



# Welcome to Wonderful Copenhagen

Following on from the success of this year's European Respiratory Society (ERS) Annual Congress, held in Glasgow in September, the planning is already well under way for 2005. The host city for the Congress next year will be Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. This dynamic city and the programme of the ERS Congress both have lots to offer any potential congress participants.

## A great city to stay in

It is hard to believe that Copenhagen, one of the world's premier design capitals and Scandinavia's pre-eminent city, was once a humble fishing village. Today, a whole range of attractions from the city's 1,000-year history await you along the medieval streets and 17th century canals.

The history of Copenhagen has been shaped by ambitious kings, inspiring artists and celebrated designers, and this can be discovered in sumptuous palaces, copper-roofed town houses and atmospheric cobbled squares. Dozens of world-class museums and galleries, and the uniquely enchanting Tivoli Gardens, can also be found in this diverse city, which has the oldest resident monarchy in the world. Furthermore, you can experience wonderfully varied cultural entertainment at the Opera, the Royal Theatre or the Royal Danish Ballet.

In 2005, Copenhagen will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen, one of the city's most famous sons. The festivities will include parades, operas, walks in his footsteps and theatre shows.

Dining out in Copenhagen is also a great experience, as the quality and sheer number of restaurants cater to almost every taste and to groups of any size. Nights out do not need to end here though, as discos and casinos ensure that the nightlife can last until dawn.

Getting to Copenhagen couldn't be more convenient. There are direct connections to and from 119 airport destinations worldwide. In addition, Copenhagen has several international train connections, direct links to the European E-highway system, and international ship and ferryboat

connections. Furthermore, the ERS Congress venue, the Bella Center, Scandinavia's largest venue for conferences and exhibitions, is located midway between the city centre and the airport, and now has its own Metro station.

One of the attractions of Copenhagen is that it is compact in size, which means that most of its main sights and attractions can be reached on foot. However, there are many ways to get around within the city, including free city bikes and water buses.





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## Scientific and educational programme

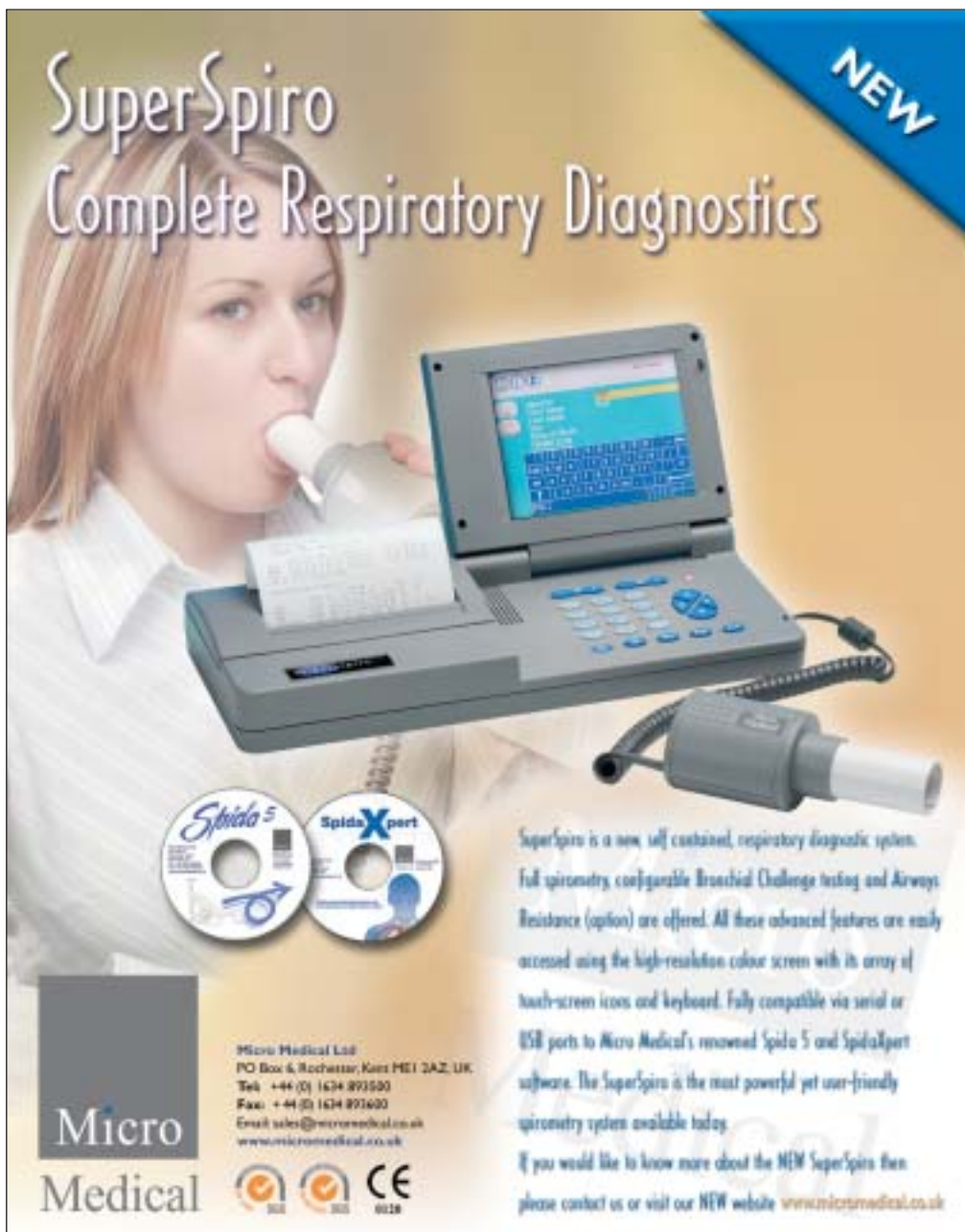
- 50 Symposia, including Hot Topics and Grand Rounds
- Free communication sessions, including 80 Oral Presentation Sessions, 35 Poster Discussion Sessions and Thematic Posters
- 22 Postgraduate Courses in English and 20 "Meet the Professor" seminars
- Evening symposia organised by the industry

In the long-standing tradition of ERS Congresses, the Copenhagen Congress will provide a rich and diverse programme on lung health and disease. It will address all aspects of clinical diagnosis, treatment and research on lung disorders.

### Symposia topics

- Sarcoidosis: update on extrathoracic organ problems
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: new concepts in pathogenesis and treatment
- Lung cancer staging: not as simple as it seems?

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- A sceptical look at lung cancer screening
- Ventilator-induced diaphragmatic dysfunction (VIDD)
- Protocols in the critically ill patient
- Update on the role of angiogenesis in the pathogenesis and treatment of lung diseases
- An update on mechanisms of pulmonary oedema formation and reabsorption
- Contemporary physiological approaches to reversing the disease spiral in advanced COPD
- Cardiovascular disease and sleep apnoea: risks and remedies
- Inflammatory phenotypes of asthma and COPD: the end of traditional diagnosis or not?
- Role of bronchial smooth muscle in regulating airway disease
- Update on the resolution of inflammation
- The hygiene hypothesis revised: pros, cons or...
- Occupational asthma
- Food allergy, atopic dermatitis and asthma
- Cystic fibrosis: no longer just kids stuff
- Asthma in the pre-school child
- Various scenarios produced by cancer and lung transplantation: dialogue between oncogenesis and immunosuppression
- Multidisciplinary treatment of non-metastatic non-small cell lung cancer: contemporary concepts
- Physiotherapy in the critically ill patient
- Web-based patient education
- Infection and acute exacerbation of COPD: what do we know?

- Challenges in the management of pulmonary tuberculosis: a continuous clinical problem

## Postgraduate Courses

A total of 22 Postgraduate Courses will also be held, in English, during the ERS Copenhagen 2005 Congress. Complete handouts, which include lecture summaries, lists of references, slides and evaluation forms, will be provided. "Meet the Professor" seminars will also be organised each day during lunchtime periods for small audiences, to encourage more in-depth discussions between speakers and participants, and to promote interaction.

The detailed course programme and registration form will be available from April 2005 at [www.ersnet.org](http://www.ersnet.org) and in the Advance Programme, which will be published in April 2005.

## Core Curriculum Courses

- Basics in chest imaging: pulmonary vasculature
- Lung cancer: non-small cell lung cancer treatment
- Asthma: natural history, risk factors and overall management
- Treatment of obstructive sleep apnoea: current concepts and perspectives
- Exercise in clinical practice
- COPD: genetic and environmental factors, epidemiology, socioeconomic impact and preventative measures
- Respiratory infections in children





## Standard Courses

- Moving on from the millennium: developing trends in respiratory medicine
- New and old biological methodologies to assess markers of inflammation: from research into clinical practice
- Therapeutic options in interstitial lung diseases in 2005
- New strategies in pulmonary rehabilitation
- Vocal cord dysfunction (VCD)
- Detection of early lesions in lung cancer
- The present and future of noninvasive ventilation (NIV): technical and practical aspects
- Experimental models for COPD and asthma: basic knowledge for lung disease researchers
- Interrelationships between the upper and lower airway
- Diet and pulmonary diseases: benefits and risks
- Improving physician–patient communication
- End-stage lung disease in children
- Long-term follow-up of lung transplant recipients
- New and unusual respiratory tract infections
- The management of tuberculosis: tradition and novelties

## CME accreditation

CME accreditation will be available from the European Accreditation Council for CME (EAC-CME) for participation in the ERS Congress 2005, and will be designated as a CME activity for a maximum of 33 hours.



The complete Congress Programme, including all sessions day by day, will be available from April 2005 on the ERS website ([www.ersnet.org](http://www.ersnet.org)). The Advance Programme, including the detailed programme of all Symposia will be published in April 2005. The Final Programme will be available on-site to all participants.

A whole range of sponsorship opportunities and awards will be available. These offer a range of prizes and benefits, which can include travel and accommodation expenses free registration and cash awards.

## Take part and have your work seen and acknowledged

If you would like to present your original work at the Congress, then submit your abstracts *via* the ERS website. All submitted abstracts may then be accepted for Free Communication Sessions, including Oral Presentations or Poster Sessions. All abstracts will be published in a supplement to the European Respiratory Journal and will be available on CD-ROM.

If you would like to attend and play a part in the Congress, you will be able to register from April 2005. This will be possible online and *via* the application form in the Advance Programme.

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