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Dear INDEFI Colleagues,

As Chairman of the Austrian Committee and on behalf of the Austrian Chemical Society (Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker, GÖCH) I have pleasure in submitting our proposal to host the 11th World Filtration Congress in Graz, Austria in April 2012.

Our Organising Committee has given considerable thought into making detailed plans that we trust will meet with your approval and appeal widely to all concerned with filtration and separation technology. The Austrian Chemical Society has a long tradition in cosponsoring WFC’s and considerable experience in organising major national and international events. Furthermore the Austrian Committee can rely upon an excellent and internationally accepted open minded scientific community and reliable industrial partners. The long established fair City of Graz has been selected as it meets all the requirements for a successful WFC in every way. It is ideally located to welcome delegates from all parts of East and Western Europe and indeed the entire world. With its long tradition of holding trade fairs and conferences the modern and charming City of Graz with its long and noble history is foremost in providing first class facilities to hold a WFC and excellent possibilities for visitor accommodation.

In Graz, a Unesco World Heritage Site, the Mediterranean atmosphere of the Old Town, the striking modern architecture and the great cultural diversity together create a unique and fascinating mix. As Graz is located in a valley surrounded by mountains, with the river Mur flowing through the heart of the City you will enjoy its mild spring climate. In 2003 the City of Graz was Europe’s Cultural Capital and it offers delegates and visitors alike a unique experience in art, culture and history in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It is also ideally situated to offer interesting technical site visits within short distances. The new international airport Graz-Thalerhof with its domestic and international flights is located only 10km from the new Congress Venue. The Central Railway Station has both Austrian and international connections with fast and frequent services to the Capital Vienna. The motorways offer easy transit to all parts of Austria and surrounding countries.

Austria has not so far been privileged to host a World Filtration Congress but we trust that you will read our proposals and allow us to have the opportunity of organising a memorable WFC for the world wide F & S community and have the pleasure of inviting you to Graz in 2012.

Sincerely,

Wilhelm Höflinger
INDEFI Austrian Delegate
The choice of the venue for a conference or congress is determined, to a very large extent, by the conditions offered by a location. An environment which is perfect in every respect and a highly professional organizational management are key factors for the success of an event.

Graz is a meeting point in many ways. As the capital of Styria, it is not only the infra-structural center and heart of our land. It is, above all else, its people who have made Graz an open-minded City of international renown, an important business hub, a home of culture, sports and much more.

Embedded in a prolific academic and scientific environment, combined with a multi-faceted life, Graz is truly holistic in what it has to offer, attracting hundreds of thou-sands of visitors every year, who take unforgettable memories home with them.

If you have already visited Graz, you will know what I am talking about, because this city casts its spell on everyone – allow yourselves to be captivated by the numerous attractions and the charm and beauty of Styria’s capital City.

Franz Voves
Governor of Styria
Dear INDEFI Colleagues,

Graz is Austria’s second largest City and is the perfect stage for successful conferences and exhibitions. On account of its historic centre Graz was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is also known for its modern architecture and art festivals and thus has always been a City of contrasts.

The University, Technical University, Medical University, University of Arts, and the University of Applied Sciences, together with the public and private research institutions have established Graz’s world wide reputation as a City of research and science. The City’s brilliant year as cultural Capital in 2003 gave us the opportunity to make Europe aware of our treasures and Graz has succeeded in bringing many important congresses to our City.

Graz has an ideal infrastructure and offers excellent working conditions, but it also has a wide variety of choices to spend your leisure time in a most enjoyable way.

We have always been delighted to welcome people and host events from all over the world for the exchange of knowledge. We would most certainly like to welcome the 11th World Filtration Congress to Graz in 2012.

Sincerely

Siegfried Nagl
Mayor of the City of Graz
Scientific Committee

Leading experts have already confirmed to be part of the WFC11 in Graz. This is still a provisional list and will be extended in the case of being elected to host the WFC11 in Austria.

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Gabriele Ebner, GÖCH

Dr. Erich Leitner, GÖCH

Mike Taylor, Filtech Exhibitions

Suzanne Abetz, Filtech Exhibitions

a.o. Univ. Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Höflinger
Since 1979 member of the scientific staff of the Institute of Chemical Engineering.
Head of the research area “Mechanical Process Engineering and Clean Air Technology” at the Institute of Chemical Engineering, Vienna University of Technology, since 1994.
Head of the Institute of Chemical Engineering, Vienna University of Technology, 2000 - 2002.
Co-Chairman of the working group “Chemical Engineering”, Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker (GÖCH). International Award, Gold medal from the English Filtration Society, 1996.
Chairman of the following international Conferences related to Filtration subjects:
- New Developments in Filtration & Separation in the Beverage Industry, Vienna, 1994
- Filtration and Separation of Fine Dust, Vienna 1996
- Luftreinhaltung (Aerosol- & Staubemissionen), Vienna, 1997
- Filtration and Separation of Fine Particle Suspensions, Vienna, 1999
- 5th European Meeting on Chemical Industry and Environment EMCHIE 2006, Vienna

Prof. Gerd Mauschitz:
Member of the scientific staff of the Institute of Chemical Engineering, Vienna University of Technology since 1992 Assistant Professor in the research area “Mechanical Process Engineering and Clean Air Technology!”
Chairman of the working group “Chemical Engineering”, Austrian Chemical Society GÖCH

Dr. Erich Leitner
Erich Leitner studied pharmacy and completed his thesis in pharmaceutical chemistry. He spent several years as an assistant at university and in an analytical laboratory of the Austrian Pharmacists Association. He joined the pharmaceutical and cosmetics industry and was in charge of development and production for 14 years.
Member of the board of national and international societies of chemistry and dermatology since 1999, he owns a consulting company in Styria and is executive officer of the Austrian Chemical Society.

Gabriele Ebner
Head Office of GÖCH Austrian Chemical Society since 1996. More than 10 years of experience in organizing national and international conferences. GÖCH has more than 1900 members. Besides organizing different events, she is in charge of the whole member management. She is also responsible for the complete inside organisation.

Mike Taylor
Joint Managing Director Filtech Exhibitions Germany. Since 1964 founder member and former Secretary of The Filtration Society. Secretary of WFC8, Brighton. 1964 Founding Director of Filtration & Separation Journal and since 1965 Filtech Exhibitions Limited. Congress Secretariat of WFC10 in Leipzig, Germany.

Suzanne Abetz
Joint Managing Director of Filtech Exhibitions Germany. 15 years of experience in organizing international conferences. Since 2001 organizing the FILTECH Conference and Exhibition. Congress Secretariat of WFC10 in Leipzig, Germany.
WFC11 Outline

The WFC 11 will embrace five days from Monday to Friday in total. The first day is set aside for technical short courses. The afternoon of the last day is reserved for post-congress plant tours. The remaining three and a half days are planned for the technical congress and parallel exhibition.

In total about 330 technical presentations with concurrent sessions and around 150 exhibitors featuring all relevant aspects of fluid-particle separation are expected.

Proposed Schedule for the Congress Programme

- The WFC 11 will be opened with a plenary lecture for a general audience.

- The expected 330 papers will be subdivided into 6 invited lectures, 200 oral presentations and 130 posters.

- Oral presentations will be 25 minutes duration including about 5 minutes for questions.

- All sessions have the same duration to make it comfortable for participants to change the session, which will be very easy as all congress rooms are nearby on the same floor level. Each session consists of 3 oral presentations.

- Following previous WFCs six concurrent sessions (A-F) are planned to cover the expected papers, which should be grouped roughly into:
  
  Solid-Liquid-Separation (L)
  Solid-Gas-Separation (G)
  Membrane-Processes (M)

- The number of sessions can be modified as needed. The Messecenter Graz is flexible enough to accommodate any additional space requirements.

- There are planned 6 invited lectures of 50 minutes, presented by leading experts, will give reviews and overviews of the state-of-the-art of given technologies or processes. Each invited lecture integrates 2 sessions of the same main group (L, G, M). The invited lectures are spread over the time schedule in a way, that every participant has the chance to hear them.

- Posters will be introduced on Wednesday and Thursday by each author in special parallel poster sessions by short oral presentation of 5 minutes and presented afterwards in a special session at the posters site. Each poster session contains up to 12 posters. The poster presentation will be continued during the coffee breaks.
## Congress Schedule

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GÖCH Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker
Proposed Session Topics

This is a working list and will be determined finally from the abstracts reviewed. The sessions will not be organized exactly as listed below, but should give an overview of relevant topics.

Solid-Liquid-Separation
by Vacuum and Pressure, Press & Centrifugal Filtration, Cartridge and Bulk Layer Depth Filtration, Gravity & Centrifugal Sedimentation, Hydrocyclones, Flotation & Adsorption

- New Equipment and Processes
- Combined Mechanical-Thermal-Separation
- Solid-Liquid- & Liquid-Liquid Extraction
- Solid & Liquid Purification
- Separation Enhancement by Electrical & Magnetic Means
- Surfactants and Filter Aids
- Slurry Pretreatment by Coagulation & Flocculation
- Separation of Nanoparticles
- Liquid Quality Regulations

Membrane Processes
by Crossflow, Dead End, Shear Stress Filtration, Micro-, Ultra-, Nanofiltration, Reverse Osmosis and Dialysis, Pervaporation, Gas Permeation

- New Equipment & Processes
- Separation Enhancement by Electrical Means or Vibration
- Combined Processes

Solid-Gas-Separation
by Surface Filters, Fibrous and Granular Bed Depth Filters, Bag Filters, Electrostatic Precipitators, Wet Scrubbers, Cyclones

- New Equipment and Processes
- Particle Separation at High Temperatures
- Simultaneous Removal of Gaseous Components
- Separation of Nanoparticles
- Air Quality Regulations
- Emission Control
- Product Recovery

Testing; Instrumentation; Control
- Characterization Instruments for Particles, Pores, Interfacial Phenomena
- Filter Media Testing Methods & Instruments
- Separation Test Methods & Instruments
- Operation & Control of Filtration and Separation Equipment

Simulation and Modelling
- Computational Fluid and Particle Dynamics
- Computer-Aided Design, Selection & Operation of Separation Equipment
- Process Simulation and Flowsheeting Expert Systems
Filter Media
- Woven & Non-Woven Filter Media
- Granular and Fibrous Filter Media
- Membranes
- Characterization of Filter Media
- Media Production Technologies

Product related Separation Processes
- Bio-Materials & Fermentation Separation
- Food and Beverage Production
- Pharmaceuticals
- Ultraclean Liquids for the Electronic Industry
- Pigment Separation
- Production of Nanoparticulate Systems
- Municipal & Industrial Waste Water Treatment
- Potable Water Treatment
- Automotive & Aeronautical Separation Systems
- Clean Room Technology
- Mineral and Ore Separation
- Separation in the Chemical Industry
- Drilling Mud Processing & Separation in the Oil Industry
- Recovery of Fluids in the Metal Industry

Special Topics
- Selective Separation
- Micro Process Technology
- Nanofluidics

Pre-Congress Short Courses
Several parallel international pre-congress short courses are planned for the first day covering the following prospective topics:

- Fundamentals and application of gas-solid-separation
- Fundamentals and application of solid-liquid-separation
- Fundamentals and applications of membrane separation
- Particle and fluid characterization and measurement
- Computer assisted equipment selection procedures and bench scale separation methods
- Computational Fluid Dynamics
- Simulation of separation processes and flowsheeting

The short courses will be presented by leading experts from industry and universities.
GÖCH Gesellschaft Österreichischer Chemiker

GÖCH has a long tradition in Austria (more than 100 years) in successful organizing of national and international events. GÖCH operates as a platform between science and economy. 17 working parties and 6 district offices are established in GÖCH. Also both working parties and district offices organize national and international conferences successfully.

ASAC – Austrian Society of Analytical Chemistry is also a part of GÖCH. ASAC is preparing events in analytical chemistry combined with GÖCH or other co-operation partners.

GÖCH is also cooperating with several national and international chemical societies, universities and companies in organizing different events.

Some important events of the last years:
  Joint Meeting of the Slovenian and Austrian Chemical Societies

- LPM 2007 - 8th International Symposium on Laser Precision Microfabrication

- 1. GÖCH-Symposium
  "Physikalische Chemie in Österreich"  
  "Physical Chemistry in Austria"

- Herbstschule Kosmetik 2007
  Cosmetic 2007

- Seminar: Grundlagen der Lebensmittelsensorik 2007
  Fundamentals of Food Processing Sensoric

- Seminar: Das Problem von Mehrfachrückständen von Pflanzenschutzmitteln auf Lebensmitteln.

- EMChIE 2006 - 5th European Meeting on Chemical Industry and Environment

- HTMC XII – 2006 - High Temperature Materials Chemistry

- EBSV06 - EVOLUTION OF BIOMOLECULAR STRUCTURE

- 8th Austrian Polymer Meeting 2006 - „The Chain of Knowledge – From Catalyst to Application“

- ÖSTERREICHISCHE LEBENSMITTEL-CHEMIKERTAGE 2006
  Austrian Food Processing Days for Chemists 2006

- Frühjahrsschule Kosmetik 2006
  Cosmetics 2006

- JMMC 2005 - Austrian-German-Hungarian-Italian-Polish-Spanish Joint Meeting on Medicinal Chemistry

- 1st Austrian-German-Italian Meeting of Organic Chemistry 2005
GÖCH Austrian Chemical Society

- **IUSS 2005** - Symposium Advances of Molecular Modeling - Perspectives for Soil Research
- **11. Österreichische Chemietage 2005**
  11. Austrian Chemical Days 2005
- **TOFA 2004** - Meeting on Thermodynamics of PHOPOC 2004 - Second European Students Conference on Physical, Organic, and Polymer Chemistry
- **Seggau 2004** - 2nd Central European Conference Chemistry towards Biology
- **1. Symposium für Nachwachsende Rohstoffe und Erneuerbare Energien - 2004 Symposium for renewable energy**
- **Einführung in die Gaschromatographie 2004**
  Introduction into Gaschromatography 2004
- **ÖSTERREICHISCHE LEBENSMITTEL-CHEMIKERTAGE 2004**
  Austrian Food Processing Days for Chemists 2004
- **PHOPOC 2003** - First European Students Conference on Physical, Organic, and Polymer Chemistry
- **ÖSTERREICHISCHE LEBENSMITTEL-CHEMIKERTAGE 2002**
  Austrian Food Processing Days for Chemists 2002
- **10. Österreichische Chemietage 2002**
  10. Austrian Chemical Days 2002
- **4th International Conference on Molecular Structural Biology 2001**
- **International Conference on dietary Factors: Cancer Causes & Prevention, 2001**
- **9. Österreichische Chemietage 2000**
  9. Austrian Chemical Days 2000
- **ÖSTERREICHISCHE LEBENSMITTEL-CHEMIKERTAGE 2000**
  Austrian Food Processing Days for Chemists 2000
- **5th International Austro-Tunisian Meeting on Analytical Chemistry of Environment, 2000**
- **Filtration and Separation of Fine Particle suspensions, 1999**
- **3rd International Conference on Molecular Structural Biology, 1999**

GÖCH promotes young chemists with well endowed awards for degree dissertations and dissertations. There will be also given the scientific award for young chemists every year. Young chemistry students have the possibility to apply for a travel scholarship if they have an oral presentation or they present a poster at a national or international event.

Companies like to use the career sites at the GÖCH website for seeking well-trained staffs.
**messecentergraz**

The messecenter Graz offers maximum scope for a novel & surprising layout of the 11th World Filtration Congress. It is located directly in the City centre.

WFC 11 will be held in Austria’s most modern multifunctional hall for congresses & exhibitions, seminars, TV shows, concerts & galas.

The newly built Messecenter Graz provides the ideal setting, particularly for congress fairs and larger conventions with more than 2,000 participants. Fully air-conditioned facilities and state-of-the-art technology are the foundation for the success of your event.

All rooms meet the highest requirements by the latest communication and conference technology, ISDN and internet connections, an inductive audio system, air-conditioning and a video conferencing room.

Also **floor space of nearly 6,500 m²** on a single level is available. Recent extensions also include two spacious foyers with more than a 544 m² gallery for stand-up receptions or cocktails – an ideal place for business and communication, which can be tailored to meet individual needs. A separate VIP café and a press club complete the offer. And not least the special architectural flair of the conference centre adds an exclusive touch contributing to the success of your event.

**Conferences, Conventions and Meetings**

A particular highlight is the conference centre on the upper floor with a total of **19 conference and meeting rooms on one level** with the Hall A, which offers space of 6,600 m².

Fully air-conditioned rooms with natural light and black-out facilities ranging in size from small meeting rooms for of 50 m² to larger halls with 630 m² make the Convention Center an ideal venue for conventions, exhibitions and meetings ranging from 200 participants to conventions with 3000 persons.

Situated on the trade fair grounds, in leafy surroundings and yet in the vibrant heart of the City, this state-of-the-art convention centre provides a unique infrastructure for your event. Another high-light is the superb cuisine featuring the outstanding de-
signer meals by chef Ewald Oberländer, who serves up memorable culinary delights in the form of the most notable landmarks in Graz. Stunning creations await you at your table - so that you can hold a meeting or conference and wine and dine in style, all under one roof!

Hall A
Hall A is the latest expansion of the convention center at the fair ground offers a total surface area of 6,600 m² and 19 halls and rooms, two spacious foyers with over 800 m², a terrace and a 544 m gallery for all kinds of events all on one level. Short distances connect but also spacious foyers offer a huge variety for catering and exhibition areas.

The latest communication and congress technology, ISDN and internet connections, wireless Lan, air-conditioning, a video conferencing room, the press club, the conference office, a café and a terrace meet the highest requirements of all organisers.

The messecentergraz can be easily reached:
- Only 10 km away from Graz Airport
- Only 1 km away from Graz Central Station
- Only 1.5 km away from the Graz-Ost motorway exit
- Parking lot for 2,000 cars on the fair premises
- Tram stop and taxi stand in the front on the entrance
The Venue

Capacities

Hall A Ground floor/ 6,600 m²
Plenary hall area for WFC11 2012

Hall A First floor/6.600 m²
Exhibition and catering area for WFC11 2012

Hall 1- 630 m² (can be divided)
L*W*H = 31.5*20*5 m
Theatre style 600
Classroom style (tables + chairs) 300
Banquet style 300

Hall 2 / 250 m²
L*W*H = 18.5*13.5*5 m
Theatre style 240 (280)*
Classroom style (tables + chairs) 120 (200)*
Banquet style 150 (200)*

* can be combined with the foyer by removing movable partition walls, thus creating a large reception area for your event.

Hall 3 / 110 m²
L*W*H = 13.5*8*5 m
Theatre style 85
Classroom style (tables + chairs) 50
Banquet style 70

Hall 4 / 110 m²
L*W*H = 13.5*8*5 m
Theatre style 85
Classroom style (tables + chairs) 50
Banquet style 70

Hall 5 / 110 m²
L*W*H = 13.5*8*5 m
Theatre style 85
Classroom style (tables + chairs) 50
Banquet style 70

Hall 6 / 55 m²
L*W*H = 8.8*5.7*5 m
Theatre style 40
Classroom style (tables + chairs) 18

Hall 7 / 55 m²
L*W*H = 8.8*5.7*5 m
Theatre style 40
Classroom style (tables + chairs) 18

Hall 8 / 60 m²
L*W*H = 9.3*11*5 m
Video conferencing room for about 15 people

Hall 9 (Press club, 2nd floor) / 60 m²
L*W*H = 8.8*5.7*5 m
Telephone and internet connections of course available
The Venue

**Hall 10 / 233 m²**
L*W*H = 18*13*4.4 m
- Theatre style 150
- Classroom style (tables + chairs) 100
- Banquet style 120

**Hall 11 / 249 m²**
(can be divided into two)
L*W*H = 16.2*15.4*4.8 m
- Theatre style 180
- Classroom style (tables + chairs) 120
- Banquet style 120

**Hall 12 / 311 m²**
(can be divided into two)
L*W*H = 16.2*19.4*4.9 m
- Theatre style 200
- Classroom style (tables + chairs) 160
- Banquet style 140

**Hall 14 / 59 m²**
L*W*H = 7.7*7.8*3.6 m

**Meeting rooms 15-19 / 543 m²**
(can be divided into three)
L*W*H = 41.3*13*4.2 m
- Theatre style 400
- Classroom style (tables + chairs) 200
- Banquet style 220

**Lounge area / 811 m²**

**Conference office**
Fully equipped

**Conference centre**
Total gross area 6,500 m²

Congress tourism is of high importance for the local economy, and Graz has developed into a prime congress venue over the past few years. The conference rooms meet the highest level of customer expectations. It is not only the latest technical conference equipment such as black-out facilities, ISDN and modem connections, video, internet, overhead projectors and the great versatility of the rooms, but also the individual advice and care given by the team that make each event in the new conference centre a special occasion.
The Conference Centre features:

- State-of-the-art congress equipment
- Video, overhead, slide projectors and video-beamers
- Screen
- Full air-conditioning
- Natural light
- Black-out facilities
- ISDN and internet connections
- Cable TV connections
- Furniture
- Large screen projection
- Dimmable hall light
- CD, MC, VCR, DVD, MD
- Flipcharts
- Sound system
- Electronic guiding system

Banquets and Catering

The Messecongress Graz can also offer a unique dining experience. The exclusive catering service transforms any premiere party, gala evening or company festivity into an unforgettable event. The modern architecture creates a unique atmosphere. Everything can be skilfully staged using a wide range of accessories such as screens, presentation areas and state-of-the-art technology.

With its flexible room size, the progressive conference centre creates a modern and stylish atmosphere for large banquets, small gala dinners, exclusive cocktail receptions or premiere parties.

Our exclusive and experienced catering team provides an excellent service for annual or general meetings, presentations, corporate parties or fashion shows.

A terrace and modern café are available on the upper floor for standing and VIP receptions as well as exclusive events.

The experienced team manages your event professionally and creates a suitable atmosphere with magnificent floral decorations.
Meet in good company

The Congress Center Graz boasts an impressive history of hosting congresses, meetings and conventions incorporating large exhibitions that occupy several thousands square meters. Renowned societies and bodies like the following have chosen Graz and its Congress Center as the venue for their event.

Conferences & Congresses

- United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
- Int. Conference on Human Rights and Human Dignity of Refugees
- Int. Conference of the Agricultural Consultants
- Annual Conference of the German Society for Pathology
- Int. Congress "Engine and Environment"
- 2nd Int. Symposium of Diabetes and Pregnancy
- 25th Int. Symposium on Remote Sensing and Global Environmental Change
- 44th Int. Astronautical Federation Congress
- Int. Assembly of the Cultural City Network
- Environmental Scientific Technical Conference and Exhibition
- European Navigation Conference 2003
- VII International GNSS Symposium
- 17th International Meeting of Hematology European and African Division
- 10th Annual Meeting of the European Natural Gas Vehicle Association
- 55th Annual Meeting and International Congress of the Society for Medical Plant Research
- 1st Joint Congress of the European Association for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (EATES) - European Trauma Association (ETS)

In 2008 as one of the bigger congresses that take place in Graz with around 2.500 participants:

- 26th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases ESPID

Events

- Latin World Trophy
- Spanish Riding School
- Handball World Championship
Post Congress Plant Tours

Interesting technical plant tours will give attendees a unique first-hand experience not only of diverse filtration and separation technologies including advanced equipment, but also of spectacular and ultra-modern industrial production sites. The tours will be planned after the WFC11 Closing ceremony.

Graz is both the capital of Styria and Austria’s second largest economic region. Graz’s concentrated and networked know-how in the field of automobiles and telecommunications as well as information, environmental and medical technology offers a broad choice for interesting post-congress technical tours.

AVL-List, Magna-Graz, Andritz are only a few of the companies and institutions that have given the city its reputation as a top location for high-tech companies. It is also home to four breweries.

MAGNA STEYR
Vehicle Production
The Graz facility has a long-standing tradition in vehicle production starting in 1906 as Steyr-Daimler-Puch AG, which Magna acquired in 1998. Today, eight different vehicles are built by Magna Steyr in Graz: the BMW, Chrysler; Jeep; Mercedes-Benz and Saab. In 2005, the Graz facility built more than 230,000 vehicles.

Andritz Separation
Based in Graz, Austria, the Andritz Group is a technology-centered company with global operations. The company develops high-tech production systems and industrial process solutions for various standard and highly specialized products.

Puntigam Brewery
The Puntigam brewery is the oldest large brewery of the Steiermark. Located in Graz since 1895, it brews about 1 million hectolitres of beer annually.

AVL List GmbH
The world’s largest privately owned and independent company for the development of power train systems with internal combustion engines as well as instrumentation and test systems. The Company is at the ‘top end’ of the supply chain and offers engine development and test facilities to automotive manufacturers.
Graz - The Cultural Capital

Graz – the second largest City in Austria with 250,000 inhabitants offers ideal conditions for successful conventions. Graz should be selected as it meets the needs for a successful WFC11 in every way.

You’ll hardly find another City offering so much variety in such a compact and manageable space – and with the sun and southern feel to top it off. The excellent infrastructure of the venue centrally located in the City Centre the picturesque Old Town with its southern charm, the attractive cultural programme, the quality and diversity of the cuisine.

Futuristic architecture alongside medieval houses, alleys and squares, cultural and culinary enticements at every step and all these delights conveniently located near each other. Around each corner you’ll discover something new: hidden alleys, picturesque courtyards, ornate facades and magnificent buildings.

Central Europe’s best preserved City wasn’t added to the UNESCO list of the World Cultural Heritage for no reason. Here you’ll find Renaissance, Gothic and Baroque and ultramodern architecture in blissful harmony.

Old Town – Exuding Southern Charm
Since the middle Ages, a friendly and prosperous town has been growing around the Schlossberg hill; a town cherished by its inhabitants. In fact, it was the unique ensemble of architectural styles spanning from Gothic, Baroque, Renaissance, Art Nouveau to modernity that made UNESCO add Graz to its World Cultural Heritage list. In the narrow lanes, on the bustling plazas and in the tranquil inner courtyards: the relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere can be felt everywhere in this charming city.

Cultural Capital of Europe
Graz is full of contrasts. This is particularly true of its cultural life. The „Steirische Herbst“, one of Europe’s most prestigious festivals of contemporary art, enriches the cultural scene as much as the classical culture: opera, theatre and the “styriarte”, the festival of classical music that has gained an international reputation under star conductor Nikolaus Harnonct.
In 2003, Graz was a celebrated and hugely successful Cultural Capital of Europe. That year also saw the landing of a "friendly alien" in the City, the striking art centre designed by the British architects Peter Cook and Colin Fournier. Beside the Kunsthaus, other high-ranking projects of the celebratory year 2003 include the Island in the Mur by Vito Acconci, the acoustic wonder venue Helmut-List-Halle, the Graz Stadthalle and the House of Literature, all of which contribute to Graz's lasting attraction as a cultural city and event venue.

On the hill (Schlossberg) stands the great landmark of Graz, the 28m (92ft) high Clock Tower built in the 16th century. The word "Schloßberg" literally means "castle montain", which describes it exactly. It is a hill topped by a castle, in the Centre. It is a survivor of the massive fortifications which was never occupied until its partial demolition by Napoleonic forces under the Peace of Schönbrunn of 1809, was once a place of refuge for Graz's residents. It was turned into a public park on account of Ludwig von Welden in 1839. To reach the top of the hill one can either take the funicular railway (Schloßbergbahn), an elevator built inside the mountain, or one of the older sets of pathways and steps.

The success story of modern architecture in Graz started around 1965 with a rebellion in the Faculty of Architecture in Graz. Two decades later, the Graz School was politically supported, innovative and very keen on experimenting. As the Cultural Capital of Europe 2003, Graz cemented its reputation with a number of new buildings: the Stadthalle (civic hall), the Kunsthaus (Museum of Contemporary Art) and the Island in the Mur were and sill are much admired highlights.

**Opera House Graz**
The Graz Opera, built in 1899, was designed by two of the most famous architects of their time, Ferdinand Fellner and Hermann Hlem. Particular care was given to create a magnificent baroque and rococo style auditorium, which is today considered one of the worlds' finest. With the mod-

**Special Tip:**

**MUR PROMENADE**
From Franziskanerplatz there are only few steps to the Hauptbrück main bridge, and the stairs descending to the new riverside walk, Murpromenade.
ern steel sculpture Light Sword, placed near the entrance, the near surroundings of the Graz Opera House reflect the Opera’s multifaceted programme, which deals with ever concurrent relation between tradition and modernity.

**Graz Theatre**
The Schauspielhaus Graz dates back to 1825. In the initial era the most famous actor was Johann Nestroy. Reopened in 1964 after extensive renovation works, the theatre puts on a wide spectrum of mainly spoken plays on two different stages.

**Grazer Kunsthau**
Right across the river lies the new striking art exhibition centre Kunsthau, nicknamed the “friendly alien”, an architectural must-see designed by renown architects Peter Cook and Colin Fournier. The intriguing contrast between this futuristic structure overlooking the river Mur and the old City emblem Clock Tower which dominated the Schlossberg is the essence of what has become Graz’s trademark: the synthesis between tradition and modernity.

**Mariahilferplatz**
Nearby the Kunsthau, is the Mariahilferplatz, which is dominated by the Minorite monastry with it’s adjoint cultural centre as well as by the Mariahilferkirch. The church, originally built in the early 17th century, received its imposing baroque double tower in 1742.

**Murinsel (Island in the Mur)**
Another amazing landmark of the City is the Island in the Mur, one of the main architectural projects of the Cultural Capital year 2003. Designed by New York artist Vito Acconci, the Murinsel resembles an giant open mussel, connected with the shores by two walkways. It features a café and an amphitheatre.

**Schlossbergplatz**
Crossing the pedestrian bridge “Mursteg” the charming Schlossbergplatz offers a panoramic view of Schlossberg and the steep Schlossberg stairs. It is also the site of the oldest documented building in Graz, the Reinerhof (13th century), which formerly belonged to the Rein monastery.

**Special Tip - Night Life**
The so-called "Bermuda triangle" is a small but buzzing area in the City centre with uncountable cafés, bars and restaurant. It is a perfect meeting point for an relaxing evening after a long Congress day….
near Graz.

Sackstrasse - The "Art Mile"
Not without reason, Sackstraße is called the "art mile". The art and antique shops here have an abundance of curiosities to offer. Some of Graz's most picturesque courtyards can also be found here. Sackstrasse is also home to two museums well worth visiting: the Neue Galerie, which hosts continuously changing exhibitions and the City Museum, vividly showcasing the history of Graz.

Schlossbergbahn
Since more than 100 years the Schlossberg funicular has been carrying passengers up to the steep hill (61% gradient) to the top of Schlossberg, the 472 meter high green hill dominating the City centre. There are three different ways back to the old town. The spectacular glass lift and the 430 Schlossberg stairs as well as an romantic path down to Karmeliterplatz.

Schloss Eggenberg
In 1623, Prince Johann Ulrich von Eggenberg had a palace built which was to be characterized by astronomical symbolism. Four towers represent the seasons, 12 gates the month and 365 windows the days of the year. Today visitors can admire the lavishly decorated state rooms and the romantic 19th century landscape park.

Mariatrost Basilica
Every year a great number of pilgrims from all over Europe travel to Mariatrost to this baroque gem among pilgrim churches. Only recently it was bestowed with the highest honour for a catholic church, the title basilica.

Hof des deutschen Ritterordens
(Courtyard of the Teutonic Order)
Next to Lughaus, one of Graz’s most charming streets starts winding its way up along the foot of the Schlosberg. Particularly worth seeing is the Gothic arced courtyard of the Teutonic Order, paved with so-called Murnockeln, stones from the river Mur.

Landeszeughaus (Armoury)
Once Inner Austria’s most important armoury, it is today the world’s largest historical collection of weaponry.

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**UNIVERSITY TOWN WITH AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION**

The largest and oldest of Graz’s four universities is the Karl-Franzens-University, founded in 1585. The University of Technology (1811) dates back to the days of Archduke Johann. At the University of Music and Dramatic Arts, students of orchestra conducting, chamber music, lied and concert singing, choir, opera, jazz and drama are taught. The ‘youngest’ of the four universities is the Medical University Graz, which only recently achieved independent status. A total of approx. 35,000 students attend courses at twelve faculties and with several new universities of applied science and academic and scientific research institutions, Graz can be considered an academic centre of international repute.

Numerous international top firms and highly specialised companies in innovation sectors benefit from the large pool of creativity and skilled young people. At the same time they are promoting the open and unbiased cross linking of culture and science, research and industry. So in the beer gardens of Graz, it is not uncommon to hear a product designer discussing aesthetics with an artist or a university professor chatting with an economist opening new point of views to everybody.

**GRAZ - AN INNOVATIVE BUSINESS LOCATION**

Of all the high-tech products developed in Austria, a third can be traced back to Graz. Just to mention a few examples: Germany’s high-speed trains roll along on undercarriages constructed in Graz. Chinese paper factories work with technology developed in Graz. The largest film studios in Hollywood use precision parts made in Graz for particularly low-noise cameras. Scientists from Graz participate in more than ten international space travel projects. The Graz automobile cluster employs 30,000 people; more than 40 vehicle manufacturers have chosen Graz as a site of production, development or research.

**CONFERENCE VENUE GRAZ**

**Special Tip - Casino**

The classy Casino housed in the historical Congress Centre, also accommodates a first-class restaurant and piano bar. Evening dress and tie are obligatory.
The Cultural Capital

Around 120 international conferences are taking place in Graz every year. 15% of overnights stays in Graz can be attributed to convention, seminar, trade fair and incentive travellers. They account for more than 100,000 overnight stays, with an upward trend. Located right in the centre of the Old Town, the Convention Center Graz has enjoyed an excellent reputation for decades as a conference venue, particularly among organisers of academic and scientific congresses. But since 2003, Graz has a whole range of new multifunctional event locations on offer for seminars, meetings, exhibitions, trade fairs and corporate activities as well as for leisure programmes and celebrations. What’s more, the quality and services of the conference hotels have also been considerably extended and enhanced over the last few years.

The airport, Graz Thalerhof, offers daily flights to and from Vienna, Frankfurt, Zurich, London and other destinations, making Graz an easily accessible location. But what business travellers and conference participants generally appreciate most is the city’s manageable size (many hotels and event locations lie within walking distance of each other), the typical hearty food of the region, the excellent local wines and, of course, the friendliness and hospitality of the people of Graz. To this list of outstanding features should be added the wide variety of available supporting programmes, the theatres and museums, the many top-notch cultural festivals and the abundance of interesting excursion destinations in the lovely green countryside surrounding Graz.

GRAZ – excellent infrastructure for event and conference tourism and a charming city with great hospitality and friendly people – the ideal choice for the World Filtration Congress 2012.

Special Tip - Dining
The Fanziskanerviertel (Franciscan quarter) is another popular meeting place with distinctive southern flair where Congress participants can enjoy Austrian culinary delights in the sidewalk restaurants.

Facades in the old town preserved from the UNESCO as a world cultural heritage.

Roofscape with view on the Schlossberg

Starcke Winzerhaus, wine garden and restaurant on the Schlossberg – one of the most romantic places in Graz.
Easy accesss by air, railway and car
Graz is located in the very heart of Europe - this is of benefit to all participants, who will be able to reach Austria and Graz easily either by plane, car or train.

The number of passengers at the airport Graz Thalerhof has expanded substantially over the last few years. Every year, almost one million passengers, among them approx. 68% business travellers, benefit from the direct traffic link to Europe’s main financial centres. The airport’s infrastructure is subject to continuous modernisation and extension works. The new tower, for instance, meets the highest security demands and the brand-new, ultra modern departure terminal will ensure sustainable quality and enable further passenger expansion. Also fast and direct railway connections to mayor European capital cities are available.

Scheduled Flights to an from Graz (August 2007)
London Stansted 4 x weekly from Graz (FR)
Frankfurt 4 x daily from Graz (LH)
Vienna 5 x daily from Graz (OS)
Zurich 2 x daily from Graz (RH)
Berlin 4 x weekly from Graz (3L)
Munich 4 x daily from Graz (LH)
Dusseldorf 3 x daily from Graz (OS)
Friedrichshafen 4 x weekly from Graz (3L)
Hannover 1 x daily from Graz (2W)
Stuttgart 3 x daily from Graz (LH)
Köln/Bonn 5 x weekly from Graz (TUI)
Innsbruck 2 x daily from Graz (2W)
Linz 1 x daily from Graz (OS)

Travel times
From | Distance | by Air | by car
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London | 1500 km | 2.55 h | -
Vienna | 200 km | 0.30 h | 2.00 h
Salzburg | 300 km | 0.45 h | 3.15 h
Linz | 230 km | 0.35 h | 2.30 h
Munich | 390 km | 1.00 h | 4.30 h
Frankfurt | 800 km | 1.30 h | 7.00 h
Düsseldorf | 1100 km | 2.45 h | 10.30 h
Stuttgart | 700 km | 2.00 h | 6.00 h
Zurich | 740 km | 1.45 h | 9.00 h
Berlin | 900 km | 2.30 h | 10.30 h
Munich | 370 km | - | 4.00 h
Milan | 690 km | 3.00 h* | 6.00 h
Udine | 300 km | - | 3.00 h
Budapest | 320 km | 1.30 h* | 4.00 h
Prague | 470 km | 2.00 h* | 6.15 h
Zagreb | 180 km | - | 2.45 h

* via Vienna

But not only travelling to Graz is easy - the public transport network offers modern and efficient accessibility within the whole city. With this excellent service all delegates will be able to explore the City. www.gvb.at
Hotels in Graz

The range and quality of the City hotels on offer in Graz have improved considerably in recent years. The Graz Convention Bureau has a long experience in handling hotel reservations and bookings for conference delegates. The experts from the Graz Tourist Office are familiar with all the hotels and can assure best accommodation for all participants in all price categories.

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Rates are in EURO per room, per night, including breakfast, all taxes and service. Basis 2008.

See only a selection of Conference Hotels in Graz:

**Grand Hotel Wiesler  *****
A gem of art nouveau in the heart of the old town, in the leading hotel of Graz discerning guests enjoy an elegant atmosphere and a superb service. Spacious, fully air-conditioned rooms and suites with all amenities.
Grieskai 4–8, A-8020 Graz
96 rooms / 170 beds

**Romantik Parkhotel  ****Superior
Elegant, time-honoured hotel with nicely decorated rooms, situated near the Stadtpark. The gem of the house is the unique Biedermaier beer garden. As a special attraction the Parkhotel offers its guests pure relaxation in the hotel’s own wellness facilities, the "Parkhotel Spa".
Leonhardstraße 8, A-8010 Graz
70 rooms / 110 beds

**Austria Trend Hotel Europa  ****
Only a short walk away from the old town, the newly refurbished Hotel Europa combines all the amenities of an international city hotel with the proverbial Austrian hospitality.
Bahnhofgürtel 89, A-8020 Graz
116 rooms / 228 beds

**Hotel Bokan Exklusiv  ****
Well-equipped comfortable rooms, a restaurant with Austrian and international specialities and a large parking free of charge are only a few of the advantages awaiting those choosing Hotel Bokan. The hotel offers modern conference facilities and an exclusive sauna and recreation area.
Mainersberg Str. 1, A-8051 Graz
68 rooms / 122 beds

**Augarten Art & Design  ****
Top address for individualists and a perfect example of a successful blend between first class architecture and contemporary art. Central location, wellness area and indoor swimming pool open 24 hours, rooftop terrace, underground parking. Member of design hotels.
Schönauagasse 53, A-8010 Graz
56 rooms / 118 beds

**Das Weitzer  ****
One of the best known hotels in Graz, Weitzer is set in the centre of the city only a stone’s throw from major sights, overlooking the river Mur. Largest hotel in town, with 200 elegant rooms, restaurant, bar, coffee-house and 15 recently redesigned meeting rooms.
Grieskai 12–14, A-8020 Graz
200 rooms / 400 beds

**Palais Hotel Erzherzog Johann  ****
Set in the heart of the old town, the Erzherzog Johann is rich in tradition. The centrepiece of the house is the magnificent baroque winter garden, a glass-roofed restaurant. 60 stylish rooms and suites, some of which are furnished with antique pieces, make a stay here a memorable experience.
Sackstraße 3–5, A-8010 Graz
60 rooms / 100 beds
Hotel Gollner  
****  
The Hotel Gollner is a family-run, informal city hotel, centrally located near the pedestrian zone and within reach of all major places of interest. Nicely furnished rooms and apartments. Car and bus parking available right in front of the hotel.  
Schlögelgasse 14, A-8010 Graz  
55 rooms / 80 beds  

Schlossberg Hotel  
****  
Carefully selected antiques and contemporary art combined with friendly hospitality and modern amenities. Individually designed rooms and suites, roof top garden with pool, recreation area, underground parking. Central yet quiet location. Schlossberg hotel is a member of 'Small Luxury Hotels'.  
Kaiser-Franz-Josef-Kai 30, A-8010 Graz  
54 rooms / 96 beds  

Hotel Mercure Graz City  
****  
A new, comfortable hotel in the centre of Graz, located only a few minutes from the main tourist sights of the city. In this hotel, standard stands for high class, including a bistro-restaurant with a selection of Austrian top wines and innovative dishes and the Omega hotel bar.  
Am Lendplatz 36–37, A-8020 Graz  
96 rooms / 192 beds  

Hotel Paradies  
****  
Set in green and quiet surroundings in the western part of the city, the 4* conference Hotel Paradies provides the ideal backdrop for meetings, celebrations and all kinds of events. Located only a few minutes away from the city centre and the highway junction Graz-West.  
Strassganger Str. 380b, A-8054 Graz  
85 rooms / 146 beds  

Hotel Courtyard by Marriott  
****  
Its convenient location just outside of Graz combines business and culture. 120 free parking spaces, the airport just around the corner, wlan in all rooms and free admission to Schwarzl recreation centre – just some of your advantages.  
Seering 10, A-8141 Unterpremstätten 114 rooms / 228 beds  

Hotel Mercure Graz Messe  
****  
Central yet quiet location, 15 minutes to the old town, 101 well-appointed, air-conditioned rooms, non-smoking floors. Business club, meeting rooms for up to 200 persons, hairdresser and shops within the hotel complex.  
Waltendorfer Gürtel 8–10, A-8010 Graz 101 rooms / 202 beds  

Hotel Daniel  
***  
Austria’s first lifestyle hotel since June 2005, youngest member of ‘design hotels’. 101 stylish & functional rooms, with air condition, dvd, free high speed internet access, ‘raindance shower’. Spacious loft, 24h check-in, Vespa scooter park.  
Europaplatz 1, A-8020 Graz  
101 rooms / 202 beds  

Hotel Ibis Graz  
***  
Ibis sets the pace – remarkable architecture in central location next to main train station, a few minutes away from the old town. 108 air-conditioned rooms, bar open 24 hours, underground car park.  
Europaplatz 12, A-8020 Graz  
108 rooms / 240 beds  

Best Western Hotel Drei Raben  
***  
Informal 3* hotel with 83 beds in central and quiet location, near the main station and the city centre. tram stop in front of the hotel. Modern furnished rooms, restaurant with terrace, garage.  
Annenstraße 43, A-8020 Graz  
50 rooms / 83 beds  

Wohlfühlhotel Novapark  
***  
The Novapark is located in Gösting, a quiet part of the city with good public transport links to city centre (10 minutes). It has 125 rooms and apartments, 16 meeting rooms, Spanish-style hotel bar with aqua terrarium, health centre with indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna and sanarium. Underground car park. Nova Spa on more than 2,200 m².  
Novastraße 22, A-8051 Graz  
125 rooms / 250 beds  

Hotel Erzherzog Johann  

Palais-Hotel Erzherzog Johann  

Hotel Courtyard by Marriott  

Hotel Erzherzog Johann
City Walks/City Tours Graz

In Graz, a Unesco World Heritage Site, the Mediterranean atmosphere of the Old Town, the striking modern architecture and the great cultural diversity together create a unique and fascinating mix.

Discover Graz!
World Heritage & Cultural Capital. Graz has many faces: Renaissance residence and student city. Romantic arcaded courtyards, bustling squares, medieval alleys. A panorama of old and new. From the clocktower with its unusual hands to the island made of glass and steel. From the emperor’s mausoleum to the “Kunsthaus”. Have a sensuous experience of a captivating city.

More about Graz!
To see more – go up Schlossberg with a view of the unique Graz rooftscape – blue “Kunsthaus” bubble – “the friendly alien”, red roofs, green spaces all around. And pay a visit to the Landeszeughaus (Provincial Armoury) housing the largest collection of historical weapons in the world, displaying more than 30,000 exhibits. A more intensive approach to the city.

Graz all around!
Get on, lean back, listen. City impressions on a larger scale. From Eggenberg Palace to Mariatrost, past late 19-th century architecture to contemporary buildings on the university campus, from event venues to unspoilt countryside, between rows of trees, around the centre, to the outskirts.

Graz – the Cultural Capital
Guided City Walk (2 hours)
Graz turns visitors into time-travellers. As a World Cultural Heritage site it takes them back through distant centuries of the past in a whirlwind tour of the Renaissance, Gothic and Baroque
periods. Graz also captures the moment, the spirit of modern life. In 2003 Graz was the Cultural Capital of Europe. The nomination brought many positive changes and left unmistakable and spectacular marks in the cultural and architectural face of the city.

White Horses - Red Wine
Guided Coach Tour (8 Hours)
Off we go over the hills to the home of the famous white horses of the Spanish Riding School - the Lipizzaner stud farm in Western Styria! This trip is not only for horse enthusiasts, though. It is for anyone who has a taste for the play of the light on the hills, a hearty snack of assorted homemade Styrian delicacies, a glass of the unique Schilcher wine, that glows with the colour of onion skin or the dark glint of pumpkin seed oil.

Bulwarks of Christianity
Guided Coach Tour (10 hours)
Riegersburg Castle impressively stands in solitary splendour on the remains of a 482m high volcanic mountain. Referred to by the Turks at the time as „the mightiest fortress of christianity”, the imposing appearance of the castle still commands our respect.
Kornberg Castle was first mentioned as early as in the year 1284. Originally, the castle served as a fortified bulwark with a castle wall surrounding it. Today, it is a two-storey building with four towers and a beautiful Renaissance courtyard.

South Styrian Wine Route
Guided Coach Tour (7 hours)
Here, beneath poplars and chestnut trees, where the Klapotetz beats time, life is centred around wine. An internationally ever more popular variety of local white wine reach the peak of maturity amidst the gentle hills of southern Styria. Wine-tasting and a cellar tour of the 300 year-old episcopal Seggau Castle will help you acquire a taste for it.
Vienna only 200 km from Graz, has a rich cultural and historical heritage. It was the imperial city of the Habsburg Empire for six centuries and is known as the city of classical music.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, it was home to such musical greats as Beethoven, Mozart, Strauss, Bruckner, Mahler and many others. Vienna with 1.6 million inhabitants is the capital of Austria known for historic buildings, museum treasures, elegant shops and a musical tradition preserved by the Opera, famous choirs, orchestras and restaurants. In the City Centre lies St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Today, St. Stephen’s is considered one of the greatest Gothic cathedrals in the world. The interior contains several chapels with important historic decoration. Of note is the chapel of the “Apostles Choir” which holds the tomb of the Emperor Friedrich III.

Also in the City Centre are the Rathaus, museums, Parliament, Opera House and the “Hofburg.” The Imperial Hofburg Palace was the main residence of the Habsburgs and resembled a town within the city. The world famous Opera House is revered as second only in importance to La Scala in Milan.

Outside, but close to the City “Ring,” are the Belvedere and Schönbrunn Palaces. The Belvedere is really two palaces (Upper and Lower Belvedere) built as summer residences for a prince in the early 18th century. There is a wonderful view of the city from the beautiful terraced gardens. Schönbrunn Palace is truly one of Europe’s finest palaces. It was the summer home of Queen Maria Theresa and the Habsburg family. During the forty year reign of Maria Theresa (1740-1780), Schönbrunn was the scene of great ceremonial balls, lavish banquet and fabulous receptions. At the age of 6 Mozart performed in the Hall of Mirrors and astonished Maria Theresa and her court with his precocious talents. Legend says that young Amadeus slipped in a corridor and fell. Marie-Antoinette consoled him and declared, “I’ll marry you when I’m grown up!”

Other famous Viennese sites include the Spanish Riding School, Stadt Park, and Prater Park. The Spanish Riding School was created in the 16th century by the father of Maria Theresa. Two of Vienna’s Musical Sons...

Ludwig von Beethoven was, like Mozart, inescapably drawn to Vienna, the capital of music in his time. He arrived in 1792 and later had unfortunate love affairs with Giuliena Giuicciardi, for whom he wrote the Moonlight Sonata, and then with Teresa Brunswick. In Vienna, he created some of his most revered works, the Eroica Symphony, the opera Fidelio, the Fifth Symphony, the Pastoral Symphony, and the gigantic Ninth Symphony, which he conducted himself though he could not hear a note.

The waltz was introduced to Vienna by Josef Lanner and Johann Strauss, Sr., and reached its greatest popularity under his son, Johann Strauss (1825-1899). The Blue Danube, written for one of the carnival balls, the Artist’s Life, Tales from the Vienna Woods and the Emperor Waltz made Strauss the “WaltzKing.” Creator of the Viennese operetta, he also employed three hundred musicians who were distributed throughout the ballrooms of Vienna.
Social Programme

WFC11 Gala Evening

The historical Congress Center in the old town is a perfect setting for an unforgettable WFC Gala Evening.

Delegates will enjoy classical and jazz music as well as first class Styrian cuisine in one of Europe's most beautiful historic venues.

This historic complex, which boasts three magnificent festival halls can accommodate up to 2,400 people at banquets or balls. The impressive older part of the building is largely occupied by the Stefaniensaal (Stephanie Hall), the Kammermusiksaal (Chamber Music Hall) and the Blauer Salon (Blue Salon). The splendid centrepiece of Grazer Congress is the Stefaniensaal, renowned for its outstanding acoustics which has the reputation of being one of the finest concert halls in Europe, if not in the world. The Congress Center is one of the star performers among the Historic Conferences Centres of Europe HCCE. The newly renovated historic complex has an additional attraction: contemporary art by well-known Austrian artists.
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