

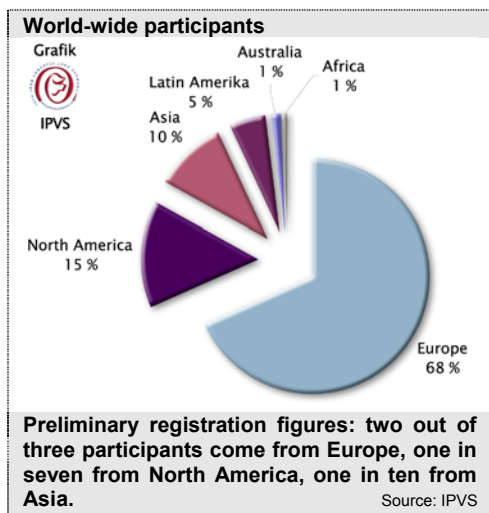


18th International Pig Veterinary Society Congress 2004 Hamburg

Press release

Length: around 2,100 characters

Advance registrations surpass all expectations



At least 1,100 advance registrations for the world congress

Hamburg, 20th February 2004 – The 18th world congress of pig veterinarians meets with overwhelming interest. A good four months before its opening in Hamburg at the end of June, over 1,100 participants from around the world have already registered. The organiser, the International Pig Veterinary Society (IPVS), was expecting 1,500 participants from science, research and practice. IPVS president Henning Bossow assesses the registration figures optimistically: "It's unusual to have so many registrations at such an early stage. I can no longer exclude the possibility of many more participants coming to the congress than we were expecting." The deadline for early booking discounts expired on 15th February.

Part of the congress now in Spanish

As the congress is taking place in Hamburg, the number of registrations from European countries is higher than average: with a share of 68%, two out of three participants come from Europe. One in seven guests comes from the USA or Canada, and one in ten

from Asia. Just under ten percent of visitors are from Spanish or Portuguese-speaking countries. The organisers are reacting quickly and flexibly to the large numbers of registrations from these countries: the high level of interest means that the "Practitioner's Line," to be held this year for the first time, will also be simultaneously translated into Spanish (only a German-English translation was previously planned).

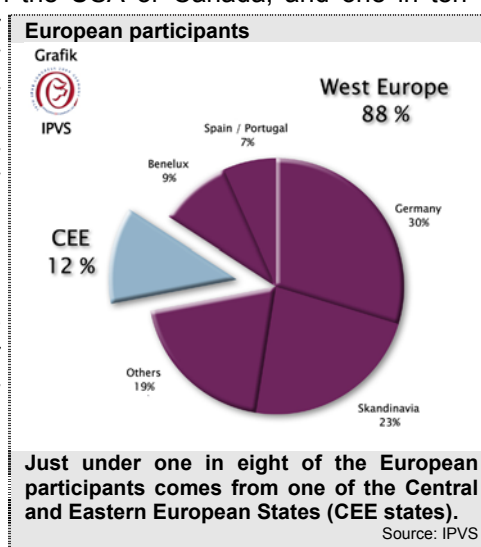
Keen interest also from Central and Eastern Europe

The political changes in central and Eastern Europe are reflected in the registration figures. The share of the so-called CEE states in the registrations from Europe is around 12%, meaning that just under one in eight European participants is an Eastern European. Registrations have already been received from Serbia, Croatia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic.

Further information and online documents

The 18th IPVS World Congress will be held between 27th June and 1st July 2004 in Hamburg.

Web site: www.ipvs.de
Press release: http://www.ipvs.de/press/en/download/040220_pe.pdf
World graphic: http://www.ipvs.de/press/en/download/040220_world.jpg
Europe graphic: http://www.ipvs.de/press/en/download/040220_europe.jpg



• IPVS-Veranstaltungs GmbH

Press Office
Dirk Wildt
Reichenberger Straße 124
10999 Berlin, Germany

Phone: +49 (0) 30 695 343 57
Fax: +49 (0) 42 265 536 22
Email: press@ipvs.de
Internet: www.ipvs.de