

Location

The Kardinal-Schulte-Haus is located about 20 km outside the city centre of Cologne (Köln). Cologne is located on the River Rhine in the southern part of the Lower Rhine Embayment (55 m a.s.l.). The Romans founded the city in the year 64 A.D. and during Medieval times Cologne was at times the largest European city north of the Alps. Cologne is well known for its large number of medieval churches, especially its most famous the gothic cathedral, the "Kölner Dom", which is located in the heart of the city centre, close to the main station. The town of Bergisch-Gladbach, having a population of about 110,000, lies on the outskirts of the Rhine-Ruhr agglomeration, marginal to the rural environment of the 'Bergisches Land' midlands. Long-year average temperature in the regions is 17° C during July. However, Cologne summers can also be rather warm with temperatures as high as 30° C, or cool and moist.

Cologne/Bonn airport serves only European flights but offers great opportunities for those preferring low-budget transportation. Overseas connections are available from Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, and Amsterdam airports, which are connected to Cologne city centre by local traffic and high-speed train (ICE), respectively. Cologne is also easily reachable for those traveling from Belgium, France, or the Netherlands by high-speed train (Thalys, ICE). Connection to the conference site from Cologne main station is available by local traffic (20 to 30 min).

Accommodation

A number of rooms has been reserved at the conference site, the 'Kardinal-Schulte-Haus', which was built in Bensberg during the years 1926-1929 to house the priest seminary of the Archbishopric of Cologne. Those attending the conference will be accommodated on-site and accommodation fees include full board accommodation during the entire conference May 8-11. Accommodation is available in 44 single and 110 double rooms.

Conference Fees

Conference fees include accommodation (3 nights) and full board: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and coffee/tea breaks (8-11 May 2008), access to all scientific sessions and exhibits, welcome reception and conference dinner, conference material, certificate of attendance. For those requiring additional nights, a price of € 100 per night will be charged (including full board).

	Before 31/4/08	After 31/4/08
Professionals (ISMNI members)	€ 500.-	€ 550.-
Professionals (non members)	€ 580.-	€ 630.-
Students	€ 300.-	€ 350.-

Registration will become available on our web-site at www.ismni.org soon. On site accommodation for those registering late depends on availability of the booking situation. **Registration deadline is March 31st, 2008.**

Travel Grants for Students

A limited number of grants will be available for students to attend this meeting. We kindly ask applicants to contact us by e-mail (juerg.gasser@novartis.com) no later than 31st December 2007.

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Invitation

On behalf of the organizing committee chaired by Profs. Eckhard Schönau and Dieter Felsenberg, I have the great pleasure to invite you to attend the **6th International Workshop on Musculoskeletal and Neuronal Interactions**. The meeting will take place between **8-11 May 2008** in the "Kardinal Schulte Haus" in Bergisch Gladbach near Cologne, Germany.

The meeting is organized by the International Society of Musculoskeletal and Neuronal Interactions (ISMNI), a non profit scientific society whose mission is to enhance the knowledge of the interactions between tissues and organs involved in the function of the musculoskeletal system.

Emphasis is mainly given to interactions of bone, joints, muscles, and the neuronal system. ISMNI seeks to link multiple disciplines in promoting a broader understanding of the physiology of the musculoskeletal and neural systems and the clinical applications of their interactions, mainly loading and exercise.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 6th ISMNI meeting in May 2008

Jürg A. Gasser
President ISMNI

6th ISMNI Workshop

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Topics

- Genetics of Muscle and Bone Development
- Development of Muscle Function
- Innovative Diagnostic of Musculoskeletal and Neuronal Interactions
- Skeletal Development and Adaptations from Childhood to Elderly
- Hormonal Interactions
- Basics of Cybernetics and Consequences for Diagnostic and Treatments
- Risks and Predictions
- From Matrix to Organs
- Tendon Physiology and Pathophysiology
- New Bone and Muscle Drugs
- Growth Hormone Actions
- Mechanostat in Bones, Muscles and Tendons
- Obesity and Diets and Influence on Nerve - Muscle - Bone Interactions
- Physical Exercise and Aging
- Cartilage - Growth Plate and Regulation

Abstract Submission

Deadline for submission of Abstracts is January 31st 2008.

Abstract submission will be available on our web-page at www.ISMNI.org. Abstracts submitted to the meeting will be published in the Journal of Musculoskeletal and Neuronal Interactions. In addition, oral and poster presentations may be eligible for peer-reviewed publications in the journal.

The official language of the conference and of the proceedings is English.



Kardinal Schulte Haus
(Artistic Impression)