

Welcome

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the German Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation it is a great pleasure for me to invite you to the 3rd Central European Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Salzburg. The Salzburg Congress is also the 116th annual assembly of the German Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (DGPMR). The German Society is happy and proud for the opportunity to participate in this international Meeting.

The combined Congress of Sports Medicine and Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine will demonstrate some links of these both fields of medicine. Many questions and problems in the areas of Sports Medicine and PRM are similar. So we have focused on some main topics with interest of all participating societies, i.e. sports and exercise physiology, exercise for the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, functional rehabilitation and other more.

It is creativity and innovation which we will seek again at this year's congress. The congress will also be a meeting point for clinicians, health professionals and other guests to exchange ideas and experiences. This gives opportunities for a unique interaction between these groups within a scientific and educational setting.

Salzburg with its cultural history, charming streets, buildings and the famous music scene will be an excellent venue for our congress. The congress center is located in the heart of this beautiful city. It will provide an excellent background to extend international collaboration, collegiality and friendships.

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