

4th Annual World Congress of the Human Proteome Organisation to Open August 29, 2005 in Munich, Germany

On 29 August, more than 2000 leaders in the field of proteomics research, from over 60 countries, will be attending the four-day 4th Annual HUPO Congress at Munich's ICM. This Congress is organized by the two acknowledged pioneers of the field, namely the German scientists, Angelika Gorg (Technische Universitat Munchen) and Matthias Mann (Max-Planck Institute for Biochemistry) in collaboration with the Human Proteome Organisation (HUPO), Montreal, Canada.

The purpose of the meeting is to share the latest information from proteomics scientists all over the world. Proteomics is the science discipline that will allow man to understand biology, disease and therapy in an improved way. As genes represent the blue prints of life, proteins reflect the key players of the cell because they control the biological function of cells and thus all organisms. This new research approach to human biology will allow for the development of personalized medicine, thereby improving the efficiency and effectiveness of diagnostics and therapies, at a reduced cost.

The HUPO event in Munich is by far the most important Congress in this field and is a follow-up to three previously successful proteomic forums held at TUM. The Congress will open with two welcome addresses from Professors John Bergeron, President of HUPO, and Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker, President of the German Research Foundation (DFG). Previous HUPO meetings have been in Versailles (2002), Montreal (2003), and Beijing (2004). The next Congress will be held in Long Beach California, USA in late October, 2006.

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