

To the speakers and participants of the  
European Charcot Foundation Symposium 2011

Molenhoek, November 25, 2011

Dear Speakers and Participants,

The European Charcot Foundation is pleased to send all information regarding the **“European Charcot Foundation Symposium 2011: Towards Personalized Treatment in Multiple Sclerosis”** taking place in Marbella, Spain from **December 1 until December 3, 2011**.

## 1. Scientific programme

Congress Venue: **Barceló Marbella hotel**  
Meeting room: Salón Gran Marbella  
C/ de Granadillas, s/n. Urb. Guadalmina Alta. 29670  
Marbella  
Andalucia, Spain  
Tel.: +34 952 889 099  
[www.barcelomarbella.com](http://www.barcelomarbella.com)

Dates: **17<sup>th</sup> European Charcot Foundation Lecture**  
Thursday December 1, 2011 13h30 – 15h00  
**Symposium**  
Thursday December 1, 2011 15h00 – 19h00  
**Symposium**  
Friday December 2, 2011 08h30 – 18h50  
**Symposium**  
Saturday December 3, 2011 08h30 – 14h00

For the detailed programme, please visit [the Charcot webpage](#).

## 2. Practical information

The registration desk will be open on  
Thursday December 1, 2011 from 12h00 – 19h00  
Friday December 2, 2011 from 08h00 – 16h30  
Saturday December 3, 2011 from 08h00 – 10h00 and 12h45 – 14h30

At the registration desk you will receive your badge, the definite programme and the congress map. During the official programme hours (incl. welcome reception, coffee breaks and lunches) you are asked to wear your badge.

Poster presentation will be on Thursday December 1, Friday December 2, and Saturday December 3. Posters should be mounted on Thursday December 1 between 12h00 and 13h30 and should be removed at the end of the Symposium on Saturday December 3 between 12h30 and 13h30.

Certificate of attendance can be picked up on Saturday December 3, 2011 from 12h45 until 14h30 at the registration desk.

The official language of the Symposium is English. All presentations and posters will be presented in English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

For guests staying at hotel Villa Padierna, a shuttle service will be provided from hotel Villa Padierna to the new congress venue Barceló Marbella hotel on:

Thursday December 1, 2011 – Symposium day 1  
12h30 Private transfer from Villa Padierna to the congress venue  
20h00 Private transfer from the congress venue to Villa Padierna

Friday December 2, 2011 – Symposium day 2  
08h00 Private transfer from Villa Padierna to the congress venue  
19h00 Private transfer from the congress venue to Villa Padierna

Saturday December 3, 2011 – Symposium day 3  
08h00 Private transfer from Villa Padierna to the congress venue  
14h00 Private transfer from the congress venue to Villa Padierna

### 3. **Social programme**

We are pleased to invite you for the welcome reception on December 1, 2011 from 19h00 until 20h00.  
Lunch will be provided on December 2, 2011 from 12h30 until 13h45.  
Lunch will be provided on December 3, 2011 from 13h00 until 14h00.  
The official ceremony: European Charcot Foundation Young Investigators Awards will take place on Saturday December 3, 2011 from 12h10 until 12h40.  
Please note that no dietary requirements were send over.

### 4. **Transport**

From Malaga Airport  
Malaga airport is situated 70 km from the congress venue Barcelo Marbella.  
Taxis are easily accessible and you can discuss a price in advance. They should not cost more than 65 to 75 euro.

From hotel Villa Padierna  
Hotel Villa Padierna is situated approx. 15 min by car, 10 km from the congress venue.

From the Atalaya Park hotel  
The Atalaya Park hotel is situated approx. 10-15 min. by car, 5,5 km from the congress venue.

From the Crowne Plaza hotel  
The Crowne Plaza hotel is situated approx. 10-15 min. by car, 6 km from the congress venue.

### 5. **Marbella, Spain**

#### **VISAS**

Some participants may require a visa in order to enter Spain. Please contact your local Spanish embassy or consulate to enquire about the necessity of a visa application.

#### **CURRENCY**

The official currency of Spain is the Euro (€).  
1 Euro is worth approximately 1,352 USD (\$) (on November 22, 2011).

#### **CLIMATE**

December is winter in Marbella, Spain. Temperatures vary between 9 and 17°C (48 and 63°F).

### 6. **Contact person**

For questions concerning your registration or the content of the Symposium:

Mieke Friedrichs: [m.friedrichs@charcot-ms.eu](mailto:m.friedrichs@charcot-ms.eu), T.+31 24 356 1954 or M.+31 651810204

Trees Klievink: [secretariaat@charcot-ms.eu](mailto:secretariaat@charcot-ms.eu) or T.+31 24 356 1954

For all logistical questions concerning your confirmed airport transfers and confirmed hotel reservations:

An Lambrechts: [an.lambrechts@seauton.be](mailto:an.lambrechts@seauton.be), T.+32 16 28 41 90 or M.+32 498 68 20 53

Elise Vandermarliere: [elise.vandermarliere@seauton.be](mailto:elise.vandermarliere@seauton.be), T.+32 16 29 41 93 or M.+32 486 91 98 15

Please note that we can only be reached on our mobile phones during the Symposium.

Looking forward to welcoming you on December 1, 2011.

Yours sincerely,  
Mieke Friedrichs B.A.  
Managing Director  
European Charcot Foundation