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Welcome to Porto Alegre!

As the president and vice-presidents of the XVIII IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, we extend our warm welcome to the over 6,000 participants in this largest ever IEA Congress. During this week, you will be able to enjoy the hospitality for which Brazilians in general - and we gauchos in particular - are well known. You will also join in top-quality scientific discussions on recent progress in epidemiology and public health. We will have 16 keynote lectures, 43 symposia, 25 lectures and 28 mini-symposia, as well as the traditional IEA regional workshops. Over 5,800 abstracts were accepted, most being presented as posters. Over 100 oral abstract sessions are part of the program. Additionally, 12 special mini-symposia have been created from selected abstracts to highlight important topics. Delegates from over 50 countries are present.

*Our theme is **Epidemiology in the Construction of Health for All: Tools for a Changing World**, and our program is based on the four key concepts of construction, health for all, tools and changing world.*

The term construction emphasizes the essential role of epidemiology in building knowledge for improving public health through fruitful exchange and collaboration with other scientific disciplines and across the different regions of the world. In our program, this theme will include discussions on what colleagues from low and middle income countries can learn from, as well as teach colleagues from high-income countries. How epidemiology can inform public health and improve health systems, and what are the interfaces between epidemiology, advocacy and policy will receive special attention in these discussions.

The Alma-Ata declaration is 20 years old this September, and the concept of health for all is key to our conference theme. The Brazilian experience with a universal national health system, which is also completing two decades of existence in 2008, will undoubtedly be heatedly debated in several presentations during the Congress. The theme of health for all will go well beyond Brazil, covering issues such as the social determinants of health, the Millennium Development Goals, primary health care, and how to eradicate health inequities in terms of gender, ethnic group and socioeconomic position.





The essential methodological role of epidemiology is recognized by the term tools in our theme. Our program will include updates on uses of statistical methods, on nutritional epidemiology, on prospective studies and on data linkage, among many other methodological topics. Our Latin American friend and colleague, Dr. Nubia Munoz - who will receive the first Sir Richard Doll Prize during the conference - will describe her superb use of a whole array of epidemiological tools in establishing the causal role of human papilloma virus in cervical cancer, from early etiologic research to the development and testing of preventive vaccines.

Finally, the rapid progress that Brazil is undergoing, with its many inherent contradictions, will provide a backdrop to the theme of a changing world. Our program highlights major world changes occurring in the early 21st Century. The demographic, nutritional and epidemiological transitions, global environmental changes, new pandemics, population ageing and urban violence will be discussed in several sessions. Our next IEA president, Neil Pearce, will specifically address the theme of epidemiology in a changing world.

Porto Alegre is perhaps best known for having hosted, in recent years, four encounters of the World Social Forum. Nothing is more appropriate than our also hosting the largest ever gathering of epidemiologists, who dedicate their careers to investigating health and disease in the social context.

Welcome to Epi 2008!

Maria Inês Schmidt, Bruce B. Duncan and Cesar Victora





Welcome

It was with great pleasure that the IEA accepted the proposal from our Brazilian colleagues to host the World Congress in Epidemiology (WCE), and we thank them for the time and skills they have put into the passing of this important event for the IEA. This is our first WCE in Brazil, and it consolidates the IEA as the international organization for epidemiologists who take an interest in global health. Brazil has an excellent track record in epidemiology, and very many first class epidemiologists come from this region. We look forward to an important world congress.

Epidemiologists have contributed more than any other discipline to our understanding of preventable causes of diseases, but the present move of focus from avoidable causes to proximal causes may become a serious threat to public health. The funding agencies decide to a large extent the research agenda, and they have given high priority to understanding disease mechanisms rather than understanding the external determinants of health. Without understanding these external determinants we will not be able to predict new epidemics or understand changes in disease patterns over time. We become “prisoners of the proximate” to use one of A.J. McMichael’s terms. Global health patterns tell us this is a risky path to walk, and I am sure presentations of this meeting will confirm this. It is important that not all epidemiologists rush towards studies driven by technology. Some should maintain the old virtue of taking an interest in the big picture.

Whatever we study we have to do the studies as well as possible; to use the best possible methodology. All epidemiologic studies have shortcomings whether they are observational or experimental in their design. Much is known about these shortcomings, and new designs have been developed to better avoid some of the



problems. At this congress we have a strong focus on methodology in the seminars given before the conference and at the WCE itself. We are grateful for the time many of the leading epidemiologists have devoted to sharing their knowledge with the many epidemiologists that attend the WCE.

We thank all participants for coming, and we hope you have a rewarding congress. If you return to work with new ideas, new insights, and new friends and possible collaborators you have spent your time well.

Jorn Olsen
President of the IEA





Abrasco and IEA engaged in a joint effort

Internationally known as Brazilian Association of Public Health, Abrasco completes 30 years of existence in September 2009. Result of the efforts of new generations toward the theoretical construction of the field of public health, the association was since its beginning strongly committed to the preparation of new manpower resources at all levels of action, from the practical care provided in the public healthcare network to the high-level management of the system. Thus, there was a pressing need for undergraduate education in the traditional careers and, in particular, for graduate education in the form of specialization, master's degree and doctorate.

Since the beginning, the new entity gave emphasis to the fields of social sciences, planning and epidemiology. Mainly in the latter field we expected to make our contribution to the Brazilian effort of constructing a Unified Health System, whose actions would follow the logic proposed by Thomas Mc Keown in his classical book about Social Medicine: identify the community's health problems, propose interventions for facing them and organize a system capable of applying these interventions. The field of epidemiology gained such importance within Abrasco that it was immediately proposed to organize a congress in this area in Campinas. Since then these congresses were held on a regular basis, a succession that will culminate in the forthcoming VIII Brazilian Congress on Epidemiology to take place in Porto Alegre. This time held together with the XVIII World Congress of the International Epidemiology Association (IEA), an earlier trend to internationalize the meetings will be consolidated. The relationship with the IEA itself and with other Latin American and African groups and entities was established in prior cooperative activities. Abrasco's definite international recognition however occurred in 2006 with the organization of VIII Brazilian Congress on Collective Health held in Rio de Janeiro together with the XI World Congress on Public Health of the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA).





It is our great pleasure to welcome our partners from IEA and the hundreds of foreign participants in the friendly city of Porto Alegre that will host the event. We hope that you will enjoy the contact with the numberless Brazilian participants and that you will take back home from Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil and the Brazilians the unforgettable memory of a population struggling for improving its health and well-being. A population however, counting on all Brazilian epidemiologists organized within Abrasco as loyal allies.

Abrasco and IEA demonstrate in this joint effort that worldwide epidemiology can contribute greatly to achieving the millennium development goals and to the movement proposing practical interventions for identifying the social determinants of health and disease.

José da Rocha Carneiro
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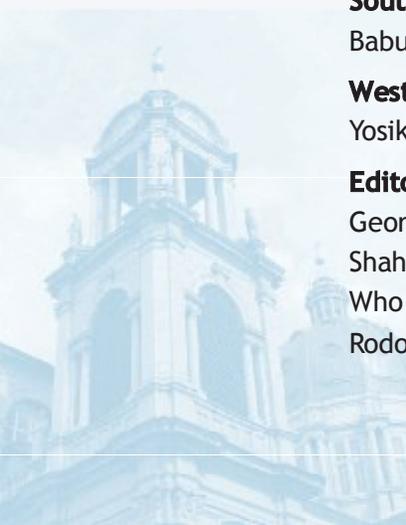
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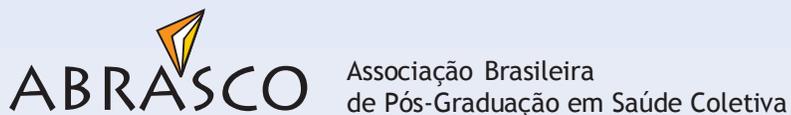
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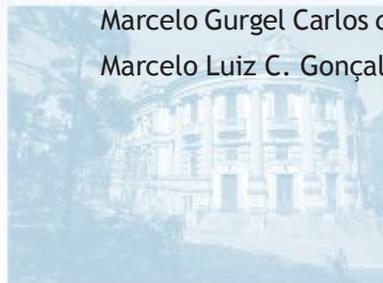


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Porto Alegre

Porto Alegre has a metropolitan body, a cosmopolitan spirit and a provincial soul.

Those who walk the streets of Porto Alegre are amazed with its perennial vegetation, its hills and lake; delighted with its historical buildings - guardians of memories - and surprised by the frequency of sidewalk rendezvous. Coupled to this scenario where time seems to have stood still there is the fast-paced come-and-go of the city; the iconic architecture of modernity and cultural heterogeneity - attributes of this major urban centers' aesthetics.

Porto Alegre is among the greenest cities in the world, with over a million trees, 409 public squares, a biological reserve, nine urban parks and the greatest concentration of birds in the country.



Otávio Rocha Highway

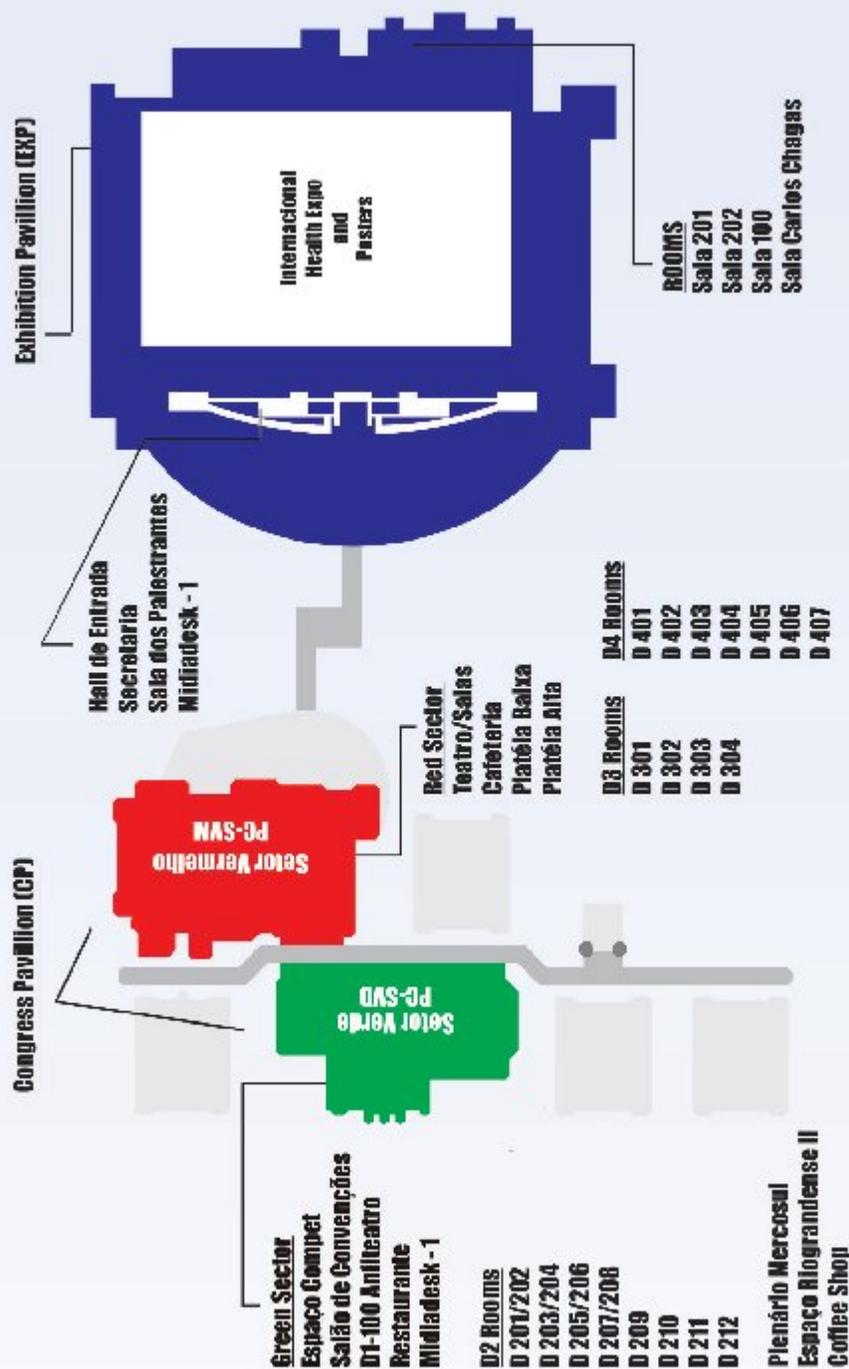


View of the city by Rio Guaíba



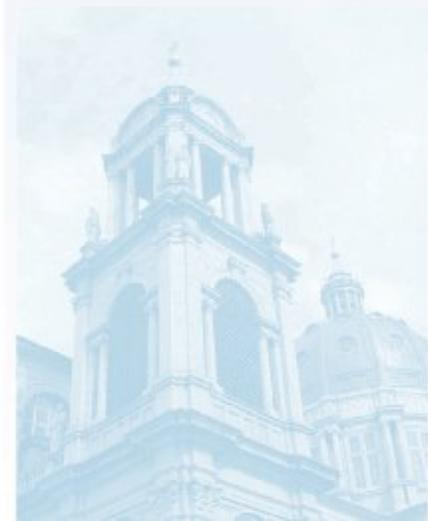
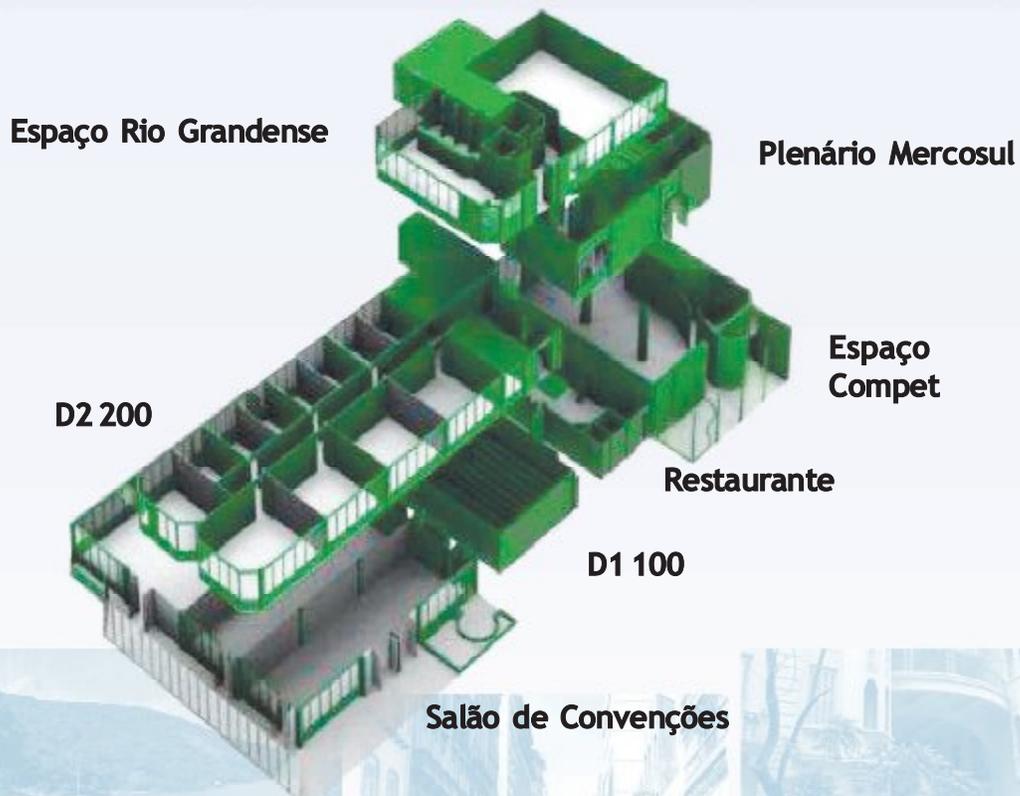
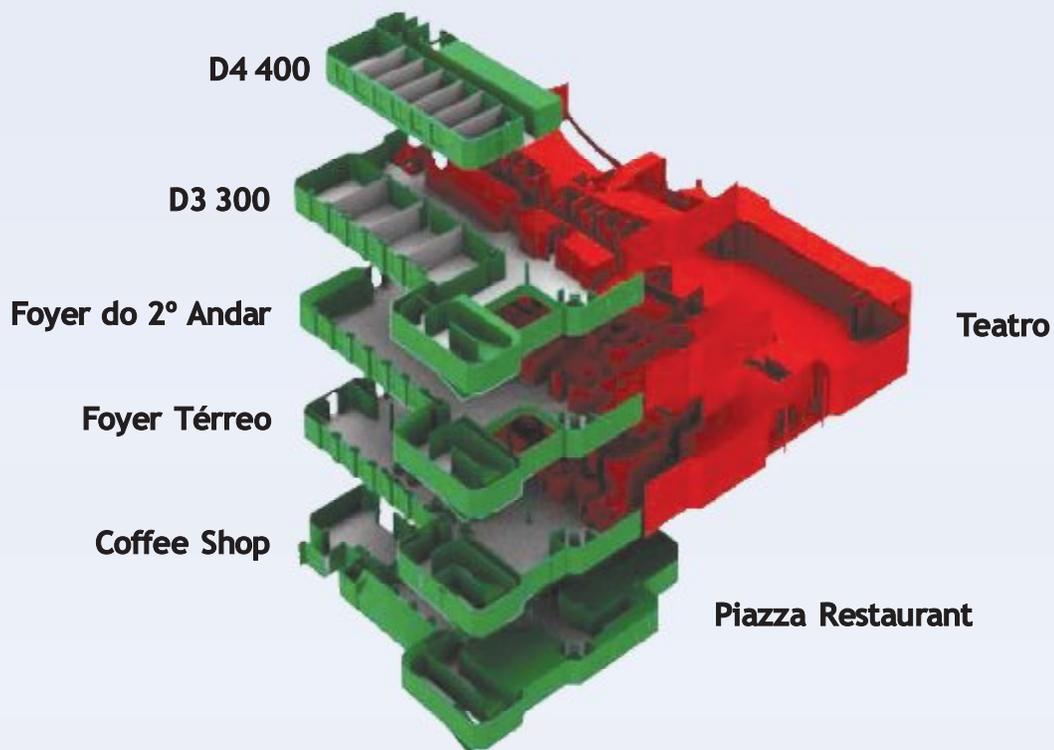
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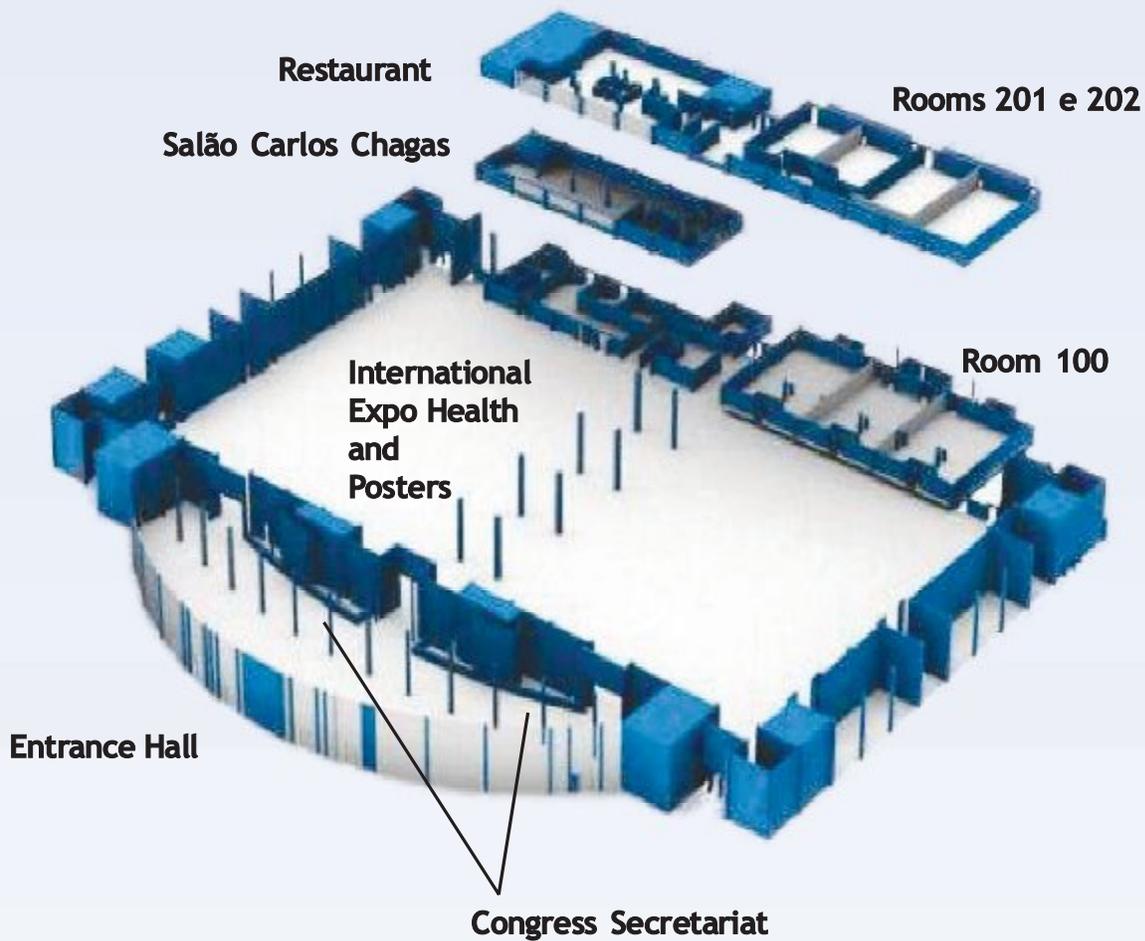


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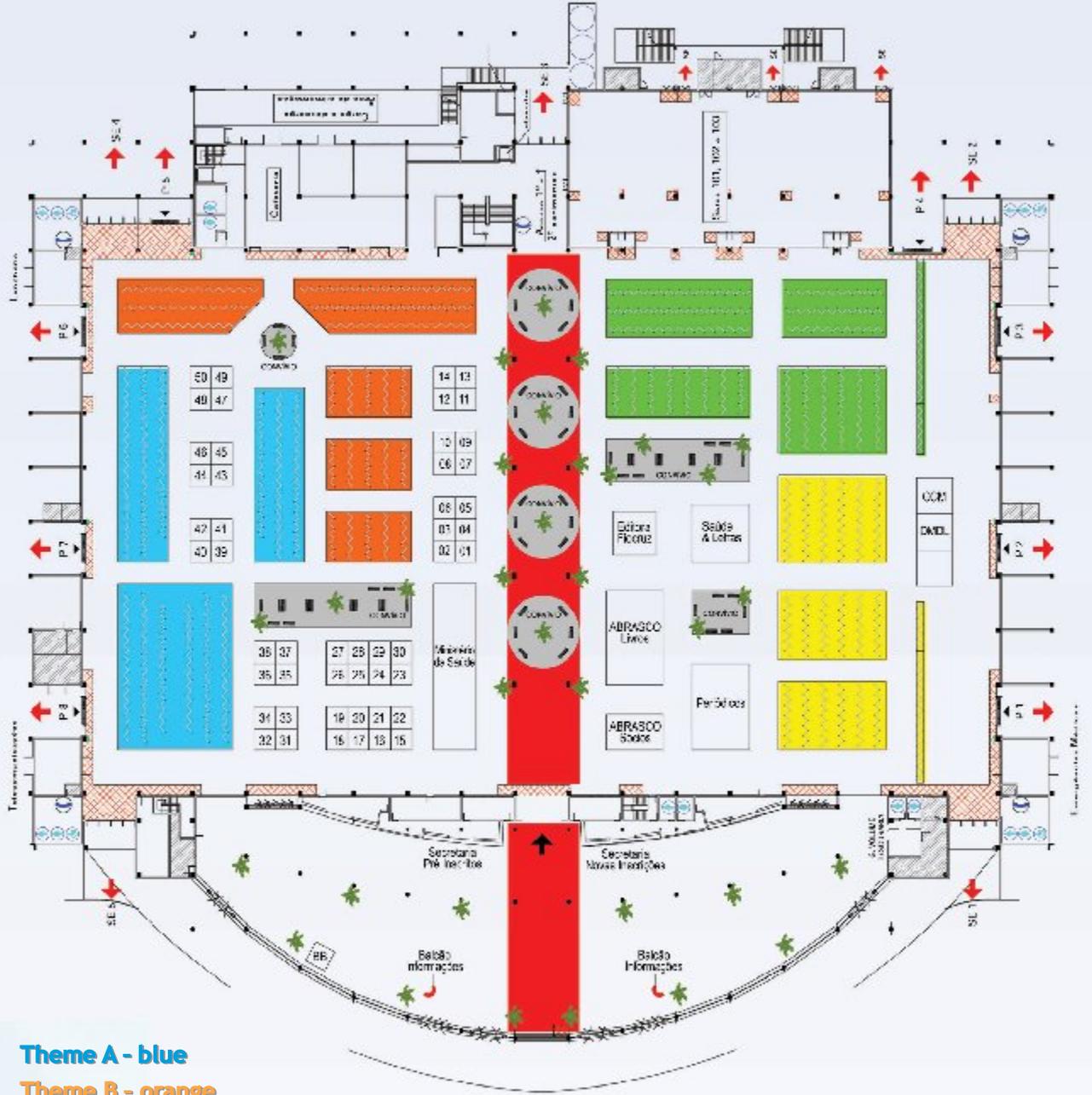


Exhibition Pavillion - International Expo Health



International Expo Health

Exhibition Pavillion - Posters and Stands



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September 23 and 24 - 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

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At the foyer of Sesi's theater.

Information Stand

Where participants can seek information regarding the program, services, and social activities.

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Press Room – Hall Exhibition Pavillion

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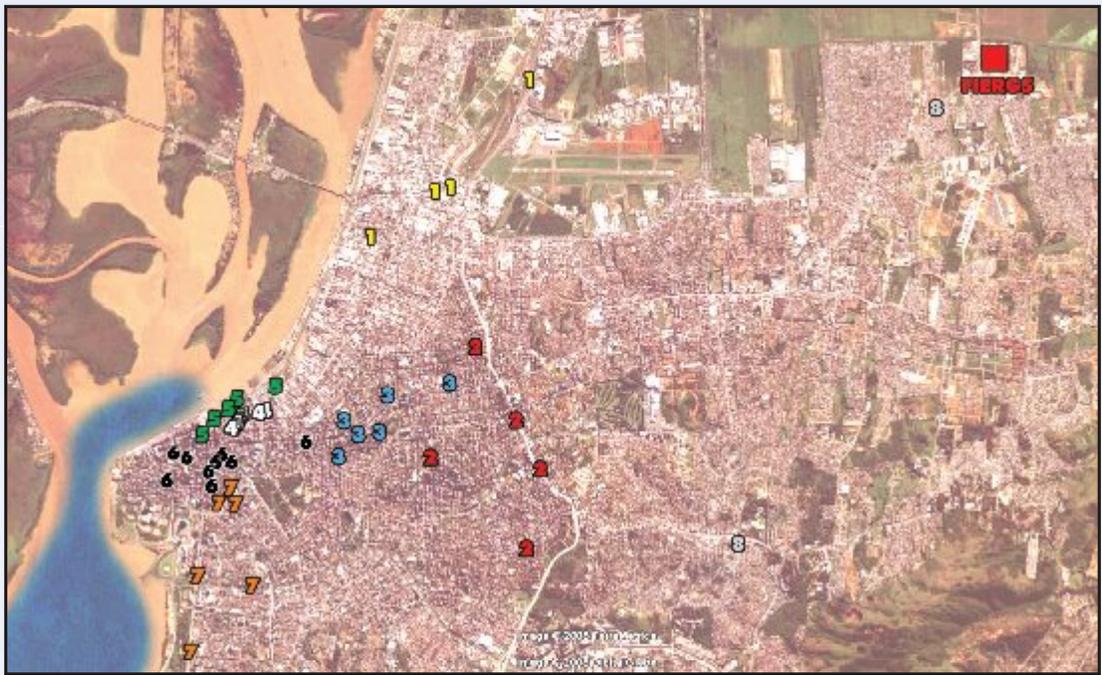




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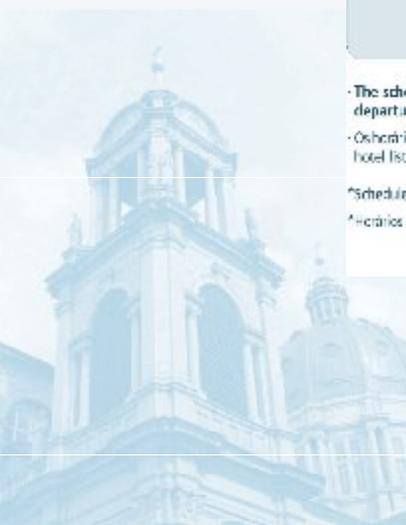
Nine different routes to the convention center and return to the official hotels will be available to the congress participants .

See below the schedules and routes.



Boarding and Desembark

HOTELS HOTÉIS	
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel Porto Alegre Hotel Intercity Express Hotel Express Aeroporto Hotel Deville Porto Alegre 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swan Molinos Porto Alegre Hotel Sheraton Porto Alegre Quality Porto Alegre Mercure Apt Il Giardino Mercure Apt Manhattan Mercure Apt Beverly Hills
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coral Tower Blue Tree Towers Holiday Inn Novotel Swan Tower Porto Alegre 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plaza São Rafael Master Executivo Plaza Porto Alegre Albert Executive Hotel Albert Express Hotel Continental Business Master Palace Ornatius Palace Hotel Hotel Rishan
<p>The schedule on each sector corresponds to the departure from the first hotel listed on each sector.</p> <p>Os horários de cada setor correspondem à saída do primeiro hotel listado no setor.</p> <p>Schedules are according to the politics of the event.</p> <p>Horários de acordo com a política do evento.</p>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Hotel Hotel Express Mauá Continental Porto Alegre Hotel Ritter Hotel Ritter Porto Alegre
	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grande Hotel Express Arvoredo Residence Hotel Açores Hotel Everest Hotel Royal Hotel Embaixador Harbor Regent Suites Hotel Duque Center Piazza Navona Flat
	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Millenium Flat Coral Tower Express Hotel Intercity Premium Hotel Master Express Hotel Comfort Centro Adm. Hotel Master Express Perim.
	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel Sesc Campestre Milão Turis Hotel
	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canoas Parque Hotel





Routes – Sectors and Schedule

DAY DIA	ACTIVITY ATIVIDADE	SECTOR SETOR	DEPARTURE: (HOTEL→ACTIVITY) SAÍDA: (HOTEL→ATIVIDADE)	RETURN: (ACTIVITY→HOTEL) RETORNO: (ATIVIDADE→HOTEL)
20	Pre-Congress Pré-Congresso		07:30/ 07:50/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:15/ 19:00/ 19:15/ 20:00/ 20:30
			07:10/ 07:40/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:15/ 19:00/ 19:15/ 20:00/ 20:30
			07:30/ 08:10/ 08:50/ 09:30/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:20/ 19:10/ 20:00/ 20:30
			07:20/ 08:20/ 09:20/ 10:20	17:20/ 18:20/ 19:20/ 20:20
20	Pre-Congress Pré-Congresso		07:30/ 07:50/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:00/ 18:00/ 19:15
			07:10/ 07:40/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:00/ 18:00/ 19:15
			07:30/ 08:10/ 08:50/ 09:30/ 10:30	17:20/ 18:00/ 18:50
			07:20/ 08:20/ 09:20/ 10:20	17:50/ 18:50
21	Opening Ceremony Cerimônia de Abertura		16:45/ 17:30/ 18:00/ 18:20/ 19:00/ 19:45	20:15/ 20:45/ 21:30/ 22:00
			16:45/ 17:30/ 18:00/ 18:20/ 19:00/ 19:45	20:15/ 20:45/ 21:30/ 22:00
			16:40/ 17:20/ 18:00/ 18:40 / 19:40	20:15/ 20:45/ 21:30/ 22:00
			17:20/ 18:20/ 19:20	20:00/ 21:00/ 22:00
22	Congress Congresso		07:30/ 07:50/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:15/ 19:00/ 19:15/ 20:00/ 20:30
			07:10/ 07:40/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:15/ 19:00/ 19:15/ 20:00/ 20:30
			07:30/ 08:10/ 08:50/ 09:30/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:20/ 19:10/ 20:00/ 20:30
			07:20/ 08:20/ 09:20/ 10:20	17:20/ 18:20/ 19:20/ 20:20
23	Congress Congresso		07:30/ 07:50/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:15/ 19:00/ 19:15/ 20:00/ 20:30
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			07:20/ 08:20/ 09:20/ 10:20	17:20/ 18:20/ 19:20/ 20:20
24	Congress Congresso		07:30/ 07:50/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:15/ 19:00/ 19:15/ 20:00/ 20:30
			07:10/ 07:40/ 08:10/ 09:00/ 09:45/ 10:30	17:30/ 18:15/ 19:00/ 19:15/ 20:00/ 20:30
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Fellini Turismo - Exhibition Pavillion

Services:

- Sales and reservation of tours;
- Sales and changes of airfare;
- Sales and changes of hotels;
- Participant and guest support;
- Restaurant reservations.

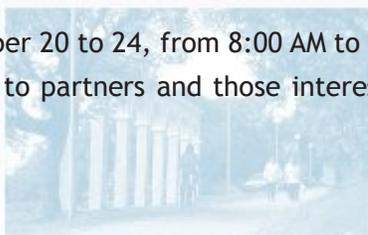
Tourist Support Service - TSS

- City information;
- Tourist attraction suggestions, cultural attractions, bars and restaurants;
- September 20 to 24, from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Abrasco Members - Exhibition Pavillion

September 20 to 24, from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Support to partners and those interested in joining Abrasco.





Placement of posters – Groundfloor - Exhibition Pavillion

Expo days	Date and time of placement	Date and time of removal
Sunday, 09/21/2008, from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Monday, 09/22/2008, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Sunday, 09/21/2008, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Monday, 09/22/2008, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, 09/23/2008, from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Wednesday, 09/24/2008, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Tuesday, 09/23/2008, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM	Wednesday, 09/24/2008, 7:00 PM

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The posters will be exposed according to the thematic classification, identified by the corresponding color:

Theme A - blue **Theme B - orange** **Theme C - green** **Theme D - yellow**

To locate a poster, the authors and interested parties may head to the specific information stand located at the Hall of the Fiergs Expo Center and at the Exposition area.

Services - FIERGS Events Center

Banks - Underground Level of the Events Center

- Banco do Brasil (Monday to Friday, from 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM)
- Banco Santander (Monday to Friday, from 10:00 AM to 03:00 PM, closing between 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM)

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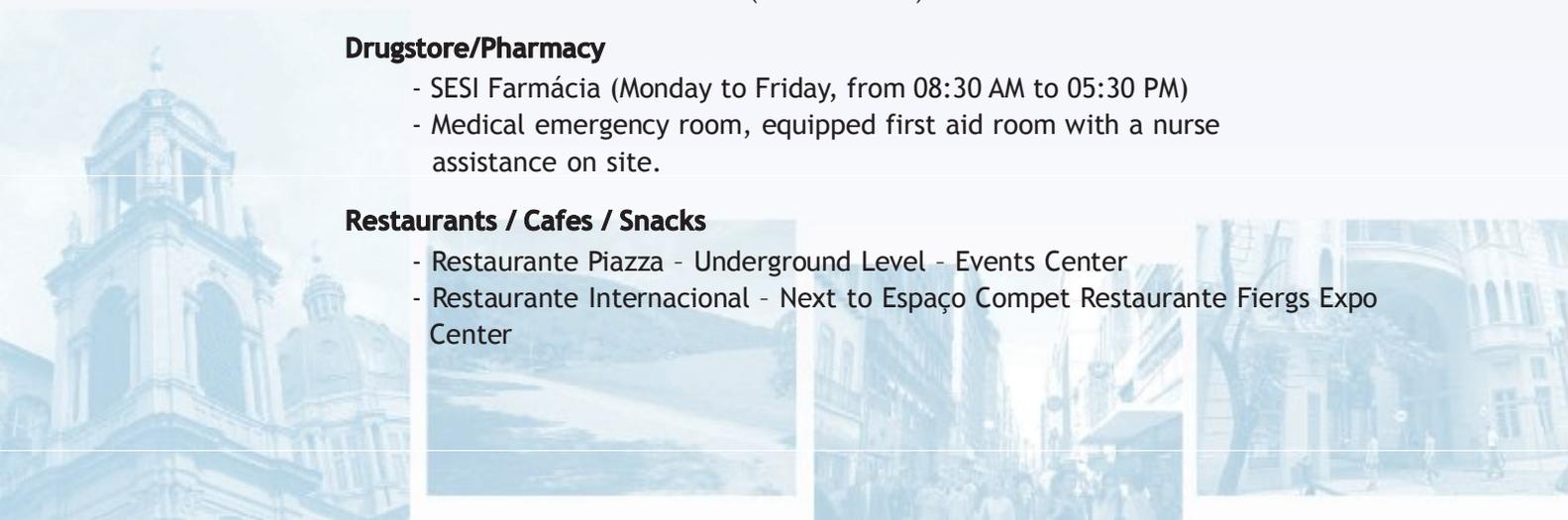
- Banco do Brasil (everyday, from 06:00 AM to 10:00 PM)
- Banco Santander (everyday, from 06:00 AM to 10:00 PM)
- Caixa Econômica Federal (24h Network)

Drugstore/Pharmacy

- SESI Farmácia (Monday to Friday, from 08:30 AM to 05:30 PM)
- Medical emergency room, equipped first aid room with a nurse assistance on site.

Restaurants / Cafes / Snacks

- Restaurante Piazza - Underground Level - Events Center
- Restaurante Internacional - Next to Espaço Compet Restaurante Fiergs Expo Center



- Applause Caffé - Ground Floor Fiergs Expo Center and Sesi's Theater Foyer
- Cassara - Caffé Shop - Underground Level Events Center
- Lancheria Mr. Pretzel - Térreo - Ground Floor - Fiergs Expo Center

Others

- Mini-market SESI Sacola Econômica - Underground Level Events Center
Monday to Friday, from 08:30 AM to 05:30 PM

Táxi

The Fiergs Events Center has call-a-taxi services for travel after the Congress **transfer** hours.

Public Telephones

Brasil Telecom public telephones at various locations throughout the Events Center and Fiergs Expo Center.

First Aid

First aid room located at the Ground Floor of the Exhibition Pavillion, for emergencies.

Useful Telephone Numbers

- Transportations

Salgado Filho Aeroporto Internacional

Tel: 3358-2000

Bus Station

Tel: 3210-0101

Tickets: 3210-0101

www.rodoviaria-poa.com.br

Tel: 3374-0304 / 3375-9700

State Highway Police

Tel: 3339-6799 / 3288-4334

*Foreign Citizen's Police Station
(Federal Police)*

Tel: 3358-9000 R. 9070/ 9071

- Healthy

Emergency Hospital

Tel: 3289-7600 / 192 (SAMU - ambulances)

Poisonings

Tel: 3223-6110

Accident Report Office

Tel: 3217-2411 R. 2281/ 2282

- Safety

Fire Department

Tel: 193

Military Police

Tel: 190

Civil Police

Tel: 194 / 3288-2400

Federal Highway Police

- Services

Telephone Operator

Tel: 102

Consumer Protection (PROCON)

Tel. (51) 151 / 3286-8200

Tourist Support - SAT

Fone: 0800 51 7686 / (51) 3333-1873 /
3358-2047



Program at a Glance

Date	September 20th	September 21th	September 22th	September 23th	September 24th
Hour	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
09:00/ 10:00 AM	Pre-Congress	Pre-Congress Workshops & Courses	Lectures	Lectures	Lectures
10:15/ 11:30 AM			Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation
11:45 AM/ 12:45 PM			Keynotes	Keynotes	Keynotes
12:45/ 14:15 PM	Workshops & Courses	Lunch and Posters			
14:15/ 15:30 PM		Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation	Oral Presentation
15:45/ 17:30 PM		Symposium / Regional Workshop	Symposium / Regional Workshop	Symposium / Regional Workshop	Symposium / Regional Workshop
17:45/ 19:00 PM		Opening Ceremony and Cocktails	Mini Symposium	Mini Symposium	Closing Ceremony
19:00/ 20:30 PM					

Important

Please notice that from the page 19 to 21, you will find the maps of the pavillions with their respective auditoriums and rooms.

At the Program from the next page and on, we are using the following conventions:

- **EXP** - Exhibition Pavillion (Blue Sector);
- **CP/GS** - Congress Pavillion/Green Sector;
- **CP/RS** - Congress Pavillion/Red Sector.

