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25<sup>th</sup> ICLAM Conference, 22-25 May 2016, Maastricht, the Netherlands

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# ICLAM 2016 Maastricht

A nighttime photograph of a large, multi-story building in Maastricht, Netherlands. The building is illuminated with warm yellow lights from its windows and streetlights. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and bushes, some of which are lit with colorful lights (red, orange, purple). The sky is dark, suggesting it is nighttime.

The ICLAM triennial congress will be hosted in 2016 by the city of MAASTRICHT In the Netherlands. After the Success of 2013 congress in Madrid, Spain, ICLAM moves inside Europe and we may expect another great congress thanks to the high level of exigence of our Dutch colleagues.

No doubt that the scientific programme will be an outstanding one, and once again the ICLAM congress will welcome high level speakers coming from the five continents to give us the very best update in medical knowledge, to discuss about new products within the insurance industry, medical underwriting, claims management and about the most important advances in medicine that may improve our knowledge of medical sciences and our comprehensive approach of insurance medicine.

Ethics will also be a key point of this next congress, as well as the impact of the working and social environment on our behavior and the individual approach of disability.

We expect a lot from the scientific committee and we're looking forward to welcoming You in the wonderful city of Maastricht in May 2016.

**Dr F.Chouty, ICLAM President**



## Dear Friends

After a silence of almost a year, we're back in the air with more good news from the Carnival celebrating Netherlands.

This Newsletter contains information on fees, the scientific programme and social events. It is sent to all ICLAM Members, previous ICLAM Conference participants and interested professionals.

The hospitality and gastronomy of beautiful Maastricht, the high quality of the scientific programme, and the low fees will make ICLAM 2016 a conference not be missed.

We hope to meet and greet you in May 2016!

Robert Kneepkens  
chair Organizing committee

## Stay informed

Visit [www.iclam2016.org](http://www.iclam2016.org), a URL that redirects to ...  
<https://congress.iclam.org>, the official congress site.

### Join ICLAM on LinkedIn:

- Connect to [ICLAM 2016 Maastricht](#)
- [Public discussion ICLAM](#) : open for everyone.
- [Underwriting & Assessment](#) : access to be granted by moderator.
- [Congresses for Insurance Medicine](#) : open for everyone.

### Information on Dropbox.com:

- Download the [Promotion video](#) of ICLAM 2016 Maastricht (wmv, 136Mb), or watch it on [YouTube](#) : <http://youtu.be/4unwRwFlai4>
- Download [PDFs with general information](#)

# ICLAM 2016 Maastricht

A nighttime photograph of a street in Maastricht, Netherlands. The scene is illuminated by warm streetlights and the lights of buildings and outdoor seating. In the foreground, there are several trees and outdoor cafe seating with red and white umbrellas. The background shows multi-story buildings with lit windows and balconies. The overall atmosphere is vibrant and festive.

We have chosen for Maastricht because of the hospitality, gastronomy, historical and international character and the many facilities the city has to offer. There is plenty to do; Maastricht is vibrant and large enough to draw your own plan, but also charming and compact enough to meet your international friends. The entire inner city has been given a protected status by the Dutch government. The monumental buildings and the beautiful houses exhibit styles from different eras. Think about remains from Roman times and buildings with facades in the Maastricht Renaissance style. The latter is particularly visible in the typical saddle roofs; the spacious attics were used for food storage during the many sieges.

**The conference website contains many links to websites with information on Maastricht, its surroundings, historical buildings, museums, culture, places of worship, events, pubs and restaurants, and night life.**



## Programme overview

### **Sunday 22 May 2016 :**

- Welcome Reception

### **Monday 23 May 2016 :**

- Scientific programme
- Full day tour for accompanying guests

### **Tuesday 24 May 2016 :**

- Scientific programme
- Half day tour for all participants & accompanying guests
- Gala dinner in Belgium

### **Wednesday 25 May 2016 :**

- Scientific programme,
- Half day tour for accompanying guests

## Venues

The conference will be held in the MECC : [Maastricht Exhibition & Conference Centre](#). This is also the location of the registration desk.

For the Welcome Reception you're invited in the ancient Kruisheren Hotel in the city centre.

Busses will take you to and from the venue for the Gala dinner, [La Butte aux Bois](#) in Lanaken, Belgium.

## Hotels

Hotel information will be provided later. You will get a discount on official congress hotel rooms, which will be offered in various price classes, near the Congress Venues, in the City Center and near the railroad station. Almost everything is on walking distance.



## Scientific programme

The scientific programme will be a truly international exchange of knowledge and ideas. The Scientific Programme Committee has succeeded in attracting top speakers from many countries.

**Topics include:** Big data – Brain injuries – Cardiovascular Risk – Claim related Health – Dementia – Diabetes mellitus – Evidence based Insurance Medicine – Healthy aging – Infectious disease, future threats – Innosurance – Insurance in the 21th century – Mental Disorders – New paradigms – Oncology – Pain & psychosomatic – Sports medicine – Stem cell therapy.

## Theory & Practice

As participants you want to stay abreast of new developments in (insurance) medicine, so you can prepare yourself and your colleagues for innovations, new paradigms, new discoveries and techniques, that change the landscape.

But all these new concepts and ideas, leading to a better insight, should also find its way to daily practice. What does it mean for the guidelines? What will it mean for the way you do business?

To help you 'translating' theory into practice, we asked our sponsors to take care of a satellite programme. In this sessions they will explain their views and the way they will implement all these discoveries and ideas in their underwriting guidelines or claim assessments.

The satellite sessions will be located in a designated meeting room, as part of the concurrent sessions, so you don't have to miss any of them.



## Tours

The tours will include the highlights of Maastricht and its surroundings, a boat trip on the river Meuse and a visit to the caves.



## Caves

Every Newsletter we will pay attention to one of the highlights. This issue: the marl caves.

**An underground labyrinth with over 20,000 tunnels dug out during mining activities.** Miners as well as artists have left their mark here as is visible in the form of old wall paintings. But the caves were used not only for quarrying marl. They turned out to be very handy hiding places for residents during the many sieges that Maastricht had to endure as well as World War II. Some of the facilities installed at the time are still present.

The most famous siege took place in **1673**, when the French Sun King, **Louis XIV**, captured Maastricht. During the attack on the city walls, the famous musketeer **d'Artagnan** is killed.



## Fees differ per country

To give all colleagues a fair chance of visiting the congress, the fees for delegates will depend on the economy of the delegate's country. Visit the World Economic Outlook of the International Monetary Fund for the list of Advanced Economies - whose delegates have to pay the full price, and lists of Emerging Market Economies and Low-Income Countries, whose delegates can participate for a lower fee.

**Registration opens June 1, 2015.** "Early birds" will have a 20% discount. **Early Bird fees are offered until January 31, 2016.** The payment has to be in at that day. If you pay by invoice, please take into account that the bank transfer can take a few days.

## Fee overview

Participant	Early Bird	Regular Fee
High income countries	<b>580</b> euro	725 euro
Low income countries	<b>300</b> euro	375 euro
Accompanying guests	<b>320</b> euro	400 euro

## Included services & events

Services include free public transportation in Maastricht, the **Welcome reception** on Sunday evening, the **Gala dinner** on Tuesday evening, the All participants tour on Tuesday afternoon, and depending on the type of registration, either participations to the Scientific Programme, or a full day tour on Monday and one extra half day tour.



The Basin

Market & Town Hall

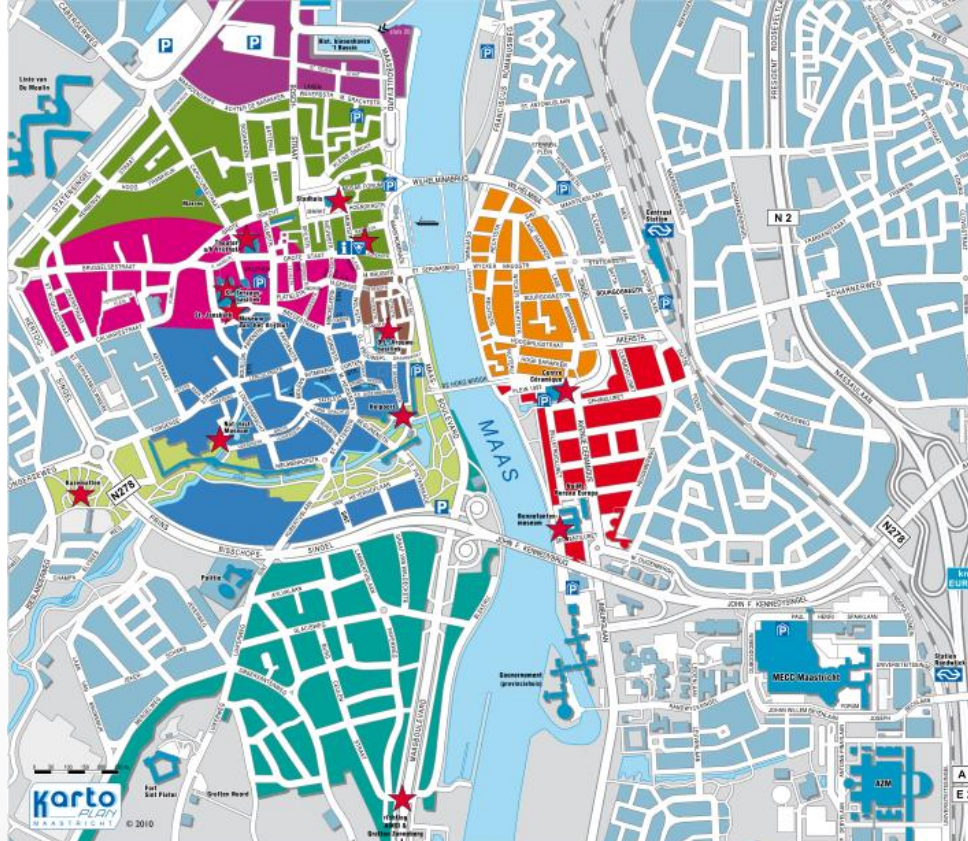
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Basiliek van Onze-Lieve-Vrouw

Ramparts

ST. Pieter „mountain“



Central Train station

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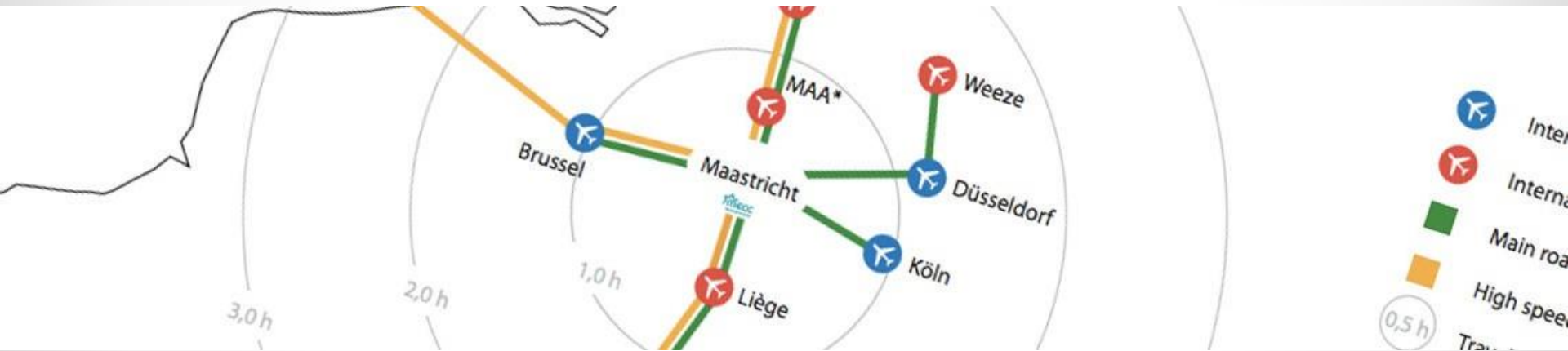
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Train station Randwijk

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## Your travel to Maastricht



One could almost say that Maastricht lies outside the Netherlands, either in Belgium or Germany. The city lies in the very southern „tail of the Dutch lion“. It will take you 2 hours to get to Amsterdam Schiphol airport by train, but only 1 to the airport of Brussels in Belgium, or Cologne in Germany.

**Before booking a flight to Amsterdam, please look at Brussels and Cologne as alternative too.**

See <http://maastrichtconventionbureau.com/maastricht-2/accessibility/?lang=en>



## Call for Abstracts & Posters

The International Committee for Insurance Medicine (ICLAM) aims to provide a world-wide forum for the latest advances in medical and surgical treatment related to the field of life, disability and health insurance. Its triennial congress provides an unique International stage giving visitors, presenters and researchers an unequalled opportunity for interaction, exchanging ideas, spreading and gaining medical knowledge related to the field of insurance medicine. The 2016 ICLAM congress is an ideal venue for physicians and scientists to present research results or reports related to the selected conference themes to a global audience of insurance professionals.

**The ICLAM 2016 Scientific Committee invites abstracts for posters or oral presentations related to the themes of the congress and on relevant clinical subjects.**

## Selected themes

- Insurance in the 21th century
- Dementia
- Oncology
- The future of Diabetes
- Mental Disorders
- Big data
- Claim related Health
- Healthy aging
- Cardiovascular Risk
- Infectious disease, future threats
- Evidence based Insurance Medicine
- Brain injuries
- Sports medicine
- Pain & psychosomatics



## You can participate too!

Insurance medicine comprises different fields of work. Experts and researchers from all of these fields (disability, life, liability, health insurance, critical illness, and other) as well as experts and researchers from adjoining disciplines are invited to submit an abstract.

**The Scientific Committee will assess all submitted abstracts on the basis of scholarly content and relevance to the congress. The committee may accept or reject an abstract.**

The Scientific Committee can accept the abstract as either an oral presentation or a poster, taking the author's preference into consideration. The Conference Office will notify the corresponding author by email as to whether the abstract has been rejected or has been accepted as either an oral presentation or a poster before October 1, 2015.

Abstracts can be sent to [abstracts@congress.iclam.org](mailto:abstracts@congress.iclam.org) and must be received before **September 1, 2015**

## How to submit

### **Submitted abstracts should contain:**

- Author Information – Abstract Title, preferably brief and clearly describing the topic or study – Abstract Category (disability, life, liability, general, other) – Potential conflicts of interest – Introduction – Conclusion.
- An abstract of a presentation on a research project should also contain: Methods – Results.
- An abstract or a presentation reviewing a particular subject or expressing an opinion should also contain: Evaluation of the subject.

Maximum 500 words, including title, tables and references. **Abstracts must be written in English**

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