

XTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
THROMBOLYSIS AND ACUTE STROKE THERAPY

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2008

LOGO

Website: www.kenes.com/tast2008

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 1, 2008

Early Registration Deadline: June 23, 2008

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The International Symposium on Thrombolysis and Acute Stroke Therapy (TAST) is scheduled to take place in Budapest, Hungary from September 21-23, 2008.

We all know that stroke causes a huge loss of high quality of life and is an enormous economic burden to all nations. However, there is scientific evidence that with appropriate care it is possible to recover from stroke. This symposium will highlight the recent progress in acute care of stroke. We hope that TAST 2008 will provide an excellent opportunity for many European, American, Australian, African and Far East neurologists and stroke physicians to share their experiences with friends and colleagues in a very attractive venue.

The Symposium will have plenary sessions and free communications in the afternoon but there will be no parallel sessions so that participants can enjoy all presentations.

We invite you to share the state of the art in acute care of stroke in the beautiful city of Budapest. We look forward to meeting you at TAST 2008 in Hungary.

Yours sincerely,

Markku Kaste, MD

László Csiba, MD

Co-Chairmen

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PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Noon	Registration & Distribution of Material
Evening	Opening Session followed by a Welcome Reception

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

8:00-18:00	Scientific Sessions
Evening	Social Event

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

8:00-15:30	Scientific Sessions
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

September 22, 2008

- 8.00-8.10 Opening words: M. Kaste and L. Csiba
- 8.10-10.10 Present Situation and How to Improve It
- 10.10-10.40 Coffee Break
- 10.40-12.20 Neuroimaging - State of the Art
- 12.20-13.20 Lunch
- 13.20-15.00 How to Improve Recanalization Rates?
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee Break
- 15.30-17.00 Free Communications
- 17.00-18.00 Posters

September 23, 2008

- 8.00-10.00 Neuroprotecting Agents - Is There a Future for Them?
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee Break
- 10.30-11.50 New Horizons
- 11.50-12.50 Lunch
- 12.50-13.50 ICH - Therapeutic Enigma
- 13.50-15.10 Clinical Trials
- 15.10-15.20 Closing Words: M. Kaste and L. Csiba

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: **MAY 1, 2008**

Participants are requested to submit an abstract to the Secretariat together with the registration form and fees. Abstracts will be reviewed and assigned to appropriate sessions.

Authors will be notified regarding abstract acceptance. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the Book of Abstracts, which will be distributed at the Symposium. Only a very limited number of abstracts will be scheduled for oral presentation. Please indicate if you are submitting your abstract for oral or poster presentation. Authors will be notified of the method of presentation.

METHOD OF SUBMISSION

Abstracts should be submitted via the internet:
www.kenes.com/tast2008

If you have no access to the internet, please contact the Secretariat.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. The abstract should be as informative as possible:
 - a) state specific object of study
 - b) state method used, if pertinent
 - c) summarise results obtained
 - d) state conclusions reached
2. Standard abbreviations may be used.
3. Inclusion in the Scientific Program and Book of Abstracts is dependent on payment of registration fees.
4. Abstracts should be submitted in good English.
5. Abstract length should not exceed 250 words.

FAXED ABSTRACTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Sofitel Budapest Hotel
Roosevelt ter 2
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DATES

September 21-23, 2008

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Symposium is English.

EUROPEWIDE ACCREDITATION OF THE SYMPOSIUM

An application has been submitted to the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide accreditation by the following CME activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS): www.uems.net.

PERSONAL INSURANCE

We recommend that all participants take out a personal travel and health insurance for their trip to Budapest.

CLIMATE

The weather in Budapest in September is pleasant. Temperatures range from 11°C - 22°C.

CLOTHING

Clothing is informal for all occasions. Please bring an umbrella, sunglasses and walking shoes.

VISAS

Please check with your travel agent if you require a visa for entry to Hungary.

LETTER OF INVITATION

Participants requiring a formal letter of invitation to enable them to make their arrangements to participate in the Symposium may receive a letter via the website. Please note that this letter cannot be regarded as a commitment regarding scheduling or financial support from the organizers.

EXHIBITION

A professional exhibition will be held concurrently with the Symposium. For details, please contact myatsiv@kenes.com

SYMPOSIUM WEBSITE

Please visit the Symposium website for regular updates regarding all information relating to the Symposium: www.kenes.com/tast2008

AIRPORT INFORMATION AND TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST

International flights arrive at Ferihegy International Airport, which is 22 km South East of the city.

Airport Minibuses are available to all the city hotels. Ticket cost is approximately € 10. Private taxis are available 24 hours a day. Approximate cost is €30 per taxi to the city centre. For detailed information please visit: <http://www.budapestagent.com/airport-transfer-budapest.html>

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REGISTRATION

Registration Fees

	Until June 23, 2008	From June 24, 2008	On-site (from September 16, 2008)
Participants - Members of WSO	€ 183	€ 230	€ 274
Participants - Non members	€ 203	€ 254	€ 304
Residents*	€ 163	€ 203	€ 244

* Refers to non-tenured junior scientists. Registration form must be accompanied by a letter from the head of department confirming their status.

Fees for PARTICIPANTS include:

- Participation in scientific sessions
- Entrance to the exhibition
- Get-together Reception
- The printed material of the Symposium

CANCELLATION POLICY

Refund of registration fees will be as follows:

Postmarked before 23 June 2008 - 100% refund (minus €50 handling fee)

Postmarked from 24 June–23 August, 2008 - 50% refund

No refund on cancellations sent after 24 August, 2008

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Kenes International is the Official Travel Agent for the Xth International Symposium on Thrombolysis and Acute Stroke Therapy and will be offering special reduced rates for accommodation.

Accommodation at special rates is available in the following categories.

Hotel	Category	Distance from the Conference Centre	Single room	Double room
Sofitel Hotel	*****	Symposium Venue	Euro 235	Euro 260

Rates shown are per room, per night and include VAT (as per date of printing) and breakfast. In the event of an increase in VAT, the resulting increase in hotel rates will be passed on to the client.

BOOKING

In order to benefit from the special rates, please use one of the following booking methods:

Send the enclosed Registration and Accommodation Form with the required deposit by fax or mail at your earliest convenience

Book your hotel accommodation through the Symposium website

www.kenes.com/tast2008

We strongly advise all participants to reserve their hotel accommodation as soon as possible. Kenes International will not be able to guarantee rooms after August 21, 2008. Reservations will only be confirmed if credit card details are fully supplied. Alternatively, please forward a deposit of 1 night accommodation.

Each participant will receive an individual confirmation indicating the name and address of the hotel. Booking will be final upon receipt of the corresponding deposit.

For hotel reservation made by a sponsoring company, participants will receive hotel confirmation from the sponsoring company directly.

For block bookings (10 rooms and up), companies are requested to send their request by fax or E-mail to Kenes International. Different payment and cancellation policies will apply.

PAYMENT

Please note - three weeks prior to your arrival in Budapest, your credit card will be automatically charged for the balance of your hotel accommodation. Participants who paid with a bank transfer or cheque, are required to send this balance to Kenes International. Full prepayment is required for all hotel accommodation.

CANCELLATION OF ACCOMMODATION

Cancellation received by August 21, 2008 – full refund less bank charges

Cancellation received by September 7, 2008 – first deposit will be charged (1 night accommodation)

Cancellation received after September 7, 2008 – no refund

In the event of non-arrival, the hotel will automatically release the reservation, and the payment will be non-refundable.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Kenés International, and their agents shall not be responsible for and shall be exempt from all liability in respect of any loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or inconvenience to any person, or his/her luggage or any other property for any reason whatsoever, for any tourist services provided. Personal travel and health insurance is recommended. Official check-in time for the hotel is 15:00 hours and check out is 10:00 hours.