS & FACULTY

2008 PROGRAM CHAIRS

Program Chairman: Jürgen Schleef, MD

Program Co-Chair: Thomas H. Inge, MD

SESSION CHAIRS

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Bariatric Post Graduate Course

Carroll M. Harmon, MD & Holger Till, MD

Friday, June 13, 2008

Session: Teaching & Virtual Reality

Craig Albanese, MD & François Becmeur, MD

Session: How to Set-Up an Endosurgery OR

Marc A. Levitt, MD & George W. Holcomb III, MD

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Urology Panel: UPJ Obstruction – Where Do We Stand?

Alaa El Ghonemi, MD & C.K. Yeung, MD

Panel: Quo Vadis MIS? Where Are We Going With MIS? (Long-gap Esophageal Atresia, Duodenal Atresia)

Klaas (N) MA Bax, MD & Thom E. Lobe, MD

Panel: Interventional Radiology

Sanjeev Dutta, MD & Francis Brunelle, MD

Sunday, June 15, 2007

Oncology Panel: Does Endosurgery Change Paradigma in Oncology?

Tadashi Iwanaka, MD & Kathy Pritchard-Jones, MD

Scientific Session: Long Term Results – Is there a Benefit?

Jürgen Schleef, MD & Mark Davenport, MD

MODERATORS

Video Session: Pitfalls – What to do?

Ciro Esposito MD & Behrouz Banieghbal, MD

Plenary Session: Gastrointestinal & Hepatobiliary

Benno M. Ure, MD & Philippe Montupet, MD

Scientific Session: All Short Papers

Hossein Allal, MD & Felix Schier, MD

Video Session: “My Favorite Tricks”

Marcelo H. Martinez Ferro, MD & Gordon A. MacKinlay, MD

Scientific Session: Urology

Peter Borzi, MD & Azad S. Najmaldin, MD

Scientific Session: Robotics & Emerging Technology

Sanjeev Dutta, MD & Mark L. Wulkan, MD

Scientific Session: Basic Science

Keith E. Georgeson, MD & Richard A. Falcone, Jr., MD

Scientific Session: Thorax

Miguel A. Guelfand, MD & Steve S. Rothenberg, MD

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WHY IPEG?

Now is an excellent time to become an IPEG member. Join IPEG now and receive a substantial discount on the meeting registration by being an IPEG member! Your dues also include a subscription to the *Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced Surgical Techniques* (A \$900 value is yours for FREE).



GENERAL INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE

- ♦ **ONLINE** at www.ipeg.org/registration
- ♦ **FAX** a complete registration form to 1+ 310-437-0585
- ♦ **MAIL** complete registration form to IPEG:
11300 W. Olympic Blvd, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90064, USA

Payment in full must accompany registration form. Meeting registration is available in advance of the meeting through May 30, 2008. Early bird deadline is May 2, 2008. After May 2, 2008 a late registration fee applies US \$75. After May 30, 2008, attendees must register on-site. On-site registration is subject to an additional charge of US \$100.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The **17th Annual Congress of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group (IPEG)** has elements that have been specifically designed to meet the needs of practicing pediatric surgeons, urologists and other related specialties, physicians-in-training, GI assistants and nurses who are interested in minimally invasive surgery in children and adolescents. The IPEG Program Committee recommends that participants design their own attendance schedule based on their own personal educational objectives.

2008 MEETING GOALS

- ♦ To advance the use of minimal invasive endoscopic surgical procedures in children
- ♦ To explore the value of new minimally invasive surgical concepts and new endoscopic surgical techniques for use in children
- ♦ To discuss controversial topics in pediatric endosurgery and the future role of endosurgery in children
- ♦ To provide opportunity for younger surgeons to acquire a knowledge of endoscopic surgical procedures in children through exposure to experts in the field
- ♦ To describe emerging technologies in MIS

ACCREDITATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. SAGES designates this Continuing Medical Education activity for:

- ♦ 3.0 Credits for Thursday Session
- ♦ 7.75 Credits for Friday Sessions
- ♦ 7.5 Credits for Saturday Sessions
- ♦ 4.0 Credits for Saturday Sessions

In Category 1 of the Physicians Recognition Award for the American Medical Association. Note: each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

MEMBER BENEFITS

IPEG exists to support excellence in Pediatric Minimal Access Surgery and endoscopy through education and research; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in Pediatric Minimal Access Surgery and endoscopy; and to encourage and support development of standards of training and practice in Pediatric Minimal Access Surgery and Endoscopy. Benefits of membership include:

- ♦ Subscription to our official journal: *Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced Surgical Techniques*. (A \$900 savings! IPEG members receive the Journal free of charge.)
- ♦ Significant discounts on registration fees for the **Annual Congress for Endosurgery in Children**. (Note: registering for the IPEG Scientific Session, as a member, will save you the equivalent of one year's dues.)
- ♦ Affordable dues for surgeons and surgeons-in-training in any country.
- ♦ Opportunities to meet and discuss pediatric minimally invasive surgery with the leaders and innovators of the field.
- ♦ Access to the IPEG outcomes site on the web.

To apply online, please go to:

www.ipeg.org/membership/application.php

BEST BASIC SCIENCE ABSTRACT AWARD

The **Best Basic Science Abstract Award** will be a cash prize of US \$1000 to be presented during the Thursday session of the Abstract Presentations. The Program Committee will select the Award recipient. The IPEG Executive Committee is committed to education and feels this is a very concrete way to express that commitment. A company representative is invited to attend and be acknowledged at the presentation.

SESSIONS, PANELS & COURSES



SCIENTIFIC SESSION

DESCRIPTION

The theme of the 2008 IPEG Meeting will be a case oriented approach to challenges in clinical situations with expert panels and with invited faculty who will speak on specific topics. Included are sessions of oral and video presentations of abstracts selected by the Program Committee. The program also includes Video Abstract Presentations and Poster Presentation sessions. Panel information and information about the abstract and video presentation sessions will be available in the Final Program distributed on-site.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

The registration fee includes entrance to the IPEG Scientific session rooms on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Entrance to the Exhibit Hall, General Session Breaks, Entrance to the Main Event, and Welcome Reception. *Please note:* Your hotel room rate at the Palais Stéphanie includes breakfast.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this session, participants will understand the current and emerging practices and procedures in minimal access surgery and other developing applications. Participants will acquire information, which relates to indications, contraindications, diagnosis, technique, prevention and management of complications, and results of minimal access surgery, endoscopic, and general surgical procedures. Participants will recognize the scientific and physiologic basis of minimal access surgery, endoscopy and emerging surgical technology (e.g. robotics).

PANELS

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008

How to Set-up an Endosurgery OR

Chairs: Marc A. Levitt, MD & George W. Holcomb III, MD

Panelists: George W. Holcomb III, MD, Marc A. Levitt, MD, & Felix Schier, MD

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008

Urology Panel: UPJ Obstruction – Where Do We Stand?

Chairs: Alaa El Ghonemi, MD & C.K. Yeung, MD

Panelists: Lars Henning Olsen, MD & Marc-David Leclair, MD

Panel: Quo Vadis MIS? Where Are We Going With MIS? (Long-gap Esophageal Atresia, Duodenal Atresia)

Chairs: Klaas (N) MA Bax, MD & Thom E. Lobe, MD

Panelists: Thom E. Lobe, MD, TBD, & TBD

Panel: Interventional Radiology

Chairs: Sanjeev Dutta, MD & Francis Brunelle, MD

Panelists: Francis Brunelle, MD & Klaus Schaarschmidt, MD – *Lung Sequestration: Embolisation vs. MIS*

Danièle Pariente, MD vs. Philippe Montupet, MD – *Biliary Diseases & Post Liver Transplant Complications*

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

Oncology Panel: Does Endosurgery Change Paradigma in Oncology?

Chairs: Tadashi Iwanaka, MD & Kathy Pritchard-Jones, MD

Panelists: TBD – *Lung Metastasis*

Tadashi Iwanaka, MD – *Abdominal Neuroblastoma*

François Varlet, MD – *Renal Tumor*



SESSIONS, PANELS & COURSES

BARIATRIC POST GRADUATE COURSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Chairs: Carroll M. Harmon, MD & Holger Till, MD

Faculty: Aayed Al Qahtan, Thomas H. Inge, MD, & Holger Till, MD

DESCRIPTION

This course will provide the participant with an understanding of the rapidly evolving epidemiology of childhood severe obesity and the considerable health risks. The immediate, intermediate and long term risks of adolescent severe obesity will be highlighted. The efficacy of medical and behavioral interventions for childhood severe obesity will be briefly reviewed, and indications and contraindications for adolescent bariatric surgery will be discussed in detail. An appreciation for the types of surgical intervention and the rationale for surgical therapy will be presented. The participant will be brought up to date with the current considerations for weight loss interventions which may be appropriate for the adolescent. Finally, practical considerations for the pediatric surgeon who plans to implement a surgical weight loss program in a children's hospital setting will be reviewed.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this seminar, you will:

- Understand the scope of the problem and health risks associated with of pediatric severe obesity
- Understand the indications and contraindications for weight loss procedures in adolescents
- Be familiar with the pros and cons of various surgical weight loss options for adolescents
- Be familiar with facility/personnel issues which may impact implementation of a surgical weight loss program within a children's hospital

MORNING VIDEO SESSION: PITFALLS – WHAT TO DO?

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008, 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Moderators: Ciro Esposito, MD & Behrouz Banieghbal, MD

DESCRIPTION

This is a new session! The topic is open and the objective is to have participants share their experience about the pitfalls that you can have in your MIS practice. For example: difficult cases, management of complications, anatomic anomalies, special maneuvers, unusual pathologies, etc. Participants will have 5 minutes to present their video and/or power point presentation. This session will also include audience participation. *An award for best trick will be provided a la Cannes Film Festival!

OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the exchange of new ideas and techniques, that facilitates the development of minimally invasive surgery (MIS).
2. Promote the advancement of minimally invasive surgery (MIS) in Pediatrics.
3. To stimulate the development of new ideas and techniques outside the habitual scientific framework.

MORNING VIDEO SESSION: "MY FAVORITE TRICKS"

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Moderators: Marcelo H. Martinez Ferro, MD & Gordon A. MacKinlay, MD

DESCRIPTION

The topic is open and the objective is to have participants share their best "tricks" they use when performing minimal invasive surgery (MIS). For example: making knots, instrument use, trocar placement, special maneuvers, special positioning of the patient or of the surgeon, etc. Participants will have 3 minutes to present their video and/or power point presentation. This session will also include audience participation. *An award for best trick will be provided a la Cannes Film Festival!

OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the exchange of new ideas and techniques, that facilitates the development of minimally invasive surgery (MIS).
2. Promote the advancement of minimally invasive surgery (MIS) in Pediatrics.
3. To stimulate the development of new ideas and techniques outside the habitual scientific framework.

MEETING-AT-A-GLANCE (*Tentative*)



THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	IPEG Bariatric Post Graduate Course <i>Chairs:</i> Carroll M. Harmon, MD & Holger Till, MD <i>Panelists:</i> Aayed Al Qahtani, MD, Thomas H. Inge, MD, & Holger Till, MD	Auditorium Level -1
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception/Exhibit Hall	Mediterranée Level -1

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 am – 8:45 am	Morning Video Session: Pitfalls –What to do? (Abstract Session) <i>Moderators:</i> Ciro Esposito, MD & Behrouz Banieghbal, MD	Auditorium Level -1
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Welcome Address Jean- Stéphane Valla, MD	Auditorium Level -1
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Teaching & Virtual Reality (Lecture & Abstract Session) <i>Chairs:</i> Craig Albanese, MD & François Becmeur, MD <i>Faculty:</i> Craig Albanese, MD & David van der Zee, MD	Auditorium Level -1
10:00 am – 10:30 am	BREAK	On Your Own
10:30 am –11:45 am	Plenary Session: Gastrointestinal & Hepatobiliary <i>Moderators:</i> Benno M. Ure, MD & Philippe Montupet, MD	Auditorium Level -1
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Keynote Lecture: “Climate Change & Increased Longevity – Two Major Drivers Challenging the Future of the Insurance Industry” Sergio Balbinot, MD, <i>Co-Chief Executive Officer, Assicurazioni Generali</i>	Auditorium Level -1
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	LUNCH BREAK	On Your Own
1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	Presidential Address & Lecture: “The Influence of Sports on My Surgical Practice” Jean- Stéphane Valla, MD	Auditorium Level -1
1:45 pm – 3:00pm	How to Set-up an Endosurgery OR <i>Chairs:</i> Marc A. Levitt, MD & George W. Holcomb, MD <i>Panelists:</i> George W. Holcomb, MD, Marc A. Levitt, MD, & Felix Schier, MD	Auditorium Level -1
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Scientific Session: All Short Papers <i>Moderators:</i> Felix Schier, MD & Hossein Allal, MD	Auditorium Level -1
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Poster Tours: Group A <i>Moderators:</i> Ciro Esposito, MD, Maria Marcela Bailez, MD, & Munther J. Haddad, MD	Suquet ABC Level -1

Don't forget!

Visit the IPEG Exhibit Hall!

The Hall opens at 9:30 am on Friday, June 13, 2008.



MEETING-AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Morning Video Sessions: “My Favorite Tricks” <i>Moderators:</i> Marcelo H. Martinez Ferro, MD & Gordon A. MacKinlay, MD	Auditorium Level -1
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Urology Panel: UPJ Obstruction – Where Do We Stand? <i>Chairs:</i> Alaa El Ghonemi, MD & C.K. Yeung, MD <i>Panelists:</i> Lars Henning Olsen, MD & Marc-David Leclair, MD	Auditorium Level -1
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Scientific Session: Urology <i>Moderators:</i> Peter Borzi, MD & Azad S. Najmaldin, MD	Auditorium Level -1
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Scientific Session: Robotics & Emerging Technology <i>Moderators:</i> Sanjeev Dutta, MD & Mark L. Wulkan, MD	Auditorium Level -1
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	On Your Own
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Panel: Quo Vadis MIS? Where Are We Going With MIS? (Long-gap Esophageal Atresia, Duodenal Atresia) <i>Chairs:</i> Klaas (N) MA Bax, MD & Thom E. Lobe, MD <i>Panelists:</i> Thom E. Lobe, MD, TBD, & TBD	Auditorium Level -1
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Karl Storz Lecture: Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES™) <i>Guy-Bernard Cadiere, MD, Centre Hopitaliere Universitaire St. Pierre – Brussels, Belgium</i>	Auditorium Level -1
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Panel: Interventional Radiology <i>Chairs:</i> Sanjeev Dutta, MD & Francis Brunelle, MD <i>Panelists:</i> Francis Brunelle, MD & Klaus Schaarschmidt – <i>Lung Sequestration: Embolisation vs. MIS</i> Danièle Pariente, MD vs. Philippe Montupet, MD – <i>Biliary Diseases & Post Liver Transplant Complications</i>	Auditorium Level -1
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	IPEG Basic Science Session <i>Moderators:</i> Keith E. Georgeson, MD & Richard A. Falcone, Jr., MD	Auditorium Level -1
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Poster Tours: Group B <i>Moderators:</i> Girolamo Mattioli, MD, Richard A. Falcone, Jr., MD, & Atsuyuki Yamataka, MD	Suquet ABC Level -1

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2008

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Oncology Panel: Does Endosurgery Change Paradigma in Oncology? <i>Chairs:</i> Tadashi Iwanaka, MD & Kathy Pritchard-Jones, MD <i>Panelists:</i> TBD – <i>Lung Metastasis</i> Tadashi Iwanaka, MD – <i>Abdominal Neuroblastoma</i> François Varlet, MD – <i>Renal Tumor</i>	Auditorium Level -1
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Scientific Session: Thorax <i>Moderators:</i> Miguel A. Guelfand, MD & Steven S. Rothenberg, MD	Auditorium Level -1
10:00 am – 10:30 am	BREAK	On Your Own
10:30 am – 11:30 am	IPEG General Assembly Jean- Stéphane Valla, MD	Auditorium Level -1
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Scientific Session: Long Term Results – Is there a Benefit? (Lecture & Abstract Session) <i>Chairs:</i> Jürgen SchleeF, MD & Mark Davenport, MD <i>Faculty:</i> Mark Davenport, MD & TBD	Auditorium Level -1
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Presentation of 2009 President Jürgen SchleeF, MD, Thomas H. Inge, MD, & Jean- Stéphane Valla, MD	Auditorium Level -1

FACULTY & PAST PRESIDENTS



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GUEST LECTURERS & MAIN EVENT

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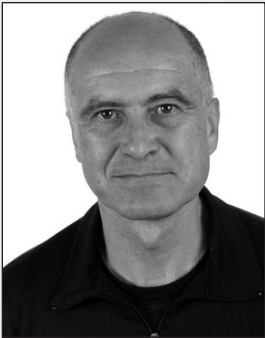
KEYNOTE LECTURE: "CLIMATE CHANGE & INCREASED LONGEVITY – TWO MAJOR DRIVERS CHALLENGING THE FUTURE OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY"

Friday, June 13, 2008, 11:45 am – 12:15 pm

Location: Auditorium/Level -1

Sergio Balbinot, MD

Co-Executive Chief Officer, Assicurazioni Generali – *Triste, ITALY*



PRESIDENT ADDRESS & LECTURE:

"THE INFLUENCE OF SPORTS ON MY SURGICAL PRACTICE"

Friday, June 13, 2008, 1:15 pm – 1:45 pm

Location: Auditorium/Level -1

Jean-Stéphane Valla, MD

Hospitale Pour Enfants – *Nice, FRANCE*



KARL STORZ LECTURE: NATURAL ORIFICE TRANSLUMENAL

ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY (NOTES™)

Saturday, June 14, 2008, 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Auditorium/Level -1

Guy-Bernard Cadere, MD

Centre Hopitaliere Universitaire St. Pierre – *Brussels, BELGIUM*

IPEG MAIN EVENT



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Saturday, June 14, 2008

7:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Palais Stéphanie Roof Top

Join us for some great food, dancing and spectacular views as we enjoy a warm Mediterranean evening overlooking the Bays of Cannes. From the rooftop of the Palais Stéphanie you can view La Croisette where the city comes to life in the summer.

LOCAL INFORMATION & TOURS



ABOUT CANNES

France is a country rich with history; in each region, you'll witness the depths of France's past. Cannes is in the heart of the Riviera in France and is the privileged crossroads between the Alps, Provence, Monaco and Italy. A city made famous by the Cannes Film Festival, it is known for its glitzy hotels, cars, beaches, shopping and visitors.

GETTING THERE

AIRPORT: Nice Côte d'Azur (NCE) is located 15 miles (30 min.) from Cannes. The airport operates two terminals. ATMs, banks, bureau de change and post office facilities are all on hand at the airport as well as excellent shopping and dining options.

BY BUS: Direct bus services run to Cannes, costing approximately 1.30 EUR. Train services operate between Gare St Augustin and Cannes station, located just a few blocks from the hotel.

Alternative transportation:

Airport shuttle: Approximately 20 EUR

Taxi: Approximately 60 EUR

* Please also see sedan service options from Allied Europe/Allied Monaco

TRAVELING VIA RAIL (SNCF): France's TGV rail services provides access to the city of Cannes from a large number of major French cities. From London's Waterloo Station the Eurostar connects with Paris. Connecting services are available from Paris (Gare de Lyon) to Cannes. The journey from Paris to Cannes is approximately 5 hours. Other European cities with rail connections to Cannes include Brussels (6 hours), Milan (5 hours), Basel (10 hours), Rome (10 hours) and Venice (10 hours). For more information and schedules, please visit: www.sncf.fr

VAT (VALUE ADDED TAX) REFUND

A VAT refund is available for purchases of 175€ or more in the same store, ask the store for your detaxe papers.

For additional information on the VAT refund visit:

www.ambafrance-us.org/intheus/customs/4000.asp#VAT

ACTIVITIES

Beach: 100 meters

La Croisette (Shopping Area): 100 meters

Rue d'Antibes (Shopping Area): 100 meters

Festival Hall (Film Festival): 500 meters

Train station: 1 km

Le Suquet (Old Town): 1 km

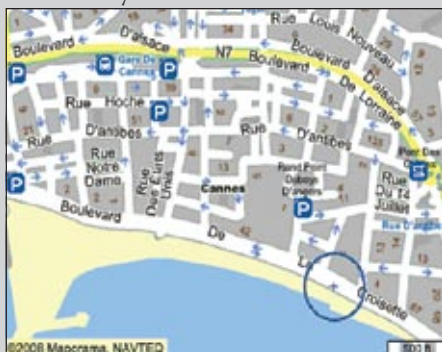
Le Castre (museum): 1 km

Car Museum: 7.5 km

Picasso Museum: 12 km

NIGHTLIFE

Cannes is a hotbed for night activity! Casinos are a highly popular aspect of the city's evening entertainment scene and are open seven days a week. The most famous casinos in the city include Casino Croisette at the Palais des Festivals; Palm Beach Casino at Pointe de la Croisette; and Casino des Princes on boulevard de la Croisette. If a more traditional night out is your thing then you'll find plenty of venues throughout the city on boulevard de la Croisette.



TOURS & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Allied Europe is the travel agent for the IPEG's 17th Annual Congress for Endosurgery in Children June 12-15, 2008 at the Palais Stéphanie. For assistance with booking local tours or sedan service, please contact: Allied Europe / Allied Monte Carlo:

Tel: + 00377 97 97 64 64

Fax: + 00377 97 97 64 65

E-mail: ipeg@allied-europe.mc

GROUP TOURS JUNE 11-12, 2008

The last day to book tours at the group rate is Friday, May 31, 2008. After this date, tours and rates are subject to availability.

All tours meet at Hotel Palais Stéphanie.

Sightseeing in Nice

Duration: Full-Day Tour, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Price Per Person: 153€ (Group rate)

Description: Discover Nice and all its beauty, from the Promenade des Anglais to the Matisse Museum. Visit the old town and enjoy a promenade, shopping through the Cours Saleya, and stop by the famous picturesque flower Market. (Tour includes lunch)

Cooking Class at the "Le Clos des Arts"

Duration: Half-Day Tour,

9:00 am – 1:00 pm or 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Price Per Person: 236€ (Group rate)

Description: Learn to prepare French Cuisine just like world-famous French chef Alain Ducasse, who originally conceived the "kitchen in the basement" back in 1992. Individuals will receive instructions and prepare a meal in the kitchen of the restaurant!

Perfume Creation Class at Molinard's and lunch in Grasse.

Duration: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (1 ½ hour class + ½ hour visit of the factory)

Price Per Person: 169€ (Group rate)

Description: You will be driven directly to Grasse to enjoy a privileged moment in a superb Provencal setting next to the Molinard Perfumery. Each Trainee-Perfumer will create a perfume, and will be able to take away his own Eau de Toilette. (Lunch in a local restaurant).

Full-Day Tour to St. Paul de Vence, Gourdon, & Grasse

Duration: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Price Per Person: 148€ (Group rate)

Description: Begin your journey with a visit to the 12th century walled village of St Paul de Vence; visit the Maeght Foundation, one of the largest modern and contemporary art museums in France. After lunch near St Paul, we will take a beautiful drive to the medieval village of Gourdon and then a final stop at Grasse, known as the perfume capital of France.

TRANSFERS

Book your airport transfers with Allied Europe.

To/From Cannes, 2 Passengers Sedan

184€

2-3 Passenger Mercedes Class

279€

6 Passengers Van

232€

TAILOR-MADE PRE & POST TOURS

If you are spending some extra days in France pre and post the IPEG Conference, let Allied Europe assist in making your visit a memorable experience.

All the mentioned tours can be tailor-made and additional tour options are available. i.e. visit to Monaco, Tour through France, Spain, Italy, and the United Kingdom. * IPEG Group Tours and Group rates are available June 11-12, 2008. * Please contact Allied Europe for individual pricing.



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Early Housing Deadline: **April 23, 2008**

**Please contact the hotel directly for lodging reservations.
The lodging form can be found at www.ipeg.org*

Early Registration Deadline: **May 2, 2008**



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REGISTRATION FORM

IPEG'S 17TH ANNUAL CONGRESS for Endosurgery in Children

June 12-15, 2008 • Cannes, France

Early Bird Deadline
May 2, 2008

Prefix: Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss Other: _____

First Name: _____ Last/Family Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone (including Country code): _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

REGISTRATION FEE & SCHEDULE – Please indicate the Courses & Events you plan to attend below.

Confirmation of registration will be sent within 15 days of receipt of registration. No Confirmations will be sent after May 30, 2008.

Registration: – Includes entrance to the IPEG Scientific sessions on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, entrance to the exhibit hall & welcome reception, general session breaks, and Main event. If you have reserved lodging at Palais Stephanie, your rate includes breakfast, which is served every morning at Le Scala Restaurant located within the hotel. Payment in full must accompany registration form. Meeting registration is available in advance of the meeting through **May 30, 2008**. After **May 30, 2008**, attendees must register on-site. On-site registration is subject to an additional charge of US \$100.

Please direct questions concerning registration to the Meeting Registrar at +310-437-0553, ext. 128 or registration@ipeg.org.

Member	Surgeon Non-member	SIT Member	SIT Non-Member	Allied Health Member	Allied Health Non-Member	TOTAL <small>*See Applicable Fee</small>
US \$390	US \$575	US \$175	US \$295	US \$195	US \$295	\$
IPEG Bariatric Post Graduate Course					US \$225	\$
Wednesday, June 12, 2008, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm						
Guest Registration (Includes Welcome Reception & Main Event)						
First/Given Name:		Last/Family Name:			# ____ x US \$150	\$
First/Given Name:		Last/Family Name:				\$
ADDITIONAL SOCIAL EVENT TICKETS:						
IPEG's Main Event (1 ticket already included with paid registrant and guest)					# ____ x US \$110	\$
There is no hosted lunch. However, lunch boxes will be made available and tickets may be purchased in advance.						
Friday Lunch Box (1 ticket per person per day)		<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian (Check box if applicable)			# ____ x US \$40	\$
Saturday Lunch Box (1 ticket per person per day)		<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian (Check box if applicable)			# ____ x US \$40	\$
LATE FEES:						
After May 2, 2008 and before May 31, 2008					US \$75	\$
On-Site					US \$100	\$
GRAND TOTAL						\$

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The following information is required to process your registration. All credit card charges will be made in US dollars. Make checks payable to IPEG. Checks will be accepted in U.S funds only.

Charge the total amount of \$_____ to: Amex MasterCard Visa Check

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____ CVC II/Security Code (three last digits on back of card): _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Date of signing: ____ / ____ / ____ Signature of card owner: _____

Cancellations must be submitted in writing before May 30, 2008 to receive a refund minus a US \$75 administrative fee. Refunds will not be granted after May 30, 2008. Refunds will not be given for no-shows after the conference, IPEG Bariatric Course and Main Event.



ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM
FORMULAIRE DE RÉSERVATION DE CHAMBRES

IPEG'S 17TH ANNUAL CONGRESS for *Endosurgery in Children*
June 12-15, 2008 + Cannes, France

First Name: _____ Last/Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone (including Country code): _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Accompanying Person(s) First Name: _____ Last/Family Name: _____

HOTEL RESERVATION

Room Type	No. of Rooms	Arrival Date (M/D/Y)	Departure Date (M/D/Y)	No. of Nights
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Room 260 euros a night/par nuit				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Room 290 euros a night/par nuit				
<input type="checkbox"/> Suite Supplement 135 euros a night/par nuit				

The Breakfast, served at the Restaurant La Scala and the city tax are included.
In order to secure the room reservation, would you please fill out the following?

Cardholder's Name: _____

I authorize the Hotel to charge the following card number for this booking:

Visa Euro/Master Card American Express Diner's

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ___ / ___ / ___ CVC II code (three last digits on back of card): _____

Date of signing: ___ / ___ / ___ Signature of card owner: _____

CONDITIONS OF RESERVATION

- + Rate will only be guaranteed until 3 days prior to arrival
- + After this date rooms will be sold subject to availability.
- + All bedrooms reservation have to guaranteed by a credit card number.
- + For cancellation between 5 days and the day of arrival, the room will be charged for one night to the participant's credit card.
- + All changes or/and cancellation must be sent to the Palais Stephanie exclusively.
- + If the participant no-shows on the first night of the event and in case of early departure, the room will be charged on his credit card for the one night and the reservation will be cancelled for the rest of the stay.
- + The Hotel will send you a confirmation number in writing to the fax number above-mentioned or by e-mail.

Early Housing Deadline
April 23, 2008

Part to be filled by the Reservations Department / Champs Réserve à la Réservation

Confirmation Number / Numéro de Confirmation: _____

Date/Date : _____ Signature/Signature : _____

Please remit to: **Palais Stéphanie managed by Sofitel 50, Bld de La Croisette BP224 06414 Cannes Cedex**
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