5th International Charcot-Marie-Tooth Consortium Meeting
Antwerpen – Belgium, June 25-27, 2013

Dear colleagues,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the 5th International CMT Consortium Meeting will be organized in Antwerp, Belgium, from Tuesday June 25th to Thursday June 27th 2013.

Information on registration, accommodation and abstract submission is provided below.

Meeting Place:

Best Western Hotel Ter Elst
Ter Elststraat 310
B-2650 Edegem
Belgium
http://www.terelst.be/

The hotel and congress center is located 10 km from Antwerp (railway station or regional airport) and 35 km from Brussels (Brussels International Airport).

The meeting will start on Tuesday evening at 17.00h with a plenary talk by Prof. Dr. Garth Nicholson, followed by a welcome dinner. Full two-day program with platform presentations and poster sessions are on Wednesday and Thursday.

For your convenience, the CMT meeting 2013 will be organized just before the PNS meeting (June 29th to July 3rd, 2013 in Saint-Malo - France). This will allow you to attend to both meetings. The distance between Saint-Malo and Antwerp is 700 km. Please check below if you plan to travel between both meetings.

We look forward to meet you at the 5th International CMT Consortium meeting.

Vincent Timmerman

On behalf of the scientific and local organizing committee

Peter De Jonghe, Michael Shy, Philip Van Damme, Rudy Van Coster, Albena Jordanova, Ludo Van den Bosch, Peter Vandenbergh, Chantal Ceuterick-de Grootte, Gisèle Smeyers, Sadia Vancauwenbergh

The 5th International CMT Consortium meeting will be supported in part by the American CMT Association, the University of Antwerp, the VIB and industry.
Programme
The International CMT Consortium Meeting will have the same format as the previous meetings, with the emphasis on oral and poster presentations, ample time for discussion and interaction. The programme foresees a plenary lecture, platform and poster presentations covering clinical, diagnostic and basic research of peripheral neuropathies. A final programme will be send to all participants by fax or e-mail before June 1st 2013. An abstract book, including list of participants and sponsors will be available at the meeting. The aim is to exchange new information and, equally important, to start or strengthen collaborations between research groups.

Venue and hotel accommodation
Best Western Hotel Ter Elst
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http://www.terelst.be

Hotel Ter Elst has 53 rooms, that all have been blocked for this meeting. Additional hotel accommodation is available in hotels situated in the close vicinity of the venue place. If needed ground transportation will be arranged between hotels and the congress center.

Travel information

By Car

**GPS Location:** Lat: 51.149578686300074 Long: 4.433155059814453 / Kattenbroek 1, 2650 Edegem.

*From Brussels:* Motorway E19, direction Antwerpen-Mechelen, exit 7 at Kontich, keep following the direction Antwerpen. You will pass 2 intersections with traffic lights. After about 1 km, you take the first small street at the left, just after the garden shop AVEVE.

*From other directions:* in Antwerpen take Motorway E19, direction Brussels-Mechelen (Ringroad exit nr. 5). After the Craeybeckx-tunnel take exit 7 at Kontich, keep following the direction Antwerpen. You will pass 2 intersections with traffic lights. After about 1 km, you take the first small street at the left, just after the garden shop AVEVE.

By Plane

*From Brussels International Airport:* The Brussels Airlines Shuttle Service drives passengers to and from Brussels Airport to the centre of Antwerp (Keyserlei and Crowne Plaza), every hour from 05:30 until 23:00 (http://pro.brusselsairlines.com). First stop is at the hotel Holiday Inn Crown Plaza (you have to ask the driver to stop there when getting on the bus). Take a taxi from there to the congress centre. The airport also has a train station located below the terminal (basement level -1): with direct train connections to Antwerp (http://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passngr/to_from_brussels_airport/train/).

*From Antwerpen Airport:* Take a taxi to the congress centre.

*From Amsterdam Airport - Schiphol:* The railway station is located under Schiphol Plaza, in the central hall of the Terminal. Train ticket reservation for Thalys or Fyra high speed trains is needed before your departure; check carefully the websites (http://www.thalys.com, http://www.b-europe.com/Travel/Trains/Fyra). It takes less than 2 hours by high speed train from Amsterdam Schiphol to Antwerp. From Antwerp-Central station take a taxi or bus 32 to
the congress centre in Edegem. The bus stops at 500 m from the Hotel (bus stop: Drie Eikenstraat, Edegem).

**By Train**
(http://www.belgianrail.be)
**Arriving in Antwerpen-Berchem Station:** Take a taxi to the congress centre.
**Arriving in Antwerpen-Centraal station:** Take a taxi or bus 32 to the congress centre in Edegem. The bus stops at 500 m from the Hotel (bus stop: Drie Eikenstraat, Edegem).

**Registration**
Please send the enclosed registration form to Mrs. Gisèle Smeyers (secretary). We will take care of the hotel reservations. Accommodation and seminar package have to be paid directly to the hotel upon departure. **Deadline for registration is May 15th, 2013.**

Seminar Package with accommodation includes 2 nights hotel, meals, drinks during lunches and dinners and coffee breaks from Tuesday 6 pm (Diner) until Thursday evening 6 pm. This does not include social activities, drinks, phone calls and other personal expenses.

**Submission of abstracts**
**Deadline for abstract submission is May 15th 2013.** Please follow the guidelines for abstract submission. To facilitate the final programming of the meeting, no abstracts will be accepted after the deadline. The scientific committee will select abstracts for platform or poster presentation.

**Fellowship grants for investigators travelling from North America**
The Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA) will provide limited and competitive travel fellowships to help defray the cost of PhD students and Postdocs, who will be presenting at the meeting. Please check the box (☐) if the presenter is a candidate for the fellowship on the abstract from. The CMTA and scientific committee will review and select those abstracts that are eligible for a travel fellowship.
# Registration Form - Deadline: May 15th, 2013

**Third International CMT Consortium Meeting, Antwerpen – Belgium, June 25-27, 2013**

**Secretariat:** Mrs. Gisele Smeyers  
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- [ ] Single Room 2 nights: 470 EUR/pp  
- [ ] Single Room 3 nights: 650 EUR/pp  
- [ ] Double Room 2 nights: 390 EUR/pp  
- [ ] Double Room 3 nights: 500 EUR/pp

[ ] Additional night(s) in single room: 105 EUR/pp/night: number of nights: ....

[ ] Additional night(s) in double room: 60 EUR/pp/night: number of nights: ....

**Name(s) of accompanying person(s) not participating to the meeting:**

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**Name of colleague with whom you are planning to share a room:**

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**Would you like to share a room with another participant?**  Yes / No
Vegetarian: Yes / No

**Please provide your credit card details.** We will not use it for a down-payment. This information is needed to secure your hotel reservation and congress registration.

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**Cancellation policy:** a one-night room will be charged if cancellation occurs less than 24 hours prior to date of arrival

**Travel information 5th International CMT Consortium meeting**

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Travel information to the PNS meeting in Saint-Malo, France

Reply before 1 February 2013 to our secretariat:

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☐ Check this box before 1 February 2013 if you will use bus transportation on Friday 28 June from Antwerp to Saint-Malo to attend the PNS meeting.

The bus will return to Antwerp on Thursday 4th July (upon request possible stops are in Lille Gare Europe TGV and Brussels-International Airport). Estimated costs is 83,- EURO (100,- USD)/person. Consider a full day trip of approximately 7-8 hours in a 4-star bus (bar, toilet, Airco, DVD). Bus transportation will only be arranged if enough participants are interested to travel together and have replied before 1 February 2013; the final cost will be determined by the number of travellers. Last minute cancellation is not possible, information on pre-payment will follow.

☐ Check this box if you will make your own travel arrangements between the CMT and PNS meeting.
Abstract Form - DEADLINE: May 15th, 2013

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| Title of Abstract: Times New Roman 12, Bold and single line spacing |
| Authors: Times New Roman 12, Bold and single line spacing | e.g. V. Timmerman¹ and M. Shy² |
| Affiliations: Times New Roman 10, regular and single line spacing | e.g. ¹Department of Molecular Genetics, VIB & University of Antwerp (UA), Antwerpen (Belgium), ²Department of Neurology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (USA) |

| Text: 300 words (Times New Roman 12 and single line spacing) |

☐ = I apply for a travel fellowship of the American CMT Association (see guidelines above)

Please return abstracts to gisele.smeyers@molgen.vib-ua.be

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