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Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

Impact of minimal invasive surgery on treatment of choice in gynaecological disorders tremendously increased in the past decade. Robotic-assistance now enables to perform even extremely complex procedures also in anatomically difficult accessible regions with a high degree of accuracy. Excellent visualization, improved dexterity and continuously available recording of the procedures dramatically facilitates clinical research and education.

At the 6th Annual SERGS Meeting 2014 we will put potential and results of robotic surgery in relation to classical laparoscopic techniques and also the vaginal and open surgical approach. In particular, potential and evolution of technique of classical laparoscopy will be compared head to head to that of robotically-assisted laparoscopy. In close cooperation with our partners from ESGO, AGO, ESGE, MESGE, AGE, ARC-gyn and DGGG we will try to define the State of the Art 2014 and the future direction for surgical treatment in gynaecology in Europe.

We cordially invite you to join us in Essen for three unforgettable days at SERGS 2014. Take the chance to be present.

Kind regards,

Rainer Kimmig  
Congress President

Ignace Vergote  
SERGS President
Preliminary Scientific Program

Wednesday 21st May 2014

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| **Myoma enucleation and hysterectomy** | Cervical Cancer | Sacrocolpopexy |
| A. Advincula, New York, U.S.A. | M. Heubner, Essen, Germany |
| **Urogynaecology: Sacrocolpopexy and Colposuspension** | Endometrial Cancer | Pectopexy following supravascular hysterectomy |
| E. Vincens, Paris, France | B. Aktas, Essen, Germany |
| **Endometriosis: Complex benign** | Fluorescence guided lymphadenectomy | Burch Colposuspension |
| M. Winter, Laguna Hills, U.S.A | M. Heubner, Essen, Germany |
| **Complications and Management** | Complications and Management | Enucleation of Myomas |
| Di Liberto, Leverkusen, Germany | I. Thalmann, Reutlingen, Germany |

The Pre-Congress Workshop will take place in the Essen University Hospital.
**Thursday 22nd May 2014**

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Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany  
Christhardt Köhler, Hamburg, Germany  
Ignace Vergote, Leuven, European Union  
and representatives of SERGS, ESGO, ESGE, MESGE, AGO, AGF, ARC-Gyn, University of Duisburg-Essen and the City of Essen |                                                                                                 | **Presidential Lecture**  
Present and future development of robotic surgery in gynaecology: Visions, expectations and demands  
Ignace Vergote, Leuven, European Union – President SERGS                                               |
| 10:00 - 10:45 | **Session 1:**  
**Presidential Lecture**  
Present and future development of robotic surgery in gynaecology: Visions, expectations and demands  
Ignace Vergote, Leuven, European Union – President SERGS                                               | **Videopresentations: Part I**  
Moderator: Thomas Ind, London, UK  
Abdominal colposuspension/burch  
Murat Dede, Ankara, Turkey  
Robotic pelvic and paraaortic lymphadenectomy in gynaecological cancer  
Eric Lambaudie, Marseille, France  
**TMMR in cervical cancer**  
Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany  
**Sacrococolpopexia**  
Gabriel Schär, Aarau, Switzerland                                                                 | **Moderator: Thomas Ind, London, UK**  
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| 10:45 - 12:00 | **Videopresentations: Part II**  
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Angelo Maggioni, Milan, Italy  
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René Verheijen, Utrecht, The Netherlands  
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Henk Schreuder, Utrecht, The Netherlands  
**Education in robotics: The U.S. experience**  
Sami Kilic, Galveston, U.S.A.  
**How to build a curriculum: The BIARGS experience**  
Ahmed Ahmed, Manchester, UK  
**How to build a curriculum: The ERUS experience**  
Henk van der Poel, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
**How to implement a registry?**  
Eric Lambaudie, Marseille, France  
**Concluding statements “Training and Education”**  
Vanna Zanagnolo, Milan, Italy  
Sami Kilic, Galveston, U.S.A. | **Extraperitoneal lymphadenectomy**  
Fabrice Narducci, Lille, France  
**Deep infiltrating endometriosis**  
Marc Winter, Laguna Hills, U.S.A. | **Welcome and Introduction**  
Chairs: Heike Bieger, Essen, Germany  
Christina Etén Bergqvist, Lund, Sweden  
**Team spirit; making robotic surgery a success**  
Christina Etén Bergqvist, Lund, Sweden  
**Patient positioning in robotics; a challenge**  
Heike Bieger, Essen, Germany  
**Establishing an education for registered nurse first assistant in robotics**  
Jane Petersson, Aalborg, Denmark |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | **Coffee Break** | | |
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Chair: Vesna Kesić, Belgrade, Serbia  
**Robotic debulking surgery**  
Xavier Magrina, Phoenix, U.S.A. | | |
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Chairs: Kubilay Ertan, Leverkusen, Germany  
Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden  
**Introduction and injury of urinary tract**  
Kubilay Ertan, Leverkusen, Germany  
**Injury of the gastrointestinal tract**  
Gökhan Yagci, Ankara, Turkey  
**Vascular injuries**  
Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden  
**Anaesthetic complications**  
Oliver Groll, Essen, Germany  
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Kubilay Ertan & Jan Persson | | |
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Björn Lampe, Dusseldorf, Germany - AGO |
|          | Evidence for adequate quality in radical hysterectomy by endoscopy  
Roberto Tozzi, Oxford, UK |
|          | Robotic surgery and technique of radical hysterectomy in cervical and endometrial cancer  
Angelo Maggioni, Milan, Italy |
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Fabrice Narducci, Lille, France |
|          | Laparoscopic versus robotic-assisted approach in obese endometrial cancer patients – a head to head comparative analysis  
Kris Jardon, Montréal, Canada |
|          | Conclusion “Radical Hysterectomy” 2014: How to manage best?  
Angelo Maggioni and Denis Querleu |

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Thomas Dimpfl, Kassel, Germany |
|          | Classical laparoscopy – technique and outcome  
Dimitri Sarlos, Aarau, Switzerland |
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Barry O’Reilly, Cork, Ireland |
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Richard Bastier, Intuitive Surgical Inc. Sarl, Switzerland |

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Daniel Rein, Köln, Germany |

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- Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany  
- **Endometriosis**  
  Marc Winter, Laguna Hills, U.S.A.  
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  Jan Persson, Lund, Sweden  
- **Compartment visualization in embryologically defined surgery**  
  Martin Heubner, Essen, Germany  
- **Concluding statement: “Fluorescence-guided Robotic Surgery”**  
  Jan Persson and Rainer Kimmig |
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| 15:00 - 15:30 | **Special Lecture: Docking**  
  Chair: Arnold Advincula, New York, U.S.A.  
  The “Art of Docking”:  
  Key for successful robotic surgery  
  Henrik Falconer, Stockholm, Sweden |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee Break                                                                                             |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | **Session 8: Economic Aspects of Robotic Surgery**                                                         |
|            | - Chairs: Sami Kilic, Galveston, U.S.A.  
  Susanne Habetha, Kiel, Germany  
- **Cost evaluation (French analysis)**  
  Eric Lambaudie, Marseille, France  
- **Cost analysis in endometrial cancer patients**  
  Frédéric Goffin, Liège, Belgium  
- **Chance of cost reduction and increase of efficiency in robotic surgery**  
  Petur Reynisson, Lund, Sweden  
- **EU reimbursement update and the role of medical expertise in driving DRG change**  
  Susanne Habetha, Kiel, Germany  
- **Concluding remarks: Economic aspects of RS**  
  Sami Kilic and Susanne Habetha |

17:15 - 18:15 General Assembly SERGS
20:00 Congress Dinner Party
## Saturday 24th May 2014

### Session 12: Current Developments in Robotic Surgery in Gynaecology

**Chairs:** René Verheijen, Utrecht, The Netherlands  
† Thoralf Schollmeyer, Kiel, Germany

- **Innovations of classical laparoscopy**  
  Vasilios Tanos, Nicosia, Cyprus

- **Innovations of robotically assisted laparoscopy – Single port surgery**  
  Fatih Sendag, Izmir, Turkey

- **Dual console experience**  
  Koen Traen, Aalst, Belgium

- **New robotic systems**  
  René Verheijen, Utrecht, The Netherlands

- **Concluding statements ‘Current Developments’**  
  René Verheijen and † Thoralf Schollmeyer

### Session 13: Hysterectomy in Benign Indications

**Chairs:** Fatih Sendag, Izmir, Turkey  
Jasper Verguts, Hasselt / Leuven, Belgium

- **Current approach to hysterectomy – abdominal, vaginal, endoscopical**  
  John Shepherd, London, UK

- **Classical laparoscopical surgery for hysterectomy, indication and outcome**  
  Andreas Müller, Karlsruhe, Germany

- **Robot-assisted surgery for hysterectomy, indication and outcome**  
  Maria Angeles Martinez-Maestre, Sevilla, Spain

- **Conclusion hysterectomy 2014: How to manage best?**  
  Fatih Sendag and Jasper Verguts

### Session 14: Proffered Papers – Malignant Disease

**Chairs:** Jordi Ponce, Barcelona, Spain  
Christhardt Köhler, Hamburg, Germany

### Coffee Break

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### 10:30 - 11:30  
**Session 15: Severe Endometriosis**

**Chairs:** Peter Barton-Smith, Singapore  
† Thoralf Schollmeyer, Kiel, Germany

- **Classical laparoscopic treatment**  
  Marc Possover, Zurich, Switzerland

- **Robotic Surgery – less morbidity maintaining efficacy?**  
  Loic Boulanger, Lille, France

- **Videodemonstration of robotic surgery in severe endometriosis**  
  Peter Barton-Smith, Singapore

- **Conclusion “Severe endometriosis” 2014: How to manage best?**  
  Peter Barton-Smith and † Thoralf Schollmeyer

### 11:30 - 12:00  
**Best presentation, Best poster, other official acknowledgements**

Ignace Vergote, European Union, President of SERGS  
Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany

### 12:00 - 12:30  
**Closing Ceremony & Invitation to SERGS 2015**

Ignace Vergote, Leuven, European Union  
Rainer Kimmig, Essen, Germany
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The SERGS congress program covers all relevant aspects of present robotic surgery in gynaecology. In the Pre- and Post-Congress Workshops SERGS offers structured certified courses, workshops and video sessions for beginners and professionals, as well as for those who are interested in robotic surgery, but never had the possibility to practice it before and may qualify to run their own program in the near future.

1. CERTIFICATES

**ROC I Basic Certificate**

The **ROC I Basic Certificate** will certify basic knowledge of “robotic surgery in gynaecology” without requiring prior practical experience with robotic surgery. It will enable the participants to understand the function and potential of the technical system and to learn about clinical data in treatment of benign and/or malignant disease.

The certificate will be signed by the President of ARCgyn and the Congress President.

The **ROC I Basic Certificate** consists of at least two modules:

1. Technique and Clinics benign  
2. Technique and Clinics malignant

Both can be obtained during either the Pre- or Post-Congress Workshops.

If a participant wishes to attend all three modules (technique, clinics benign and clinics malignant) can do so by participating in both Pre- and Post-Congress Workshops.

**RSG I Basic Certificate**

The **RSG I Basic Certificate** is the international certificate, which will be structured identically as described for **ROC I** with respect to malignant disease and will be offered by SERGS in cooperation with ESGO.

The “benign” certificate will be signed by the SERGS President and the Congress President, the “malignant” certificate will additionally be signed by ESGO President and the Chair of ESGO Educational Committee.
The Module “Clinics Malignant” in RSG I was specially designed for ENYGO members of ESGO in cooperation with Michael Halaska; we guarantee a place for all ENYGO members applying to this course (please confirm your membership when applying).

**Important Note:**
The qualifications obtained during the workshops will be indicated on the respective certificate. Congress attendance as well as structured simulator training is required in order to receive the ROC I Basic Certificate or the RSG I Basic Certificate. The simulator training will be flexibly organized during the duration of the congress.

We are confident that these courses will qualify attendees to understand the techniques, strengths and weaknesses of robotic surgery in gynaecology and enable them to apply this knowledge on their own present or future robotic program.

2. **WORKSHOPS**
Advanced educational courses will be offered with respect to Single Site Surgery, Fluorescence Guided Surgery, Compartmental Based Surgery and valuable Tipps and Tricks in parallel to the ROC I and RSG I courses.

3. **VIDESESSIONS**
Videos with special respect to surgery in oncological disease and urogynaecology are offered in two sessions. Attendees will obtain a DVD containing the demonstrated videos.

**Important Note:**
The attendance for all Pre- and Post-Congress events will be confirmed in the order of application on the “first come - first served” basis.
Call for Abstracts

The 6th Annual SERGS Meeting on Robotic Gynaecological Surgery welcomes the submission of abstracts in the following scientific categories:

• Oncology
• Basic Science
• Urogynaecology
• Controlled Trials
• Other Benign Gynaecology
• Other

Abstracts can be only submitted by email: paul.buderath@uk-essen.de

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract:

• Abstracts can only be written in English.
• Abstracts can only be submitted by email; submission by fax or post will not be accepted.
• Authors may submit more than one abstract. The number of submissions is not limited.
• Abstracts are to be authored and co-authored.
• The abstract text body is limited to 350 words. Titles are limited to 30 words.
• It is the author’s responsibility to submit a correct abstract. Any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific fact in the abstract text will be reproduced as typed by the author.
• A standard font, e.g. Arial, should be used when formatting the text.
• No abbreviations may be used in the title. The title should be in bold letters.
• Do not use capital letters in the title except for words that are always in capitals.
• Please indicate in the email subject the scientific category, e.g. SERGS-benign or SERGS-malignant.
• Please indicate if you prefer oral, poster or video presentation.
• Oral and video presentations will be limited to 10 minutes.
• Videos of complications and unusual findings will be limited to 10 minutes.

Abstract Structure

All abstracts without exception should be constructed as follows:
• Background / Hypothesis: Indicate the purpose and objective of the research, the hypothesis that was tested or a description of the problem analyzed or evaluated
• Methods and Materials: Describe the setting/location for the study, design, study population, data collection and methods of analysis used
• Results: Present as clearly and detailed as possible the findings/outcome of the study, with specific results in summarized form

• Conclusions: Briefly discuss the data and main outcome of the study

Videos of Complications & Unusual Findings

We encourage submission of intra-operative complications. These will be shown during one of the sessions. We are happy to accept both acknowledged and anonymous videos in this category. If you wish to submit such material please email directly Dr. Paul Buderath: paul.buderath@uk-essen.de

Confirmation of Submission

After submission of the abstract, a confirmation email will be sent to the abstract submitter. In order to receive this important communication, please ensure you use a valid email address. If you do not receive an email confirmation within a week, please write to Dr. Paul Buderath: paul.buderath@uk-essen.de
Abstracts Review and Selection Process

All submitted abstracts will go through a blind, peer-reviewed process carried out by the members of the scientific committee. The scientific committee will then recommend abstracts for acceptance or rejection either as oral, poster or video presentation.

Notification of Acceptance or Rejection to the Corresponding Author

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitting (corresponding) author by 25th April 2014.

Please note that only the corresponding author will receive an email and is responsible for informing all co-authors of the status of acceptance/rejection.

Authors whose abstracts have been accepted will receive instructions for their presentation (time, date and allocation of presentation). Submission of an abstract implies acceptance of the final decision about method and allocation of presentation by the board of SERGS and no further correspondence will be entertained.

Authors are required to register before 20th of April 2014 in order for their abstract to be published/presented.

Important Dates

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* The early bird registration deadline will be prolonged until the 20th April 2014 for abstract submitters only.
Invited Speakers, Surgeons and Chairs

Advincula, Arnold (USA)
Ahmed, Ahmed (UK)
Aktas, Bahriye (Germany)
Barton-Smith, Peter (Singapore)
Bastier, Richard (France)
Bieger, Heike (Germany)
Boulanger, Loic (France)
Buderath, Paul (Germany)
Dede, Murat (Turkey)
Degueldre, Michel (Belgium)
Di Liberto, Alexander (Germany)
Dimpfl, Thomas (Germany)
Edeler, Elisabeth (Germany)
Ertan, Kubilay (Germany)
Etén Bergqvist, Christina (Sweden)
Falconer, Henrik (Sweden)
Fehm, Tanja (Germany)
Goffin, Frédéric (France)
Gortchev, Grigor (Bulgaria)
Groll, Oliver (Germany)
Güngör, Mete (Turkey)
Habetha, Susanne (Germany)
Heubner, Martin (Germany)
Ind, Thomas (UK)
Iannaccone, Antonella (Germany)
Jardon, Kris (Canada)
Kesic, Vesna (Serbia)
Kilic, Sami (USA)
Kimmig, Rainer (Germany)
Köhler, Christhardt (Germany)
Korell, Matthias (Germany)
Lambaudie, Eric (France)
Lampe, Björn (Germany)
Lönnerfors, Celine (Sweden)
Maggioni, Angelo (Italy)
Magrina, Xavier (USA)
Martinez-Maestre, Maria Angeles (Spain)
Mereu, Liliana (Italy)
Morice, Philippe (France)
Müller, Andreas (Germany)
Narducci, Fabrice (France)
O’Reilly, Barry (Ireland)
Persson, Jan (Sweden)
Petersson, Jane (Denmark)
Ponce, Jordi (Spain)
Possover, Marc (Switzerland)
Querleu, Denis (France)
Rein, Daniel (Germany)
Reynisson, Petur (Sweden)
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Schär, Gabriel (Switzerland)
† Schollmeyer, Thoralf (Germany)
Schraffordt Koops, Steven (The Netherlands)
Schreuder, Henk (The Netherlands)
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Sendag, Fatih (Turkey)
Shepherd, John (UK)
Tanos, Vasilios (Cyprus)
Taylor, Dezita (UK)
Thalmann, Ingo (Germany)
Tozzi, Roberto (UK)
Traen, Koen (Belgium)
Van der Poel, Henk (The Netherlands)
Vergote, Ignace (European Union)
Verguts, Jasper (Belgium)
Verheijen, René (The Netherlands)
Vincens, Etienne (France)
Wimberger, Pauline (Germany)
Winter, Marc (USA)
Yagci, Gökhan (Turkey)
Zanagnolo, Vanna (Italy)
Zweemer, Ronald (The Netherlands)
## Registration – SERGS 2014 · Essen

Registration is available only online through the congress website: [www.sergs2014.org](http://www.sergs2014.org)

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* Residents / Fellows must submit a statement signed by their Head of Department when registering.
** Nurses / Students must submit a proof of their status.
Registration Fees

The registration fees include:
• entrance to the scientific sessions
• entrance to the industry exhibition
• light lunches
• coffee breaks
• 1 final program
• 1 namebadge

Please note that the pre- and the post-congress workshop is not included in the registration fee and must be booked separately.

The number of participants is limited and registration can only be guaranteed according to availability. SERGS Members and members of the cooperating societies are entitled to the respective registration tariff.

Cancellation Policy

For cancellations submitted in writing until 9th April 2014 following cancellation fees incur:
• Congress registration: € 50
• Pre-congress workshop: € 30
• Congress dinner party: non-refundable

From this date onwards or in case of a no-show, registration fee reimbursements are no longer possible unless the organizers are provided with a named replacement who will take on the registration fee.

Cooperating Societies
General Information

**Congress Venue**
Congress Center Essen West
Norbertstraße 1 · 45131 Essen, Germany
www.cc-essen.de

**Essen University Hospital**
Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics
Hufelandstraße 55
45147 Essen, Germany

**Congress Opening Times**
Wednesday, 21st May 2014* 15:30 – 18:30
Thursday, 22nd May 2014 09:30 – 18:00
Friday, 23rd May 2014 08:00 – 17:00
Saturday, 24th May 2014 08:00 – 17:00

**Congress Office**
The congress office and registration desk is located in the foyer of the Congress Center Essen West.

**Opening Times**
Registation Desk
Thursday, 22nd May 2014 08:30 – 18:30
Friday, 23rd May 2014 07:00 – 18:30
Saturday, 24th May 2014 07:30 – 13:00

**Industry Exhibition**
Thursday, 22nd May 2014 09:30 – 18:00
Friday, 23rd May 2014 08:00 – 17:00
Saturday, 24th May 2014 08:00 – 12:30

Times are subject to change.

**Congress Language**
English is the official congress language.
A simultaneous translation will not be available.

**Namebadge**
Upon registration all participants will receive a namebadge, which must be worn visibly for the entire duration of the congress. Your namebadge acts as your entrance ticket for the congress. Namebadges will not be reprinted.

**Coffee Breaks & Lunches**
Coffee breaks, refreshments and light lunches are included in the registration fee.

**Program Changes**
Should last minute changes be necessary due to functional, private or organizational needs, all changes will be announced – when possible – on the congress website. The event organizer accepts no liability for any additional costs caused by a change of program.

* Essen University Hospital
Certification
The congress will be certified with European CME credits.

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Travel Information

How to reach Essen

It could hardly be more convenient – or more flexible to get to Essen. Thanks to its central location in the heart of the Ruhr district, it is easily accessible by car, train and plane.

The city of Essen is located half way between Dortmund and Dusseldorf in the North Rhine-Westphalia region of Germany.

Essen, the geographical and cultural heart of the Ruhrgebiet, is the 6th largest city in Germany.

Its function as a centre point in one of the most varied event and cultural regions in Europe makes the city of Essen an ideal destination and starting point for all visits.
Traveling by Plane
It only takes 20 minutes by car or train from Dusseldorf International Airport to reach Essen. Direct flights to Dusseldorf International Airport are available from all European major cities.

Traveling by Train
In cooperation with the Deutsche Bahn (German Rail) you can travel safely and conveniently to the 6th Annual SERGS Meeting. Over 100 InterCity, EuroCity and InterCityExpress long-distance trains stop at Essen’s main railway station every day. In order to book your ticket please visit the Deutsche Bahn website: www.deutschebahn.com

Traveling by Car
The city is connected to the national and international motorway network via the A40, A42 and A52.

If you are traveling by car, be aware that an environmental badge is obligatory for green zones in Germany and badges can be purchased prior to visiting the country. Vehicles without an environmental badge may not drive in the green zone and must pay a penalty of €40.00 plus points will be deducted from your license. This is valid for all vehicles, including those registered in foreign countries. Tourists and travelers are not exempt from this regulation. www.environmental-badge.co.uk
Hotel Accommodation

The Congress Headquarter Hotel
Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen
Norbertstrasse 2a - 45131 - Essen - Germany
Website: www.messehotelessen.de

Your accommodation in Essen during the SERGS congress 2014 can be no closer than the Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen. The Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen is a superior business hotel next to the Congress Centre. From the subway station directly outside the hotel, guests can access the rest of Essen in only a few minutes.

Single Room: 169,00 € per night/per room
Double Room: 189,00 € per night/per room
Prices include breakfast and all relevant taxes.

A number of hotel rooms at the Atlantic Congress Hotel Essen have been blocked for the congress participants and will be available up until 7th April 2014. For reservations please contact the hotel directly and always refer to “6th Annual SERGS Meeting”.
The hotel reservation must be guaranteed by a valid credit card. A confirmation of your reservation will be sent to you from the hotel directly. Any further changes as well as payment of the booked hotel rooms must be made directly with the hotel.

After this date rooms can only be booked in accordance with availability.

Hotels
We have blocked further room allotments for the congress in different price categories. Please use the HRS portal available on the congress website in order to place your booking: www.sergs2014.org
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