# **3. EUFEP Congress Cancer Prevention:** Missed Opportunities or Empty Promises?

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## First Announcement





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#### Background

With more than 3 million new cases and 1,7 million deaths per year, cancer is the second most frequent cause of death and morbidity in Europe. In Austria, about 36,000 people become ill with cancer every year. In light of this enormous burden of disease, cancer-prevention has gained importance and has become an important economic factor in medicine. Particularly, interventions for the early detection of cancer (cancer screenings) are an essential basis of modern preventive medicine. Scientifically, however, the effectiveness of cancer prevention has been debated intensely. Good scientific evidence indicates that cancer prevention, when used incautiously, can cause more harm than good.

Evidence-based cancer prevention in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century faces two major challenges: First, preventive measures that clearly can reduce the risk of cancer are accepted only by a minority of the population. Second, interest groups promote and health-care providers conduct interventions, which can result in over-diagnoses and unnecessary treatments causing more harm than benefits.

#### Goal

The goal of EUFEP 2011 is to host a critical symposium on best practices in cancer prevention, to facilitate the transfer of the best available information of researchers to health care decision makers. The event should also serve as an international scientific podium for the discussion of controversial topics in the area of cancer prevention.

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#### In Cooperation with



"We must not stand still in our fight against cancer. This is why the province of Lower Austria is taking an important step forward: the third European Forum for Evidence-Based Health Promotion and Prevention will focus on international exchange of experience on strategies and options for carcinoma prevention. In doing so, we are directing attention to an important and highly topical subject and promoting the scientific development of evidence-based measures for cancer prevention – to the benefit of the people living in our province."

Ann

Dr. Erwin Pröll Governor

Mag. Wolfgang Sobotka Vice Governor

#### Program

This year's program deals with cancer prevention and poses the question, "Cancer Prevention – Missed Opportunities or Empty Promises?"

The program focuses on the following topics:

- National and international strategies in the fight against cancer
- Possibilities in cancer prevention
- Benefits and harms of cancer screening
- Evaluation of cancer prevention programs
- Consumer information on cancer prevention and screenings
- → Health economic aspects of cancer prevention

Presentations will be held in German and/or English. Simultaneous translations of presentations and discussions will be available.

#### **Presenters**

Distinguished international experts are invited to present their experiences and ideas.

#### **Social Events**

The ambience of the beautiful wine region of the Wachau in Krems, along the winding banks of the Danube, offers the backdrop to this conference and unforgettable evenings. Further information will be included in the program brochure.

#### **Participants**

Target audience for the conference are all health care decision makers, including doctors, health politicians, health researchers, as well as anybody interested in cancer prevention. The events is open to persons from all professional fields.

Journalists are invited to attend a workshop on the basic concepts and pitfalls of preventive medicine The workshop offers participants the opportunity to learn about or further their understanding of evidence-based cancer prevention and develop skills to be able to critically appraise information about cancer prevention.

#### **Call for Abstracts**

Participants can present research results and projects in the form of posters. Abstracts for poster presentations can be submitted until August 15, 2011 at the latest. Information on acceptance will be made available in writing by September 15, 2011. For submission guidelines please visit www.eufep.at

#### EUFEP-Congress 2011 Cancer Prevention: Missed Opportunities or Empty Promises?

Date 12./13. October 2011

#### Location

Monastery Und, Undstraße 6, 3500 Krems, Austria (1 hour train from Vienna in Lower Austria)



#### **Administrative Organisation**

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#### Registration

Online at www.eufep.at. After registering online, you will receive a bill. Once payment is made, your registration is complete. For organizational reasons, payments is due within 14 days. Payment not effected within 14 days, will result in registration cancelation.

Fees	regular	early booking until 30. 6.
2 Day Entrance	EUR 250,-	EUR 200,-
One Day Entrance 12.10.	EUR 150,-	EUR 120,-
One Day Entrance 13. 10.	EUR 150,-	EUR 120,-
Students*	EUR 50,-	
*only with valid student identification		

#### Hotel

A list of recommended hotels in Krems is available on our website www.eufep.at. Further information can be obtained through our partner Optimundus. Contact person: Ms. Nicole Hafner, +43 1 60710 70-23, n.hafner@optimundus.at

