Proposal to host

EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021
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Dear
Giampiero Campanelli, President of EHS
Salvador Morales-Condes, General Secretary of the EHS
Diego Cuccurullo, Secretary of the Advisory Board for Congress

We are a group of surgeons representing the neighboring cities Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmö, Sweden. The preliminary Organizing Committee consists of doctors from both sides of the channel Öresund. It is our pleasure to express interest in hosting the 2021 EHS-AHS Joint Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark. In our opinion there are several good reasons for us to forward the present bid:

- Surgeons in both Sweden and Denmark pioneered in the creation of national databases for registration of inguinal and later ventral hernia repair. Apart from many publications, the results from these databases have set the scene for recommendations and guidelines on hernia repair. The preliminary Organizing Committee representing expertise within herniology includes members from Copenhagen and Malmö. They are all active hernia surgeons and have been intensively involved with national database activities. We consider this experience an important qualification for a scientific approach to the design of the Congress.

- There is a high level of academic activity in the field of hernia disease and repair in the greater Copenhagen and Malmö area resulting in a continuous flow of PhD dissertations and local membership of international guidelines groups.

- Members of the preliminary Organizing Committee have previous experience from establishing international congresses including the European Society for Surgical Research Congress in 2000 (Malmö) and the Joint Meeting of the European Tissue & Repair Society and the Wound Healing Society in 2015 (Copenhagen).

- Importantly, we have strong support from our national colleagues who have expressed their full support in any work that will ensure a fantastic meeting. A Joint EHS-AHS Congress in Copenhagen in 2021 will have great impact on hernia-related knowledge, therapy and research in both Copenhagen and Malmö as in the rest of Scandinavia.
The congress, which is to be held close to midsummer, will involve many cultural and societal Scandinavian values – clean sustainable environment, informal and peaceful atmosphere, Nordic kitchen, Danish design and long bright evenings.

Candidature for Annual Congress

- **Organisations:**
  - **Sweden:** The Swedish Hernia Databases & Skåne University Hospital, Malmö
  - **Denmark:** The Danish Hernia Database & University Hospitals of Copenhagen, Copenhagen

- The following five persons constitute the initial Organizing Committee preparing the present application. A larger group will form in the event that the application is met.

  - The Swedish Hernia Database & Skåne University Hospital, Malmö, Sweden:
    - President: Agneta Montgomery, Ass. Professor MD, PhD
    - Ulf Petersson, Consultant, MD, PhD
    - Peder Rogmark, Consultant, MD, PhD

  - The Danish Hernia Database & University Hospitals of Copenhagen and Aarhus, Denmark:
    - Hans Friis-Anderse, Ass. Professor, MD
    - Lars Nannestad Jørgensen, Professor, MD, DMSc

- **Hot topic:** Precision Medicine in Hernia Surgery (please, see below)

Content of the application for candidature, to be sent to the Advisory Board of Congress

- **A proposal for the theme of the meeting:** “Bridging Evidence and Clinical Practice”. This refers to the need to bring evidence and practice together in hernia surgery and to the great architectural bridge across Öresund, the channel between Copenhagen and Malmö.

- **Proposal for live surgery session/s, if it is possible:**
  - We will probably transmit live surgery from University Centers in both Copenhagen and Malmö to the congress venue at Bella Center in Copenhagen. However, to increase the ratio of learning relative to time, the Organizing Committee will also aim at encouraging participants to present instructive videos on simple as well as advanced surgical situations and procedures.

The key features of the scientific programme will include:

- **A “Lectura Magistralis” (20 min.)** by a recognised hernia surgery expert.
  - This will cover the main theme of the congress, i.e. to bridge evidence to clinical practice using precision medicine in hernia surgery. This means using individual patient data to determine the best possible individual treatment for a given patient based on pre-existing evidence from large cohort studies, RCTs and/or studies with registry data linked to biobanks and clinical outcome.
  - The lecturer has not been decided yet.

- **Session of best 4 free papers/videos.**

- **New experimental and molecular work with reference to hernia disease and repair.**

- **Debate topic:** a crossfire debate with double voting by the audience (at the start and at end of session).

- **Interactive Sessions:** case presentations highlighting strategic questions with up-dated evidence for the different answer-alternatives presented by experts.
● Live surgery combined with presentations of recorded videos.
● A plenary session for a new guideline presentation.

Pre-Course Program related to training and teaching
● Post-graduate 1 day course about clinical epidemiology, research methodology in hernia surgery, biomedical publishing, tips & tricks from the Editors of Hernia.
● Pre- and postgraduate 1/2 day course, tips and tricks to establish a register.
● Pre- and postgraduate 1/2 day course, tips and tricks to effectively write a paper.
● Postgraduate 1 day course about basics in hernia surgery (anatomy, operative technique, pitfalls, tips & tricks) covering open and laparoscopic techniques.

“For the young surgeons”
● Training and educational sessions: Video-based small-group expert-led discussions on tips and tricks for negative outcome risk reduction; on strategies and principles in complex hernia surgery - “when the standard approach does not suffice”. Moreover, there are discussions on systematic evaluation and workup of patients with post-herniorraxy pain.
● Fast track learning in hernia surgery - an evidence based method.
● Research council (forum where researchers can ask for input to their protocols).
● Pre-congress activities (see postgraduate courses above). We will also facilitate site-visits for a limited number of surgeons at clinical departments in Denmark and Sweden.
2 Local Support

This bid book has been prepared by Wonderful Copenhagen CVB in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee and the proposed local PCO, CAP Partner. In this chapter you can read more about the support for hosting the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021 in Copenhagen..

Wonderful Copenhagen CVB

Wonderful Copenhagen CVB is the official convention bureau of the Capital Region of Denmark. We cooperate closely with our extensive network of professional partners and together we offer all the support you need to ensure a successful congress. We are a non-profit organization and all our services offered to international associations and event planners are free of charge.

For more information about the convention bureau, services and partners, please visit [www.copenhagencvb.com](http://www.copenhagencvb.com)

City support

In order to confirm our commitment to EHS/AHS, we have composed a package of support and incentives that Wonderful Copenhagen Convention Bureau, the City of Copenhagen and partners are prepared to offer EHS if Copenhagen is selected to host the 2021 congress.
City Offers

- **Complimentary site inspection** for key EHS. The site inspection will be planned and carried out by a representative from Wonderful Copenhagen.

- **Reception at the historic City Hall** or complimentary use of the City Hall for a dinner, including room rental, service and welcome drinks (conditions apply).

- Access to **discounted electronic Congress Travel Passes** for unlimited transportation on Metro, bus and train in the Greater Copenhagen area, including transport to/from the airport.

- Introduction to the **Star Alliance Official Convention Agreements**, offering discounted airfares to delegates, keynote speakers etc.

- **Promotion of Copenhagen**, including a manned stand and promotional material at the congress prior to encourage participating delegates to attend the congress in Copenhagen.

- Support from Medicon Valley Alliance in **promoting the congress to relevant stakeholders**.

- **Pre-booking of hotel rooms**. Wonderful Copenhagen will be happy to secure a room block for the congress. The rooms will be transferred to EHS/assigned pco.

- CVB assistance in **liaising with local suppliers/relevant stakeholders, gathering proposals, promoting Copenhagen** and more.

- **Complimentary welcome desk**, including staff at Copenhagen International Airport to welcome delegates to Copenhagen upon their arrival and assist them with further transportation.

- **Complimentary information desk**, including staff and information material, at the Bella Center, offering delegates guidance and advice on Copenhagen.

Please note, conditions apply. The value of the offered support cannot be paid out in cash nor can they be transferred from one service to another.
Local PCO: CAP Partner

Proposed PCO

The proposed PCO for EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021 is CAP Partner, who has 19 years of experience working as Professional Congress Organiser and DMC. With a team of 28 full time staff members, it is one of the largest PCOs in Scandinavia.

Extensive experience

CAP Partner has extensive experience in organisation of both larger and smaller international and national scientific conferences, seminars and courses. CAP Partner has a “glocal” profile. At the same time as being experts in what Copenhagen can offer, 40% of their conferences are organised outside Denmark and they are thus fully comfortable orchestrating congresses with international scope such as the EHS/AHS Congress.

CAP Partner’s main goal is to make sure that all activities before, during and after the congress are in line with the objectives of the congress, that the congress is financially sound and that all logistic arrangements run according to the needs of all the different stakeholders.

In connection with EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021, CAP Partner will take care of all aspects of the planning process, logistics, delegate registration, abstract handling, exhibition, fundraising and work as a personal assistance for the Organising Committee during the planning of the congress.

No hidden fees

CAP Partner operates with an “open book” policy and has no hidden fees. The Organising Committee will have full insight in the conference economy and all related transactions.

CAP Partner offers a team of highly motivated and committed employees with experience in congress planning, economics, natural sciences, organisational development, political strategy, international marketing, social sciences, project management and logistics.
References

CAP Partner holds a strong reference list as core PCO, and has in addition successfully organized many individual congresses in Copenhagen throughout the past 19 years. Selected association clients include:

- The European Wound Management Association
- The Diabetic Foot Study Group
- The European Society of Tattoo and Pigment Research
- The Nordic Diabetic Foot Task Force
- The Association of Diabetic Foot Surgeons
- Dansk Mikrobiologisk Selskab/Danish Microbiological Society
- Dansk Netværk for Lymfødem/ Danish Lymphoedema Framework
- The European Society for Micrographic Surgery
- Dansk Dermatologisk Selskab/ Danish Dermatological Society
- Endoscopy Conference (Gastroenheden, Herlev University Hospital)
- The International Diabetic Foot Course
- The Charcot Foot Course
- The Nordic Course on Skin Surgery
- The European Bone & Joint
- Infection Society
- The Scandinavian Plant Physiology Society
- The Federation of European Microbiologist Societies
- The European Council of Enterostomal Therapy

www.cap-partner.eu
Letter of support for Copenhagen as host for the International Joint Congress of the European Hernia Society/American Hernia Society

To whom it may concern,

Medicon Valley Alliance hereby expresses its full support for hosting the International Joint Congress of the European Hernia Society/American Hernia Society in Copenhagen.

Medicon Valley Alliance is a member-based Danish-Swedish non-profit cluster organization representing the life science community in the binational Danish-Swedish Medicon Valley region. Our mission is to realize the potential of Medicon Valley by facilitating networking and knowledge-sharing, collaboration, analyzing challenges and potentials and mobilizing support from key opinion leaders. The vision is to be a well-known and respected member driven contributor to the realization and positioning of Medicon Valley as the most competitive and vital life science cluster in northern Europe.

Medicon Valley Alliance, supported by its 240 member companies, organizations and academic institutions, carries out initiatives, networks and events on behalf of the life science community in order to create new research and business opportunities, maintain and boost the attractiveness of the region and strengthen binational Danish-Swedish R&D collaboration with the handful of world-class research environments that build on Swedish-Danish synergies.

Placing the International Joint Congress of the European Hernia Society/American Hernia Society in Copenhagen would be an excellent choice as the binational character of Medicon Valley region gives you the opportunity to also proactively reach out to a Swedish audience. A comprehensive mapping analysis of the Medicon Valley region, the “State of Medicon valley 2016” report can be downloaded free of charge from www.mva.org

Should Copenhagen be appointed host of the International Joint Congress of the European Hernia Society/American Hernia Society, Medicon Valley Alliance will offer our support in promoting the meeting to the relevant regional and international stakeholders in both Denmark and Sweden.

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Petter Hartman, CEO Medicon Valley Alliance
EHS

Invitation to host: EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021

Dear Board Members of the EHS,

As Lord Mayor of Copenhagen, I am delighted to learn that Copenhagen is being considered as host of the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress and I hereby wish to assure you of my wholehearted support for this bid.

As the capital city of one of the world's leading countries within the field of medical science, Copenhagen would be the logical host for your congress.

Hosting the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress in Copenhagen and Denmark would without doubt boost awareness of and contribute to the development in the field of hernia surgery and research.

In choosing Copenhagen as your host city, we would welcome you to one of the most popular congress and event cities in the world. Guests in Copenhagen can enjoy the benefits of Scandinavian design, functionality and professionalism, as well as every conceivable variety of modern technology. The city offers state-of-the-art conference facilities and hotels as well as compactness, with the majority of hotels and attractions within walking distance of each other.

The capital of one of the oldest kingdoms in the world is easily accessible for your delegates. In Copenhagen, your delegates will be surrounded by the sea, and experience a flourishing cultural life, creative growth and a vibrant atmosphere in which they can meet the easy-going and open-minded Copenhageners.

Copenhagen's goal is to be the first carbon neutral capital in the world by 2025. The city of Copenhagen was awarded European Green Capital in 2014 and continues sharing our knowledge about green and sustainable solutions globally. Copenhagen is one of the best cities in the world for cyclists. Since 2005 one billion DKK have been invested in bike lanes and super cycle highways and 63% of all Copenhageners bike to school or work every day all year round, and the bike to car ratio is 4/1. The city is a very green and climate-conscious with an unprecedented network of bicycle paths; a world class public transport system; wind turbines just off its coast supplying a large proportion of the city's energy; and a harbor so clean that Copenhageners swim in it.
On behalf of the City of Copenhagen, I would most warmly welcome the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress and its delegates to Copenhagen in 2021. And, as an expression of our hospitality, we would very much like to welcome you to Copenhagen City Hall for a complimentary reception.

Furthermore, I hope that all the delegates, while having an unforgettable convention experience, will also have the opportunity to enjoy Copenhagen, and take home with them many happy memories from our vibrant yet cozy metropolis.

Yours Sincerely

Frank Jensen
Lord Mayor of Copenhagen
Scandinavian Airlines is very pleased to learn about your interest in Copenhagen as a venue for the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021. We would like to take this opportunity to suggest cooperation between Star Alliance and European Hernia Society (EHS) and American Hernia Society (AHS) in the event that Copenhagen will be chosen for the congress in 2021.

Appointing Star Alliance as the exclusive Official Airline Network adds prestige to the event, and it is a recommendation to the participants that Star Alliance is supporting them. For you as an organizer, some of the benefits are:

- The Federation of European Risk Management Associations, as an organizer, will have one central point of access to a global network of airlines
- Discounted delegate travel on participating Star Alliance Member Airlines

For the delegates, some of the benefits are:

- Delegates and one person travelling with them are eligible for applicable discounted fares on participating Star Alliance Member Airlines
- For travel arrangements, delegates can simply book discounted fares with an appointed travel agent
- Star Alliance customer benefits available on all member airlines

SAS is a partner in the Star Alliance™, the first true global airline alliance. The Star Alliance network has 28 member airlines. Overall, Star Alliance offers flights to more than 1330 destinations in 192 countries.

Once Copenhagen has been chosen as the venue for the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021, a registration must be made ONLINE via

We are looking forward to cooperating with you, and will do our utmost that Copenhagen will be chosen as venue and that the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress 2021 will be successful.

Best regards

Jeanet Andersen
Digital Marketing Specialist
EUROPEAN HERNIA SOCIETY, EHS

Welcoming the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress to Copenhagen in 2021

Dear EHS Board Members,

On behalf of Wonderful Copenhagen and our industry partners, I hereby offer my full support for Copenhagen’s bid to host the EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress in 2021.

As one of the most popular convention cities in the world, Copenhagen has considerable expertise and experience in hosting high profile events. Therefore, we are fully aware of the responsibility involved in hosting the EHS/AHS congress.

Copenhagen is a safe, walkable and vibrant waterfront city where urban trends flourish alongside culture, traditions and history. Here, your delegates can enjoy the beautiful sights and attractions along with the benefits of Scandinavian cuisine, design, functionality, innovation and professionalism including every conceivable variety of modern technology.

Copenhagen also offers state-of-the-art venues and hotels, and we have an unparalleled track record in sustainable event management with 71% of all hotel rooms being eco-certified and the majority of our conference venues observing an environmentally friendly policy.

As a founding partner of BestCities Global Alliance, Wonderful Copenhagen is committed to delivering the highest service level and we offer an array of free-of-charge services to international convention planners. Among other things, this includes a wide spectrum of professional guidance and advice in planning your international congress.

We are also proud to be part of Greater Copenhagen, wherein businesses, public actors and other key players work together in launching strategic initiatives and investments to promote growth in Eastern Denmark and Southern Sweden.

Thus, we are pleased to act as the neutral liaison between you and our well-organized meeting industry, which is praised globally for its unique and professional teamwork. In Copenhagen, the entire city will be your host, providing the best possible framework for your congress.

With this declaration, I hereby wish to assure you that we will make every possible effort to meet your requirements and expectations, making EHS/AHS Joint Hernia Congress in Copenhagen an outstanding and memorable success.

We hope to welcome you in Copenhagen.
Yours sincerely,

Mikkel Aarø-Hansen
CEO
4 This is Copenhagen

Easy accessibility for international travellers, a low crime rate, efficient transport infrastructure, safety, cleanliness and a constantly expanding selection of world-class hotels and restaurants are just some of the reasons why Copenhagen is continually ranked one of the world's most popular convention cities, as well as one of the most user-friendly capitals.

With a metropolitan population of 1.2 million, Copenhagen is the largest city in Scandinavia. Though smaller than many other Northern European cities, the Danish capital has proven itself more than able to organise successful large-scale events in innovative and appealing settings.

Copenhagen's meetings industry has a well-earned reputation for quality and efficiency. It is the cultural capital of the North, with world-class museums, music venues, festivals and historical sites. This charming city of cobbled squares, canals and copper spires also boasts the best shopping and nightlife in Northern Europe.

In recent years, Copenhagen has earned quite a reputation as a gastronomic capital. The city boasts 20 Michelin stars, and the UK's Restaurant Magazine ranked Copenhagen restaurant, Noma, the World's Best in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014.

Part of Greater Copenhagen and the Øresund Region

Greater Copenhagen is a metropolitan region that spans Eastern Denmark and Skåne in Southern Sweden.

The 79 municipalities in Greater Copenhagen are home to 4 million inhabitants and Scandinavia’s largest recruitment base of highly-skilled employees. The region offers world class research facilities and a creative business environment with access to the markets of two countries.
**Knowledgeable**

Greater Copenhagen has developed into one of the strongest clusters in life sciences in Europe. It is a dense cluster of universities, hospitals and companies within biotech, medtech and pharma, many of which are R&D-based.

A joint Danish-Swedish collaboration, Medicon Valley, is home to more than 60% of Scandinavia’s pharmaceutical industry and Europe’s fastest growing biotech cluster measured by products in development.

**Livable**

Copenhagen is placed 4th (2016) out of 25 as the most liveable city in the ranking in the Mercer Quality of Living Index and has several times been ranked the “World’s Most Liveable City”.

Safety, tolerance, green initiatives, international connectivity, creative environment, a relaxed lifestyle, cycle culture, democratic design and the active use of city spaces are among the key reasons why Copenhagen has been called the world's best city according to British lifestyle magazine, Monocle.

**Safe**

Copenhagen is a very safe choice. The locals walk and cycle in the city around the clock, and Copenhagen has a welcoming and open atmosphere.

The Global Peace Index ranks Denmark the 2nd most peaceful country in the world (2012-2016) and, once again in 2017, Transparency International named Denmark the world’s least corrupt country.

**Stable economy**

Denmark has a stable economy and is one of only few countries to hold a AAA credit rating by both Moody’s, S&P and Fitch. Though a member of EU since 1975 it has retained its own currency, the Danish Krone. The Krone has been pegged to the EURO since 1999 adding to the safety aspect of doing business in Denmark.
Green

Copenhagen’s target is to be the world’s first CO2-neutral capital by 2025 and is a global environmental leader.

Organising a sustainable event in Copenhagen is no great challenge. We have certified experience in hosting state-of-the-art events with a sustainable profile, and 71% of the city’s hotel rooms are eco-certified.

In 2012, Denmark hosted the Presidency of the European Union. More than 100 meetings were organised according to the sustainable event management system, ISO20121, making it the most sustainable EU Presidency ever.
5 Accessibility

Copenhagen Airport is the world's leading gateway to and from Northern Europe. No airport in the region is better located, serves more destinations, welcomes more passengers or provides such a well-supported infrastructure.

Copenhagen Airport is the hub of Star Alliance member, Scandinavian Airlines, SAS. SAS and Star Alliance partners have more than 1,900 weekly flights to and from Copenhagen Airport.

Direct flights to more than 150 destinations

With non-stop flights to 156 international destinations – including 36 intercontinental - the city is easy to access from all continents. All the major European cities are within a one or two hour flight. Please see the proceeding page for the frequency of direct flights per week to selected destinations.

Low cost carriers at Copenhagen Airport

Copenhagen Airport also cater for the low cost carrier and recently opened a new low cost carrier terminal. Copenhagen Airport has 80 low cost routes and currently low cost traffic accounts for 25% of scheduled services.

Getting Around

Thanks to its compact scale and extensive pavements, street crossings and pedestrian zones, Copenhagen is easy to explore by foot and is safe to walk around in day and night.

Copenhagen offers a well-functioning infrastructure with 400 kilometres of bicycle lanes and an extensive public transportation system that connects the various areas of the city centre as well as the suburbs.
Taxis are easy to hail on the street and most accept all major credit cards. All taxis are clearly licensed and operate at fixed mileage rates.

If you prefer to experience the city the Copenhagen way, it is easy to get a hold of a bike. Most bike shops and hotels offer bikes for rent, some hotels even lend bikes to their guests for free.

### Copenhagen Metro

Copenhagen Metro connects Copenhagen Airport and Bella Center with Copenhagen city centre and runs 24/7.

The City Ring (red line) is scheduled to open in 2019 and will connect the area around the central train station to the metro system.

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Congress Travel Pass
For larger international congresses and events with a minimum of 1,000 delegates in Copenhagen, a discount of 70% is offered the delegates when purchasing the Congress Travel Pass.

The Congress Travel Pass covers unlimited travel on metro, train and bus for minimum 2 days.

- The ticket is purchased online and delivered to your mobile phone
- The ticket has a price of 5 Euro/day (min. purchase is 2 days)

Complimentary shuttle bus
Bella Center offers a complimentary shuttle bus connecting Copenhagen Airport with Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers and AC Hotel Bella Sky Copenhagen.

It runs twice an hour and if offered on a first come first serve basis for hotel and conference guests.
Bella Center is an ultra-modern, state-of-the-art venue, which stages meetings and conferences, congresses, exhibitions and events of all sizes. With a maximum capacity of 20,000 delegates, Bella Center is the largest conference venue in Scandinavia.

The center offers around 100,000 fully air-conditioned square meters and more than 100 meeting rooms and auditoriums – including a Congress hall seating 4,300 persons. There is daylight in the major areas of the venue and all halls are conveniently located on one level. All meeting rooms and most areas has been renovated (2014/2015)

Sustainability is a natural part in all things that Bella Center does and the focus has become a core value for the business and has got a name: Responsible Hospitality.

**Dates for Hernia Society Surgery Congress 2021**

Bella Center is pleased to learn that you consider Copenhagen for the Hernia Society Surgery Congress 2021. It would be a great honour if Bella Center Copenhagen should be chosen for this prestigious congress.

At present, we can suggest the following event dates:

- 5 May – 8 May 2021, alternatively
- 19 May – 22 May 2021, alternatively
- 30 June – 3 July 2021
A perfect location

Bella Center has a unique central location. Right in the middle of the blooming area of “Ørestad” surrounded by fantastic new architecture and modern designs by several upcoming and well-known architects.

Located less than five minutes from Copenhagen International Airport, and just a few Metro stops from the City Center, which is easily reached within 9 minutes. Right outside the doors of Bella Center you will find “Bella Center Station” making public transportation conveniently to use for all your delegates and visitors.

Bella Center has more than 3000 parking spaces right outside of the Congress Center and hotel.

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Bella Center Surroundings

The surrounding area has plenty to offer the delegates:

- Neighbor upon Bella Center is as well a large recreational area of outstanding natural beauty perfect for a morning run.
- Behind the Center you will be able to do all your shopping in Denmark in Scandinavia’s largest shopping center – Fields.
- Ørestad is a fast developing area and by 2025, more than 80,000 people will work in Ørestad, 20,000 will live in Ørestad and more than 20,000 will study in Ørestad.
- Two counties in one visit? The Øresund Bridge connects the Danish capital with the city of Malmö in southern Sweden in less than half hour.

NEW Bellakvater

Around Bella Center a diverse neighbourhood, where people will live, work and come to visit is being planned and build these years. The area has a new name: Bellakvarter. This is where housing, commerce, trade, conference and hotel facilities blend with start-ups, corporate headquarters, accessible residential and student accommodation and ingenious penthouse flats. Bellakvarter will not be a nondescript residential district, but a diverse place brimming with the same character present in the old Copenhagen neighbourhoods.
Onsite Hotel

New Nordic Cool: AC Hotel Bella Sky Copenhagen
The 4-star AC Hotel Bella Sky Copenhagen is a spectacular skyscraper and striking landmark of Copenhagen. The hotel opened in 2011 and is the largest hotel in Scandinavia with 812 rooms offering stunning contemporary Scandinavian architecture. The hotel consists of two 76.5 metres high towers and offers a truly international atmosphere.

No wet shoes
AC Hotel Bella Sky Copenhagen is directly built into Bella Center and when holding your conference at Bella Center you do not need to get outside of the building if accommodation is booked at our onsite hotel. The hotel also offers 27 meeting rooms that can be allocated for your meeting.

Headquarter hotel
AC Hotel Bella Sky Copenhagen is ideal as headquarter hotel for your conference. We have at present not taken any room block for the Hernia Congress in 2021 but would be pleased to do so upon request.

After-work and VIP meetings
AC Hotel Bella Sky Copenhagen has 5 restaurants and bars to meet all tastes. During the day Lobby Bar serves classic café dishes such as salads and sandwiches. Library is a place to relax and a good place to read newspapers or attend emails on laptop. Breakfast can be served in this restaurant on request.

The Basalt is suspended out over the Lobby Bar. Gastronomy is second-to-none and accompanied by an extensive wine list. BM is the hotels buffet restaurant where guest will get a healthy breakfast.

Sky Bar is located on the 23rd floor and commands fantastic views of Copenhagen’s skyline. Bar lounge with à la carte club and a great place to relax after a day at the congress. On the 23rd floor you will also find ‘Meeting in the SKY’ meeting facilities that offers an amazing view over the city of Copenhagen.

Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers and Marriott Hotel Copenhagen
One metro stop from Bella Center, or 1.3 kilometres walk way you will find the Crowne Plaza Copenhagen Towers. A 4-star CSR certified hotel with 366 rooms. In the city center overlooking the canals of Copenhagen you will find 5-star Marriott Hotel which is also part of the Bella Center Hospitality Group.
Allocation for EHS/AHS 2021

Congress Foyer, Registration
Auditorium Foyer, Walk-through to the hotel.

Center Hall E North (2000 m²) and Congress Hall A2+A3 (1500 m²) suggested for exhibition, posters and catering. (Alternative option is to place these functions in the complete Congress Hall A that comes fully carpeted and is 3500 m²)
Congress Hall A1 is suggested as Plenary Hall (seats 2295 in max capacity in theatre).

Alternative for the plenary is Auditorium 10-12, Plenary (for 930 persons) and/or for break-out rooms (3 x 310 persons)

Plenary in Auditorium 10-12 can be combined with overflow in Auditorium 15 (seats 582 persons) that you
Full Service Provider

see below.

Seven permanent meeting rooms on first floor allocated for Meeting rooms
One point of contact....

Bella Center is a full service provider and according to your wishes, we deliver services such as:

- BC Security
- Registration staff and hostesses
- Cloakroom
- First Aid
- AV and IT, copy service and electrician
- Net café and press centre
- Lounge areas and catering
- Signage, banners and flags
- Carpeting and flowers

Our architects provide creative and technical assistance regarding design and special supplies free of charge

Mandatory services:

As organiser you are free to choose to work with any preferred supplier you might have. There are only a few services which are exclusively for Bella Center supply due mainly to health and safety reasons:

- Security and cloakroom staff
- Electricity and plumbing (main outlets)
- Rigging of wires
- Telephone and IT supplies (core work)
- Catering
- Cleaning and removal of waste

State of the art IT/WiFi

Bella Center offers IT solutions in world class.

- Projectors are offered free of charged in all permanent rooms on first floor and auditoriums.
- High-speed network covering all areas in Bella Center Copenhagen and at AC Hotel Bella Sky Copenhagen.
- Free high speed WiFi for up to 2000 simultaneous users
- Redundant Internet bandwidth of 1/1 Gbit.
- Additional Internet bandwidth of 3 x 1/1 Gbit. (1 Gbit upload / 1 Gbit download) from 3 different ISP
- WIFI system upgraded to 802.11 AC Wave II-standard with a capacity of 35,000 simultaneous users.
- Ruckus Enterprise high performance equipment
- Fiber and copper infrastructure in all areas.
- More than 9,000 private networks can be established (Cabled).
We have successfully hosted a long list of international IT Events. DELL i.e. Microsoft IT Forum has held their annual event three years consecutively at Bella Center – with an increasing number of delegates.

**It's all about food!**

Bella Center has its own catering department and can assist you in all areas of delegate catering at the very highest international level. Let us know what you have in mind and we will be pleased to compose menus and refreshment breaks tailored to your specific needs.

For sample prices of catering items mentioned in your Request for Proposal, please refer to the event budget section; ‘other event costs’.

We can open on-site restaurants and catering units for the congress in the rented area on request, based on dialogue with our F&B team.
Complimentary services included:
The following is included in the event budget (please also refer to ‘What is included’ in the Bella Center’

- Free shuttle bus from CPH International Airport to AC Bella Sky Hotel and Crowne Plaza Hotel Copenhagen for congress guests staying at the two hotels
- Projectors or plasma 16:9 screens (depending on room size) in all permanent meeting rooms in Bella Center and Bella Sky Hotel on first floor and auditoriums.
- Projectors in Auditorium 10, 11, 12 and 15
- First aid educated guard on-site during event
- Project Management – one point of contact for Hernia Congress
- Architect support an architect will be assigned to your congress and can provide creative and technical assistance regarding design, signage layout and other special supplies purchased from Bella Center
- Daily cleaning of all rented area incl. restrooms, foyers, restaurants and all exhibitions stands etc. during event days. (Cleaning of exhibition stands cover vacuum cleaning and removal of waste material from regular size bins).
- Complimentary WiFi in all areas, is offered complimentary. WiFi includes Bella Center fixed WiFi infrastructure and access points. Bandwidth and AP distribution is sized for regular internet use i.e email checking, browsing, etc.
- Free electronic boards inside main entrance as well as by all permanent meeting rooms on first floor (AC Bella Sky and Bella Center).
7 Accommodation

Copenhagen offers a wide variety of hotel accommodation ranging from luxury 5 star hotels to very affordable budget hotels and hostels. With more than 20,000 hotel rooms in Copenhagen, the city can easily accommodate delegates for even the largest events and congresses.

Hotels in Copenhagen

Copenhagen's hotel capacity has expanded by more than 50% in the last 10 years, which means that the city now has around 21,100 rooms to meet every imaginable demand, wallet and taste.

Copenhagen offers a wide range of international hotel chains, such as Hilton, Marriot and Rezidor as well as a number of Danish, family-owned chains, featuring hotels in all categories.

70% of the hotels rooms in Copenhagen are eco-labeled and all offer free Wi-Fi.

For cost-conscious travelers

Cabinn Metro ** located just 1 km from Bella Center currently offers 710 rooms (single/twin/triple rooms) with rates from 75 Euro incl. VAT, breakfast, Wi-Fi and complimentary tea and coffee.

It is currently expanding and will add 550 hotel apartments, parking space and a larger social café area to its facilities.

Danhostel Copenhagen Amager located just across the street from Bella Center offers single/double/triple rooms and dorms with rates starting from 25 Euro including VAT and free Wi-Fi.

Various low-budget hotels also available in city centre include popular Danish hotel chains such as Wake Up and Cabinn offering large room capacity and new alternative accommodation products such as Urban House.
8 Social Program

Copenhagen and neighboring Malmö have a wide variety of venues for networking events and social activities – ranging from old castles, industrial buildings and contemporary venues reflecting the Nordic design tradition.

Complimentary reception at the City Hall

The City of Copenhagen offers to host a reception at the historic City Hall, offered complimentary to welcome and provide a new networking opportunity for delegates/select group of delegates. The offer includes an official welcome, rental of the historic assembly hall, “town hall pancakes” and wine/beer/soft drinks for up to 600 delegates. (Conditions apply)

This majestic public building is located in the very centre of Copenhagen. Rådhuset was completed in 1905 and its architect, Martin Nyrup, blended a Nordic Renaissance style with inspiration from the town hall in Siena, Italy.

Rådhuset is one of the city's most prestigious venues; its decor tells the story of Copenhagen's 1,000-year-old history. The beautiful ballroom on the first floor, where the walls are decorated with ancient coats of arms

Proposed venues Networking Evening:

Lokomotivværkstedet (The Locomotive Workshop)

Lokomotivværkstedet is a former industrial hall which was originally used for maintenance of locomotives. This 100-year-old venue offers 9,000m² for functions, plus a 4,000m² garden.

With windows reaching almost from the floor to the ceiling, and a roof constructed from wood and glass, the natural lighting from the eight metre-high ceiling emphasises this venue's rustic appearance.
The large hall makes for a very flexible venue which can be adjusted for any specific needs, from exhibitions, dinners, parties and receptions. It is also possible to hire only part of the hall for smaller events.

Capacity: 4,000

[www.lvcph.dk](http://www.lvcph.dk)

Slagthuset (Slaughterhouse), Malmö

The most modern slaughterhouse in Europe is now the best situated event facility in Scandinavia. This old slaughterhouse from the beginning of the 1800th century creates untraditional frames and entity to every event. The raw brick walls with high ceilings, iron columns and lovely space creates an atmosphere that is hard to find elsewhere.

Capacity: 2,000

[www.slagthus.se](http://www.slagthus.se)

Øksnehallen (the Oxen Hall)

Øksnehallen - a former cattle market in the heart of the city - was built over 100 years ago, but has been renovated thoroughly over the years and has won several architectural awards for its unique design.

Today, this bright, multi-purpose hall can be divided into smaller units depending on specific requirements and is ideal for dinners, parties and receptions. Øksnehallen provides creative and qualified advice when it comes to content, entertainment, and the optimal use of the venue.

Øksnehallen is part of the DGI-byen complex which also offers a number of other venues, including a 3-star hotel, and is located just around the corner from the city's Central Station.

Capacity, receptions: 3,400
Capacity, dinner: 3,000

[www.dgi-byen.com/oeksnehallen](http://www.dgi-byen.com/oeksnehallen)
Copenhagen and surroundings offer a great concentration of sights and attractions ranging from museums, world class architecture to green oasis and harbour swim baths. Please find below a selection of major attractions in Copenhagen, all located in the city centre.

**Gastronomic Copenhagen**

Copenhagen and surroundings have a large variety of exciting restaurants, cafes and eateries.

In the last few years a mouthwatering array of inventive, modern and stylish new restaurants has opened in the city, transforming Copenhagen into a major gourmet destination. The highly respected Michelin Guide has rewarded Copenhagen with a total of 20 stars.

**Tivoli**

Tivoli opened in 1843 and is still today Denmark’s, and maybe the World’s, greatest amusement park. The minute you pass through the turnstiles, you step into an enchanted world; the pantomime theatre being one of the first things to meet the eye. Thousands of flowers (each and every one of them real) and coloured lights provide a backdrop for restaurants, amusement rides, music and entertainment. But Tivoli is also a garden of gastronomically delights. There are more than 30 superb restaurants and cafés to choose from.

[www.tivoli.dk](http://www.tivoli.dk)

**The Little Mermaid**

The little Mermaid sitting at Langelinie in Copenhagen since 1913, is one of Denmark’s biggest tourist attractions and the symbol of Copenhagen. Not very large, but hugely popular, she measures just 1.25 meter (approx 4 feet) high. The Little Mermaid symbolizes the fairytale by Danish poet Hans Christian Andersen, which tells the story of a mermaid who fell in love with a prince from land, and often came up to the edge of the water to look for her love.

**Amalienborg Palace and Garden**

Copenhagen is the seat of Europe’s oldest monarchy and probably the most popular, too. Queen Margrethe II and her husband, Prince Henrik, conduct their royal affairs at Amalienborg Palace, next to Amaliehaven Park at the harbour’s edge. When Her Majesty is in residence, the guard is changed at noon and the band of the Royal Life Guards marches through the city centre. Right by the Palace you will see the stunning Marble Church (Frederiks Church). The building was commenced in 1749 but not completed until 1894.
Statens Museum for Kunst

Statens Museum for Kunst is the Danish National Gallery. It is Denmark’s principal art museum and covers a wide aspect of art history. The collections date back to the 16th century when the Danish kings, like other European princes, established their own art collections. The highlights include the Dutch inspired 17th century, Danish 19th century, emphasizing the Danish golden age, as well as international and Danish art from the breakthrough of modern art to contemporary art. [www.smk.dk](http://www.smk.dk)

Design Museum Denmark

It is a contemporary museum for Danish and international crafts and design and is among the premier exhibition venues in Scandinavia. The museum is a centre of knowledge whose collections, archives, and library combine to make up the leading institution for research on design history in Denmark. [www.designmuseum.dk](http://www.designmuseum.dk)

The National Museum

Denmark’s primary museum of cultural history is housed in a beautiful 18th century in the centre of Copenhagen. The extensively renovated and extended museum is a vibrant cultural centre offering a broad spectrum of exhibitions and activities. The permanent collection portrays more than 10,000 years of history, providing insights to the world of the past and foreign cultures worldwide. [www.natmus.dk](http://www.natmus.dk)

Opera, Theatre or Ballet

The Play House and the magnificent Opera as well as the two largest historical theatres in Copenhagen are available for receptions and special events as well as theatregoers. The Copenhagen Opera, one of the most modern opera buildings in the world, along with the famous Royal Theatre and Play House host an impressive international repertoire. [www.kgl-teater.dk](http://www.kgl-teater.dk)

For further attractions, ideas and inspiration in and around the city, please see: [www.visitcopenhagen.com](http://www.visitcopenhagen.com)