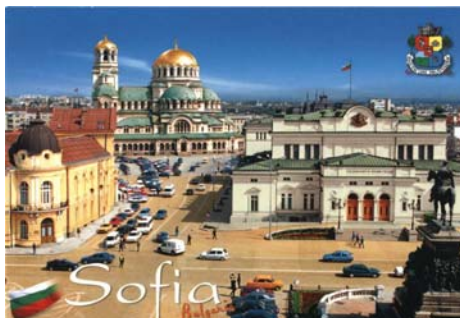


**Ninth International Conference on Progress
in Vaccination Against Cancer
(PIVAC 9)
October 8 -10, 2009, Hilton Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria**

Second announcement



Main Topics

- Cancer immunity and ageing
- Tumour escape
- Immunotherapy in Cancer and Cancer Vaccines
- Animal models
- Clinical trials
- Standardization and monitoring
- Stem Cell Therapy in Cancer and Cancer Stem Cells

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Important dates:

Call for Abstracts: Deadline August 15, 2009;

Early registration: Deadline August 15, 2009;

Abstract submission:

1. Abstract submission will be via e-mail only : info@aci-bg.org.
2. Abstracts submitted by fax will not be accepted.
3. All abstracts must be submitted and presented in English.
4. Maximum 350 words.
5. All abstracts will be published in the Conference documentation.



Awards – 3 Meeting Bursaries will be offered to the best abstracts and the winners will be asked present their work as a short talk in the “EACR Young Researcher Awards” session.

General information

Bulgaria is situated in southeastern Europe and occupies the eastern part of the Balkan Peninsula. To the north it borders on Romania, to the west on the Republic of Macedonia and Serbia, to the east on the Black Sea, to the south on Greece and to the southeast on Turkey's European part. Area: 111.000 sq km

Climate:

Temperate continental with four clearly distinguishable seasons. A Mediterranean influence is felt in the country's southern regions. The average annual temperature is 10.5°C. The weather in Autumn in Bulgaria is pleasant and usually the temperature is between 15 and 18°C.

Time:

GMT+2 hrs

Currency: Bulgarian lev (BGN) =100 stotinki. The lev is fixed to the EUR at a rate of EUR 1=Lev 1.95

Electricity: 220V/50Mhz

Population: 8 million

Business Hours:

Mon-Fri - 09:00am-6:00pm

Language:

Bulgarian, English, German, French and Russian are widely spoken. The conference will be exclusively in English.

There are many other good reasons for attending this important congress in Sofia:

The capital of Bulgaria - Sofia (1.2 million) is a city whose name means “wisdom”, a crossroads of civilizations and a focus of cultures. Like any other European capital, Sofia is the hub of the country's political, business and cultural life, the center of various international events, symposia, meetings, conferences and fairs. The area surrounding the city is rich in natural beauty. The tranquillity and charm of the **Vitosha Mountains** offers ideal spots for picnics or walking in the summer and superb skiing in the winter. **Shopping** in Sofia is quite an experience. There are all kinds of shops - from shining boutiques offering designer clothing to shops for traditional arts & crafts that feast the eyes. Each **night in Sofia** is a thrilling experience, with many concerts, opera or theatre, jazz and rock clubs or piano bars to choose from. Disco fans will find Sofia discos as good as any in Europe. Nightclubs have variety shows in the small hours. Casinos in Sofia don't close before dawn.

Top things to do in Sofia

- Visit the **Alexander Nevsky Cathedral** – the biggest orthodox cathedral on the Balkan peninsular whose magnificent icons and frescoes are world famous
- Visit the UNESCO-listed **Boyana church** - a fine example of Medieval architecture with unique wall paintings.
- Visit the **National History Museum** housing the world famous Panagyurishte Gold Treasure
- Visit the **St George Rotunda**, part of a large archeological complex with rare Roman architectural features
- Visit the **Sveta Sofia Basilica** which inspired the city's coat of arms
- Visit the 105 year-old **National Theatre “Ivan Vasov”**
- Go to the **Vitosha Mountain** (only 20 min drive from the Hilton Hotel Sofia)
- To make your stay in Sofia truly enjoyable you must taste the renowned **Bulgarian red and white wines** such as Gamza, Dimiat, Pamid, Muscat, Misket, Mavrud and Melnik



Travel to Sofia: Sofia is easy to reach from all around the world. It is 10 hours from the East Coast of North America and just 2 hours from Central Europe. Almost all major international airlines serve Sofia Airport which is 13 km away from the congress venue – Hilton Hotel Sofia

Travel within Sofia: The congress venue and hotels are located near the city centre (about a 10-minute walk; public transport – buses and trams as well as taxis are also available).

Hilton Hotel Sofia, the newest and most modern hotel in Sofia, opened its doors in April 2001. It has a perfect location at the heart of the city, surrounded by the South Park and overlooking the Vitosha Mountain. The hotel is in close proximity to the commercial district and government offices. Boutiques, restaurants and nightclubs are within walking distance



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Transportation to the Hilton Sofia

From	Km	Time	Via
Sofia Airport	13	15 min	Taxi/Shuttle
Downtown	1	5 min	Taxi/Walk
Railway Station	5	15 min	Taxi