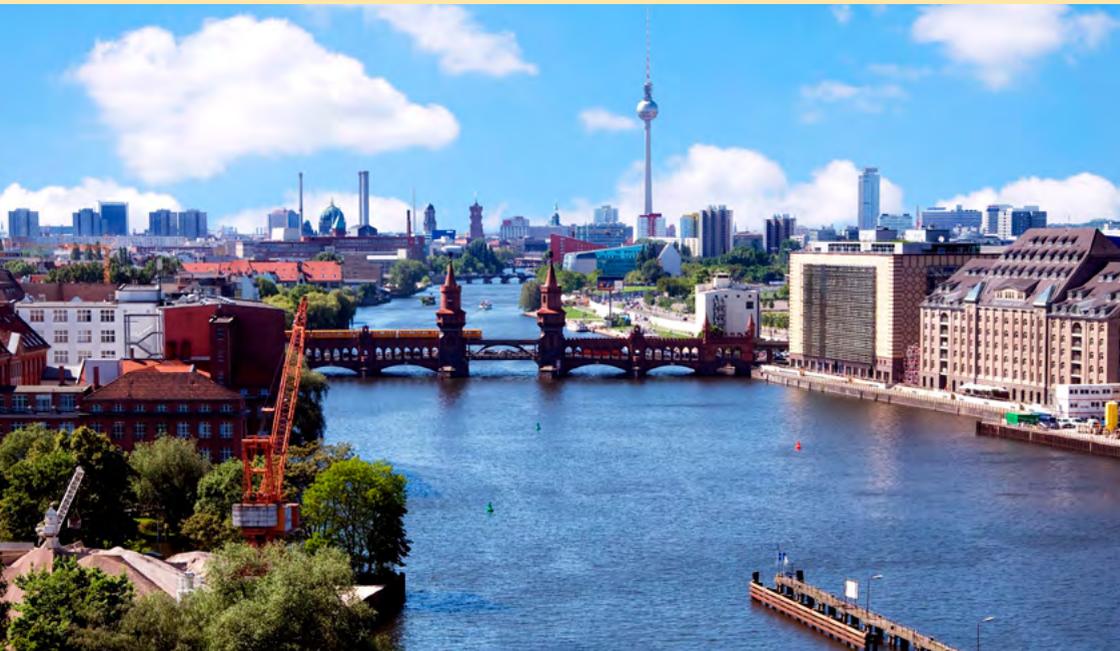


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# *46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The European Teratology Society*



*Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Berlin, Germany*

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# *Dear Friends and Colleagues,*

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European Teratology Society in Berlin, Germany 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The conference will take place in the conveniently located NH Alexanderplatz Hotel, in the centre of Berlin, within easy reach of the many cultural locations within this city.

The Key sessions for ETS 2018 will include:

## **Educational course:**

Adverse Outcome Pathway's (AOP)

## **Symposia:**

- Infectious diseases during pregnancy
- Microbiome – during pregnancy and infancy
- Ocular Teratogens: New visions on old dangers
- Endocrine disruption: Focus on the Thyroid
- The programme will also include the ETS/TS debate on “Are we ready for alternative testing?”
- The **ETS Presidents’ award lecture** on Zika virus: an update
- The **ETS/Elsevier best manuscript presentation**
- **Free communication and poster presentations** will provide opportunity for all participants to present and discuss their activities.

In addition to the scientific programme which will provide a stimulating atmosphere for scientific exchanges as well as opportunity to make new acquaintances; there is Berlin: The conference hotel is in a peaceful corner of the city called Friedrichshain – Berlin’s hip, artists’ district. Just next door there is a park and open air cinema, and down the road, a handful of coffee shops and beer gardens. It is also located just three tram stops from Alexanderplatz square: which is one of the liveliest places in Berlin, with shops, cinemas, restaurants, and many other historical attractions within walking distance.

Finally, with resources in mind: in addition to the blocks of rooms reserved in the NH Alexanderplatz Hotel at preferential rates for the conference delegates, cheaper accommodation options are available in Berlin to meet all budgets.

I look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to the ETS conference in 2018.

Welcome to Berlin,

***Dr. Nicola Powles-Glover***

**Vice President of the ETS.**

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# Preliminary Programme Overview

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>
ETS Council Meeting 1	President's award lecture (Zika Virus): An Update	<b>Young Scientists Symposium</b>	Elsevier Award Lecture
	Symposium 1 – Infectious Diseases During Pregnancy	Free Communications	Symposia 4 – Microbiome – During pregnancy and infancy
Registration open	Lunch	Lunch – Young Scientists Round Table Discussion	Farewell Address
Education Course – Adverse Outcome Pathways	Symposium 2 – Ocular Teratogens: New visions on old dangers	– ETS/TS Exchange Lecture: “Are we ready for alternative testing?”  Symposia 3 – Endocrine disruption: Focus on the Thyroid  ETS Position Paper updates  2019 ETS Conference Presentation	ETS Council Meeting 2
	Young Scientist Free Communications	ETS AGM	
Welcome Reception	Poster Session	ETS Gala Dinner	

# Call for Abstracts

Participants interested in giving an oral or poster presentation are invited to submit an abstract. Work on topics related to the main symposia or the education course and ETS/TS Discussion, will be given preference for free communications.

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the ETS officers or selected experts. Accepted abstracts received before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 will be published in the Special Conference Issue of Reproductive Toxicology. Abstracts received after this date will be distributed at the meeting.

## Abstract template:

The maximum size of posters is 1000 mm wide x 1500 mm high (i.e. portrait format).

- Title in bold
- Authors names should appear in bold, with surname first followed by full first name and second initial. Presenting author should be indicated with an asterisk after surname. Example: **Beekhuijzen<sup>\*</sup> Manon, Mantovani<sup>2</sup> Alberto, Barrow<sup>3</sup> Paul**. Failure to follow this format will result in incorrect indexing in the journal.
- Affiliation in italics, name of institute, place and country only. Multiple affiliations indicated by superscript numbers after surnames.
- One line spacing before body text.
- Abstract body in plain text in one paragraph, no indents or empty lines. No figures or Tables
- Up to three references may be cited indicated by numbers in square brackets in line with the text. The reference style of Reproductive Toxicology should be used (<https://www.elsevier.com/journals/reproductive-toxicology/0890-6238/guide-forauthors#20300>).
- Organize text in: introduction, methods, results and conclusions. Provide factual text. Avoid general statements like: “results will be presented”.
- Use 300 up to a maximum of 500 words for complete abstract (including title, authors, affiliation and text).
- Add preference choice for poster or oral presentation.

## Abstract deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Please email abstracts to: [steven.vancruchten@uantwerpen.be](mailto:steven.vancruchten@uantwerpen.be)

## *ETS/Elsevier Prizes*

The following prizes will be awarded during the ETS meeting:

- The **Teddy Edwards Prize for Research into Congenital Malformations**, awarded to the poster or free communication, which best exemplifies the aims of the Society.
- The **ETS and Elsevier Publication Award** for best Reproductive Toxicology manuscript in the previous year.
- The **ETS Prize** given best poster or free communication delivered by a young scientist at the conference.
- The **Elsevier Best Presentation Award** for best poster or free communication at the conference.
- The **ETS Presidents' Award lecture**, given by an esteemed member of the society at the invitation of the president.
- The **ETS Young Scientist Round Table Medal** for the best presentation at the young scientist round table discussion session.

## *ETS Young Scientist/Student Support*

Thanks to our **Sustaining Membership Sponsors**, the ETS has the opportunity to encourage, educate and support a number of young scientists/students through travel grants, research/congress bursaries, young scientist prizes and reduced registration fees. In order to be eligible, students must submit an abstract for presentation at the conference and apply for membership to the Society. Applications should be made by the student's Supervisor to the Secretary of the ETS. Awards will be given at the discretion of the ETS.

ETS Secretary: [secretary@etsoc.com](mailto:secretary@etsoc.com)

# Social Programme

## Welcome Reception – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 18.30 h

The Welcome Reception will take place at the conference venue, the NH Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz.

We would like to invite you to this get-together to meet with old and new colleagues and friends and have a good and merry start to the Conference. Even late-comers will have a chance to come around and enjoy the evening.

## Young Scientists Happy Hour

The Young Scientists Happy Hour, an informal get-together to foster networking opportunities for students, researchers and professionals of all ages will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the same venue where the Welcome Reception takes place.

## ETS Conference Dinner – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 19.30 h

The conference dinner will take place in the restaurant Umspannwerk Ost also located in Friedrichshain like the conference hotel.

The listed building is the oldest transformer station in Berlin and was built in 1899 to 1900 from the architect O. Springmann as a transformation station for steady supply of electricity in Berlin.

The building has style elements of Renaissance. The mighty steel-glass gates in the ground floor are today the entrance of the 7 meter high restaurant with an open kitchen. The gallery of the restaurant was former the integrated gangway where the transformation process was operated and controlled.

Dress code: Business casual



## ETS Annual Meeting Registration

Please register online at: <http://www.etsoc.com> you will be able to pay directly by credit card (American Express, Master Card and Visa).

The fees quoted are **inclusive** of VAT (19%). A VAT receipt will be issued to permit VAT registered companies to reclaim the tax.

## Registration Fees

### Registration Fees (including 19% VAT)

	Until 31 May 2018	1 – 30 June 2018	After 30 June 2018
ETS members	445,00 €	475,00 €	565,00 €
Non members	540,00 €	570,00 €	660,00 €
Students	130,00 €	140,00 €	165,00 €

Above fees include all scientific sessions, free communications, lunch, welcome reception and ETS Conference dinner.

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### One-day Registration (including 19% VAT)

	Until 31 May 2018	1 – 30 June 2018	After 30 June 2018
ETS members	130,00 €	140,00 €	160,00 €
Non members	165,00 €	175,00 €	215,00 €
Students	65,00 €	70,00 €	75,00 €

One-Day fees include the ETS lectures, free communications and lunch for the registered day.

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### Education course (including 19% VAT)

	Until 31 May 2018	1 – 30 June 2018	After 30 June 2018
ETS members	90,00 €	100,00 €	135,00 €
Non members	130,00 €	145,00 €	170,00 €
Students	50,00 €	60,00 €	75,00 €

\* Students registration to be supported by supervisors' letter.

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### Accompanying person (including 19% VAT)

Until 30 June 2018	100,00 €
After 30 Juni 2018	100,00 €

The Accompanying Person fee includes welcome reception and ETS Conference dinner. Entrance to the scientific sessions and lunch is not included.

## ***Cancellation and Refund Policy***

Cancellations are to be notified in writing to the ETS Conference Organizing office. Refunds will be made under the following conditions:

You may cancel at no penalty within 48 hours of placing your registration.

- Until 1 July 2018 a 60% refund of the registration fee will be given.
- After 1 July 2018, no registration fees will be refunded.
- All refunds will be handled after the Conference.

## ***Accommodation***

The congress hotel (Hotel NH Berlin Alexanderplatz) is located close to the Alexanderplatz where are many hotels in different categories. Public transportation is very close to the hotel and gives the possibility to reach all cultural highlights easily. Further information about hotels and hostels which provide a limited contingent of rooms can be found on the conference website.

Make your reservation as early as possible. Berlin is well booked all year!

# *Meeting Organisation – Registration Queries*

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## *Congress Venue*

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<https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-berlin-alexanderplatz>

The NH Berlin Alexanderplatz is located near the famous Alexanderplatz in Friedrichshain, a little bit East of the city center. Over the road there is the “Volkspark Friedrichshain”, a park with two lakes. Friedrichshain is one of the trendy districts of Berlin and has experienced gentrification. Close to the hotel is a tram and a bus station.

- **0.25 km** Volkspark Friedrichshain
- **0.39 km** Berliner Kriminaltheater
- **4.52 km** Rotes Rathaus
- **0.56 km** Computerspielmuseum

## *Climate in Berlin*

September is still a good month to travel to Berlin. By day it could get up to 20 degrees. At night temperatures fall to about 9 degrees. So it is better to take a jacket with you.

# How to get to Berlin

You can get to Berlin easily by plane or by train.

## By plane

Berlin has two airports, Berlin Schönefeld (SXF) and Berlin Tegel (TXL). The new airport BER will not open before 2020.

## From the airport to the hotel

Hotel Address:

Hotel NH Berlin Alexanderplatz  
Landsberger Allee 26–32, 10249 Berlin, Germany  
Phone: +49 30 4226130

**From the Airport Tegel (TXL):** Take the bus TXL, which departs every 5–10 minutes, to get to the station “Alexanderplatz”. From there take the M5 or the M6 for the station “Klinikum im Friedrichshain”. It’s a 40–50 minutes trip from the airport Tegel.

**From the Airport Schönefeld (SXF):** Take the S9, which departs every 10–15 minutes, for the station “Alexanderplatz”. Please switch trains and take the M5 or the M6 for the station “Klinikum im Friedrichshain”. It’s a 50 minutes trip from the airport Schönefeld.

## Taxi:

From Tegel: it will take 40 minutes and cost around 35–40 €.

From Schönefeld: it will take 40 minutes and cost around 40–50 €.

## By Train:

**From Klinikum im Friedrichshain:** Turn right and you will find the hotel on the opposite street.

**Closest metro station:** Klinikum im Friedrichshain

You can choose between a single ticket (3,40 €), a day ticket (7,70 €) or a ticket for a week (37,50 €). Within the ticket price, you can take the train and the bus in all sectors (ABC).

## By Car:

**The hotel’s GPS Coordinates:** 52.523316°N 13.436977°E

**Parking:** Offsite: 2 €/hour, 15 €/day

Please contact Julia Robker, [julia.robker@solution-office.de](mailto:julia.robker@solution-office.de) for more information.

# Language

The official language in Germany is German. It is a West Germanic language. German is also spoken in parts of neighbouring countries like Austria, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Belgium and Lichtenstein.

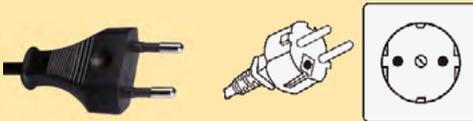
# Currency & Exchange

As Germany is a member of the European Union the currency is the Euro (€), divided into 100 Cent. Currency can be exchanged at the airport, banks and exchange offices. ATMs are widely available.

# Electricity

The electrical supply in Germany is 230v/50Hz. Sockets are suitable for europlugs and plugs of Type F (grounding clips on both sides).

Check that your appliance supports dual voltage and frequency.



# Visas

Germany is a member of the European Union and of the Schengen Area. Therefore, separate immigration controls are maintained. Citizens of EU and EEA countries (and Switzerland) only require a valid national identity card or passport. Non-EU nationals may need to apply for a visa to travel to Berlin. Please consult the following link:  
<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node>

## Visa Requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to take care of his / her visa requirements. Attendees who require an entry visa must allow sufficient time for the application procedure. Attendees should contact the nearest embassy or consulate to determine the appropriate timing of their visa applications. It is recommended to apply for a visa at least 3 months in advance of the Congress. When the registration has already been paid, the registration fee minus a handling fee of € 50.00 will be refunded after the Congress if the visa was applied for in time, and proof of this, together with an official notice from the embassy confirming that a visa could not be granted, is forwarded to:  
[julia.robker@solution-office.de](mailto:julia.robker@solution-office.de)

## Letter of invitation

If you need a letter of invitation for your visa you can request one via:  
[Julia.robker@solution-office.de](mailto:Julia.robker@solution-office.de).

Please note that a letter of invitation will only be issued after you have registered and paid for the congress.

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