

**International Conference  
Cancer and Rhythm –  
A new challenge in occupational medicine**

Cancer and Rhythm



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**Preliminary Program**





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### VENUE

Old Minorite Monastery, Mariahilferplatz 1, 8020 Graz, Austria

### CONGRESS LANGUAGES

English, German (simultaneous interpretation)

### ORGANIZER

Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt (Austrian Workers' Compensation Board)

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Recently evidence has been mounting that the disturbances of rhythms, in particular, circadian disruption, e.g. shift work or chronic jet lag, contribute significantly to the development of cancer. Circadian rhythms are part of the rhythmic activities of the human body and obviously exert a protective influence on our health and well being. It has been observed for quite some time that disturbance of the circadian rhythms not only affects that fundamental recuperative activity of sleep, but may also lead to depression and autonomic disorders.

These and other implications for occupational health will be discussed in an international scientific conference in autumn 2004 in Graz. This conference will be a platform for the exchange of state of the art research results and the discussion of open issues.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference addresses scientists and researchers in the fields of

- ❖ chronobiology
- ❖ chronomedicine
- ❖ sensory physiology
- ❖ epidemiology
- ❖ investigation of the genome with respect to the effects of chronobiological disturbances

as well as

- ❖ occupational physicians
- ❖ occupational psychologists
- ❖ social security experts

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# Who should attend



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2004

- 14:00**      **Welcome**
- 14:30 – 15:30**    **Opening Session**
- The importance of prevention in work**  
Norbert Winker, Austria
- Health and Rhythms:  
Why life oscillates**  
Maximilian Moser, Austria
- 15:30 – 16:00**    **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16:00 – 17:45**    **Risks of night and shift work:  
Epidemiological evidence**
- Night-shift work and risk of cancer**  
Eva Schernhammer, USA
- Shift Work and the Risk of Cancer:  
Review of Current Evidence and  
Ongoing Studies in Seattle**  
Scott Davis, USA
- Light at night, shift work, and  
breast cancer risk**  
Johnni Hansen, Denmark

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2004

- 8:30 – 9:15**      **Keynote**
- Chronotherapy: The relevance of  
timing in the therapy of cancer**  
Francis Levi, France
- 9:15 – 10:30**    **Cancer and the vessels**
- Periodic alteration of characteristics in  
the microcirculation of the tumor and  
surrounding tissue  
(results of an experimental study)**  
Rainer Klopp, Germany
- Circadian Rhythm Chaos: Its value in the  
detection of early breast cancer**  
Louis Keith, USA
- 10:30 – 11:00**    **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00 – 12:45**    **Lifestyle studies**
- Magnetic field and the circadian system**  
Yvan Touitou, France
- Electromagnetic fields and breast cancer**  
Maria Feychting, Sweden
- Disruption of circadian coordination and  
malignant growth**  
Elizabeth Filipiski, France
- 12:45 – 14:45**    **LUNCH BREAK**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2004

14:45 – 16:30 **Vision and the immune system**

**Photoreception for human melatonin regulation: Relevance of light intensity and spectrum**

George C. Brainard, USA

**Cancer, visual impairment and circadian rhythm disturbances**

Eero Pukkala, Finland

**Light in the Built Environment: role of circadian disruption in endocrine disruption**

Richard Stevens, USA

16:30 – 17:00 **COFFEE BREAK**16:30 – 18:00 **Poster session in the "Kleiner Saal"**17:00 – 18:00 **Task Force Meeting (for all speakers)**19:30 **SOCIAL EVENING FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2004

8:30 – 9:15 **Keynote**

**Circadian Genetics of Cancer**

Cheng Chi Lee, USA

9:15 – 10:30 **Melatonin**

**Tumors and melatonin**

Hermann Müller, Germany

**Evaluation of the antitumor activity of the pineal gland**

Christian Bartsch, Germany

10:30 – 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**11:00 – 12:30 **Well structured work – timing schedules and rhythm therapies**

**The use of chronobiotics in resynchronization of the sleep-wake-cycle**

Daniel P. Cardinali, Argentina

**Rhythm as therapy**

Maximilian Moser, Austria

**Art and health**

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12:30 – 13:30 **Final discussion period**



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## POSTERS

You are invited to visit the Poster Exhibition in the "Kleiner Saal" where the posters will be exhibited during the conference. On Friday afternoon there will be a poster presentation where all the authors will be present for individual discussion with the participants.

### POSTER PRESENTATION: Friday, October 15, 2004, 16:30 – 18:00, Kleiner Saal

#### **Exposure to light at night accelerates aging and spontaneous carcinogenesis in female CBA and TRANSGENIC HER-2/neu mice**

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#### **Melatonin increases focal adhesion contacts in MCF-7 cells: participation of protein kinase C**

Benítez-King G.<sup>1</sup>, Ramírez-Rodríguez G.<sup>1</sup>, Ortíz L.<sup>1</sup>, and Antón-Tay F.<sup>2</sup>

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#### **Linking light at night to cancer risk in humans: Does the evidence add up?**

Bullough JD, Figueiro MG, Rea MS

Lighting Research Center, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, USA

#### **Seasonally changing penetrance of familial breast cancer**

Philip Cohen

Tivon, Israel

#### **Sleep disturbances by light at night: two queries made 2003 in Czechia**

Martin Forejt<sup>1</sup>, Karel Skočovský<sup>1</sup>, Roman Skotnica<sup>2</sup>, Jan Hollan<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Masaryk University in Brno, <sup>2</sup>Focus Agency, Czech Republic

#### **Circadian control of drug response: mouse sensitivity to chemotherapeutic drug cyclophosphamide is modulated by the functional status of CLOCK/BMAL1 transactivation complex**

Victoria Yu. Gorbacheva<sup>1</sup>, Roman V. Kondratov<sup>1</sup>, Renliang Zhang<sup>2</sup>, Andrei V. Gudkov<sup>3</sup>, Joseph S. Takahashi<sup>4</sup>, Marina P. Antoch<sup>1</sup>

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#### **Maintenance of circadian time organization in severely hypothyroid, thyroidectomized patients with residual or metastatic thyroid cancer**

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#### **BMAL2/CLIF gene in endothelial cells**

Tomoyuki Hisa, Hironobu Yanagie, Kuniaki Otsuka, Katsuya Tamai, Masazumi Eriguchi

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#### **Melanopsin-registered irradiation: measurement by digital cameras**

Jan Hollan

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### **Faint light at night: which levels are disturbing, how to estimate and measure them**

Jan Hollan<sup>1</sup>, Franz Kerschbaum<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Posch<sup>2</sup>

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### **Expression of Melatonin Receptors in Human Gallbladder Carcinoma**

Susanne Humpeler<sup>1,2</sup>, Sylvia Aust<sup>3</sup>, Theresia Thalhammer<sup>3</sup>, Martin Klimpfinger<sup>4</sup>, Peter Obrist<sup>5</sup>, Wolfgang Marktl<sup>1,2</sup>, Cem Ekmekcioglu<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **Measurement of the circadian-effective radiant exposure (dose) using a dosimeter**

D. Kockott<sup>1</sup>, H. Römich<sup>2</sup>, S. Gerlach<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>UV-Technik, Hanau; <sup>2</sup>Fraunhofer-Institut für Silicatforschung Würzburg/Bronnbach, Germany

### **Dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase mRNA levels reveal no circadian rhythm in peripheral blood leukocytes of healthy volunteers but is down-regulated by insulin in Hep G2 cells**

W. Krugluger<sup>1</sup>, E. Krexner<sup>2</sup>, M. Peinsipp<sup>2</sup>, E. Ostermann<sup>2</sup>, I. Zwickl<sup>1</sup>, J. Schüller<sup>2</sup>

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### **Is breast cancer risk among Norwegian nurses influenced by night-work?**

JA Lie, J Kliukiene

Department of Environmental Cancer Epidemiology, Cancer Registry of Norway, Oslo, Norway

### **Melatonin re-establish cytoskeletal organization in N1E-115 cells damaged with hydrogen peroxide and antipsychotics**

<sup>1</sup>Ortiz L., <sup>1</sup>Ramírez-Rodríguez G., <sup>2</sup>Ortega-Soto H.A, and <sup>1</sup>Benítez-King G.

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### **Melatonin elicits calmodulin phosphorylation by protein kinase C in MDCK cells**

Ramírez-Rodríguez G., Benítez-King G.

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### **Circadian rhythm disturbances and positive effects of zeitgeber training**

Schaumberger Karin

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### **Disturbance of circadian processes by lack of dark: first results of blood-pressure monitoring**

Jarmila Siegelová, Bohumil Fišer, Zuzana Brázdová, Martin Forejt, Jan Hollan

Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic

### **Melatonin – a natural anti-cancer substance**

V. Srinivasan<sup>1</sup>, S. R. Pandi Perumal<sup>2</sup>

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### **Evaluation of an optimized application model of chronotherapy with oxaliplatin/5-fluorouracil/leucovorin**

R. Terkola, M. Peinsipp, E. Ostermann, J. Schüller

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### **Melatonin and breast cancer: A prospective study**

R.C. Travis<sup>1</sup>, D.S. Allen<sup>2</sup>, I.S. Fentiman<sup>2</sup>, T.J. Key<sup>1</sup>

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### **Melatonin: From Basic Research to Cancer Treatment Clinics.**

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### **Principles of Photobiological Measurements for Melatonin Suppression Studies**

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### **Tumor Promotion and Cancer Risk: A Manifestation of Chronic Phase Decoupling of the Circadian Oscillator between Normal and Cancer "Initiated" Stem Cell Cohorts**

John J. Wille

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### **Melatonin secretion in patients with colorectal carcinoma**

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# TECHNICAL EXHIBITION

The Conference will be accompanied by a small technical exhibition.

## LIST OF EXHIBITORS:

### ❖ HEARTBALANCE

HeartBalance has the aim to use latest cognitions concerning human rhythms for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. The initiative for the work of HeartBalance arose from the recognition that stress and overload are drastically increasing, both in the workplace and in our private lives. This can result in dysfunctions of the Autonomic Nervous System (ANS), psychosomatic problems and damage to the immune system which can subsequently lead to serious illnesses. To counter these threats, the scientists of HeartBalance have developed an early warning system to detect and display biorhythmic changes early on and thus to prevent an emerging illness. The HeartBalance early warning system – the HeartMan – measures the circadian body rhythms in a subtle way. Early diagnosis makes it possible to tackle serious illnesses before they break out.

### ❖ LIFELINE

Lifeline Biotechnologies, Inc. is a medical research and development company engaged in the development of practical technologies for the detection of early stage cancer development. The company has developed a series of microendoscopes for the visual inspection of the breast's ductal system and for the early detection of ovary cancer.

Lifeline's flagship technology, First Warning, is computer driven chronologically based method for early breast cancer detection. Based on the theory that the myriad of phenotypical and physiological changes, which take place during the maturation of both benign and neoplastic lesions of the breast have a profound effect on circadian rhythms.

It has been discovered that each of these classes of lesions may have their own distinct thermal "fingerprint", which allows the lesions to be identified and distinguished from other types of breast lesions. Thus, eliminating both emotional impact to the patient and the high medical cost often associated with false positive detection of breast cancer.

Absolute temperature is of no diagnostic value. It is the activity of the temperature and the type of chaos produced by the lesion that is important. Thus, quantity of tissue is not important nor is the location of the lesion. Although, the First Warning System can isolate the quadrant in which the lesions are located. With the future development of a vector analysis algorithm, it will be possible to pin point the exact location of a lesion in the breast.

### ❖ WELEDA – IN HARMONY WITH NATURE AND THE HUMAN BEING

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WELEDA was founded in Switzerland in 1921 as a natural medicine laboratory. Today, WELEDA is the leading producer of anthroposophical medicines and holistic care products. The WELEDA headquarters are in Arlesheim, Switzerland. This original laboratory has expanded to including 18 affiliate companies all over the world. The company's mission is to conserve, promote and restore physical health. The WELEDA range includes about 90 personal care products, like, for example, WELEDA Wild Rose Body Oil or WELEDA Calendula Baby Care. Approximately 100 over-the-counter medicines are produced for self-medication of arthrosis, colds, lesions and burns. Furthermore, the company produces about 6.000 prescription medicines and 200 individually manufactured medicines. WELEDA has established the highest standards for gathering, processing and preparing every ingredient used.



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Should a hotel reservation be required, you are kindly requested to return the Hotel Reservation Form before **September 13, 2004**. As October is a busy period in and around Graz, we strongly advise you to reserve a hotel room as soon as possible.

## TRANSPORTATION

Graz International Airport is located 12 km south of Graz.

There are various easy modes of transportation to the congress center and the hotels, such as taxis, train, and the public transportation system in Graz.

The "Minoritensäle" are located in the very heart of the city of Graz, only a 5 minutes walk from the city hall.

To get to the "Minoritensäle" by public transport: Bus 40 or 67, stop "Lendplatz", Tram 1,3,6,7 or 14, stop "Südtirolerplatz"

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Visit the website of the Graz Tourist board at [cms.graztourismus.at/EN/](http://cms.graztourismus.at/EN/)





## REGISTRATION

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### Deadline for registration:

September 24, 2004 – places are limited!

## PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is EURO 300,--.

The fee for on-site registration is EURO 400,--.

The Conference registration fee includes participation in all scientific sessions, refreshment breaks, conference materials, and one ticket for the social evening.

## PAYMENT

All bank transfers must be completed in Euro and **with expenses paid by the sender** to the following bank account: "Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt - Kennwort Krebs und Rhythmus" with the Raiffeisen Zentralbank, Wien, bank code 31.000, account number 02000 105.460  
IBAN-Code: AT083100002000105460, Swiftcode: RZBAATWW

It is imperative to indicate the name/s of the participant/s on the bank transfer. Otherwise your payment cannot be credited! Please make sure that transfer charges are not debited to the congress account.

Payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard) will also be accepted.

### Note

Upon receipt of the registration form and the corresponding payment, the congress office will send a confirmation form to the participant which also serves as an invoice. Please show this confirmation of participation at the registration counter when picking up your congress material.

Cancellations have to be submitted in writing to the Congress secretariat at the AUVA. A cancellation charge of EURO 50,-- will be applied to all cancellations. No refunds will be given for cancellations postmarked after September 24, 2004. Substitutions will be accepted.

## ON-SITE REGISTRATION (AFTER SEPTEMBER 24, 2004)

Participants who want to register on-site are advised to arrive very early. On-site registration will be proceeded on a first-come, first-served basis. As places are limited there is no guarantee for a ticket on site.

## REGISTRATION HOURS AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

**Thursday, October 14, 10:00 – 18:00**

**Friday, October 15, 8:00 – 18:00**

**Saturday, October 16, 8:00 – 12:00**