

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ATM

ATMs are found in many places, although the use of credit cards in almost all shops, restaurants, cafes, etc. in Denmark make ATMs less important.

Banks

Banks are normally open Monday to Friday from 09:30 – 16:00.

Breaks

Lunch and coffee will be served during breaks in the lobby outside the Niels K. Jerne auditory.

Chairmen

Chairmen are kindly asked to be present in the auditory/class room at least 10 minutes before the designated session. The chairmen's most important job is to make sure that the time is kept with a maximum of 15 minutes for oral presentations and 5 minutes for oral introductions of posters. Furthermore, chairmen will assist in loading presentations onto the computer.

Conference location

The conference takes place at the Panum Institute in the newly constructed Mærsk Tower, University of Copenhagen. The building consists of 15 floors. We will be located on the first floor. From the 15th floor you find a spectacular view of Copenhagen.

Circumpolar Nations' Sports Cup

As a new initiative during the ICCH17 conference, a Tug-of-War competition takes place between teams from the Circumpolar Nations (from west to east the USA, Canada, Greenland, Scandinavia, Denmark, Russian Federation and 'The rest of the world'). The event takes place in the open just outside the Maersk Tower on Wednesday 14:30 – 15:45. We encourage everyone to take part. If you do not compete yourself, please support your national team loudly. Teams are formed on the day. From each national team a fixed number of persons can compete in each round. We do encourage the teams to select different persons for each round, and also to make this gender-balanced. Please, wear your official ICCH17 t-shirt (given at registration) and a country sign given at the competition. There will be nice rewards for the winning team and refreshments for all.

Credit cards

It is possible to withdraw money with VISA, Master card, Eurocard, Maestro and JCB from ATMs. Likewise, almost all shops accept Visa or Master card. American Express cards may be of more limited use.

Currency

The national currency in Denmark is Kroner (DKr). Exchange rates are 100 DKr ~Euros 13.4 / US\$15.7 / English £ 11.9.

Customs and VAT

Danish prices include 25 % Value Added Tax (VAT). VAT is refundable to non-EU visitors in the airport after your visit. Tax free shopping is possible in many major shops and department stores in Copenhagen.

Electricity

Denmark, like most other European countries, has 220-volt AC, 50Hz and uses two-pin continental plugs.

Emergency phone number

In case of an emergency while you are in Copenhagen, always dial 112. This is a free call that connects you to the police, fire brigade or hospital. If you need a pharmacy or dentist, there are a few that are open 24/7. Please ask at your hotel or at the conference registration desk if you need help.

Getting around Copenhagen

It is easy to find your way around Copenhagen. Numerous buses, trains and a metro serve the Copenhagen area. Please, see the Public Transportation website (<https://dinoffentligetransport.dk>). In addition, the Journey planner (<https://www.rejseplanen.dk>) makes it easy to find the right connection.

The price depends on how many zones you travel. Within central Copenhagen it is usually 2 zones. An adult ticket for two zones is 24 DKK.

Denmark is a country of bicycles and The City Bike found in many locations (bycyklen.dk/en) is a popular and easy way to get around. An increasing number of hotels and bicycle rental shops also have bikes for rent or loan. There is a protected bicycle parking in the basement of the Panum Institute. Just remember when you bicycle in Copenhagen – the Copenhagen bikers are considerate, but drive fast!

Disabilities

The Maersk Tower has good accessibility with elevators and easy wheel chair access to auditories and class rooms. There are handicap toilets on the premises.

Insurance and liability

Neither the organisers nor the congress venue are responsible for any injury. Participants are advised to take out their own health and travel insurance.

Language

English is official language throughout the conference. There will be not simultaneous translation.

Lunch

Lunch and refreshments inclusive of coffee will be served each day in the lobby outside of the Niels K. Jerne Auditory.

Meet-the-experts

In circumpolar health literature, you often come across particular names and experts. A new initiative during the ICCH17 congress is an opportunity to meet and discuss with some of these experts.

Four 1-hour sessions will be arranged covering four topics: Infectious diseases; Mental health; Population studies; and Chronic diseases and genetic interactions. A number of experts within each have been invited. The list is not exclusive, there are definitely other experts in each field, but the experts invited are indeed well-known experts. Anyone is invited, and registration is not necessary.

During the sessions (Monday and Tuesday mornings 8-9), each expert will, in two minutes, give a short talk on

- What are the future challenges in the relevant field and
- What do I think are the future solutions to these challenges

After the panel talks, the word is essentially free for an open discussion between the participants and the experts. There is no agenda, so please feel free to discuss whatever you want! A light breakfast will be served. Please join these new and hopefully interesting and engaging events.

Name badges

Your name badge will be handed to you when you check in at the registration desk. The badge is your ticket to all scientific sessions, catering, and social events. Please wear your badge on all occasions.

Opening hours

Most common opening hours are: Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 18:00 Friday 10:00 - 19:00 Saturday 10:00 - 16:00 Sunday 12:00 - 16:00

Oral presentations

Oral presentations have 15 minutes at their disposal; 10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. Please upload your presentation in the break prior to the relevant session. USB sticks may be used. There are microphones in the roof of auditories, so auditory speakers do not need a microphone. However, as keynote talks will be audiotaped, keynote presenters will have a microphone attached.

Parking

Although there is a car parking lot in the basement of the Maersk Tower, this is only for employees. As it is difficult to find public parking around the Maersk Tower, we encourage attendees not to bring cars to the venue.

Payment

Payment of registration fees for the conference and social events takes, as a rule, place using the icch2018.com website. However, possible payment for late registration etc. can take place using a credit card or cash (DKr, Euros, US or Canadian \$) at the registration desk.

Pharmacy

There is no shortage of pharmacies in Copenhagen. Look for the green "a" sign that symbolizes the Danish word for pharmacy 'Apotek'. The Steno Apotek, Vesterbrogade 6C, 1620 Copenhagen V, tel.: +45 3314 8266 is open 24-/7. If you need a prescription, please ask the organisers.

Phone

We kindly request all participants to keep mobile phones in silent mode, in particular during the sessions.

Posters

Posters will be on display the whole conference in the hall between the Holst and the Jerne auditories. Maximal size of poster is 168 (height) and 110 (width) cm. Posters will be attached with pins (supplied). Poster presenters are invited to give a short (5 minutes and two slides maximum) oral presentation in an oral session. Slides for the poster presentation need to be uploaded on the computer in the break before the given session. Presentation times can be found in the program. In the afternoon coffee break (15:00 – 15:30) of the day of the oral poster presentation, the poster presenter is supposed to be present at the poster. There are, however, no formal poster walks.

Poster competition

A poster competition will take place. All posters will be evaluated by an expert committee by the following three criteria:

- Scientific quality
- Relevance of research question
- Presentation style and clarity

The poster presenter does not need to be present at the poster evaluation.

Preparation for oral presentations – slide centre – speakers

Presentations may be viewed in one room with a computer.

Proceedings

All abstracts will be published in a special volume of the International Journal of Circumpolar Health (IJCH). If an author does not wish to have his/hers abstract printed in such a volume, please contact the organisers.

Programme changes

The organisers cannot assume liability for any changes in the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

Registration/information desk

The registration desk is open 08:00 – 17:00 each day during the conference (Sunday August 12 from 12:00). Please do not hesitate to ask the registration desk if you need assistance.

Security

Copenhagen is generally a safe city. There are no particular spots you should not walk in the evenings, but do take care of pick pockets, particularly in crowded places like train stations, etc.

Social events

Four social events will take place. Please see separate description of social events in this program.

Time difference and weather

Time zone is UTC +1. Weather is normally warm in Copenhagen in August, although Denmark has coastal climate and rain/showers may therefore be expected. Therefore, pack also for rain.

Tipping

Tipping is not a tradition in Denmark. Tipping in cafes and restaurants is always welcomed, but not expected. Tipping in shops, hairdressers, etc. is not done.

Venue

The conference takes place at the Panum Institute in the newly constructed Maersk Tower, Faculty of Health, University of Copenhagen. The address is Blegdamsvej 3. DK-2200 Copenhagen N. Auditories and class rooms are located on the first floor. Please visit the 15th floor for a magnificent view of Copenhagen.

WiFi

There is a free guest WiFi at the Panum Institute besides the Eduroam network.