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DATES
Short Courses: April 16, 2012
Conference: April 17–20, 2012
Exhibition: April 17–19, 2012

EVENT VENUE
Messe Congress Graz
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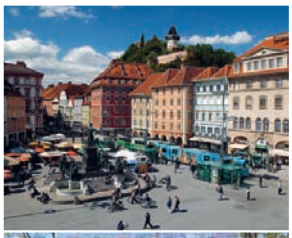
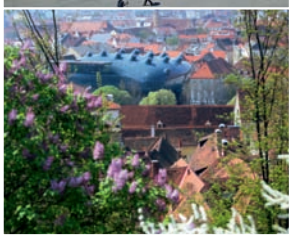
www.grazercongress.at

EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES
Tues-Thurs: 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

EXHIBITION VISITORS
Congress Delegates have free access to the Exhibition.

The admission for Exhibition visitor is EUR 20.00 including the Exhibition catalogue. The ticket entitles to free access to the exhibition on all 3 days from April 17-19, 2012.





Graz - The Cultural Capital with mediterranian atmosphere
Graz – World Heritage Site and the second largest City in Austria with 250.000 inhabitants - was selected as it meets the needs for a successful WFC11 in every way. Situated southeast from the Alps between Central Europe, Italy, and the Balkan States, Graz stands out with its Mediterranean climate, its historically influenced town scape, and the beautiful surrounding landscape.

You will appreciate the excellent infrastructure of the ultramodern venue centrally located in the City Centre and enjoy the picturesque Old Town with it's southern charm, the attractive cultural programme, the quality and diversity of the cuisine. Central Europe's best preserved City wasn't added to the UNESCO list of the World Cultural Heritage for no reason. Here you'll find Renaissance, Gothik, Baroque, and ultramodern architecture in blissful harmony.

Graz is located in the very heart of Europe – this is of benefit to all participants, who will be able to reach Austria and Graz easily either by plane, car, or train.

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PARTICIPANTS CAN SAVE UP TO 20 % ON TRAVEL WITH THE STAR ALLIANCE NETWORK!

TRAVELLING BY PLANE

The international airport Graz-Thalerhof with its domestic and international flights is located only 10 km from the Congress Venue.

There is a shuttle bus from the **Airport Graz Thalerhof** to the main railway station. More convenient is a taxi ride to the City Center/WFC11 venue (approx. 20-25 Euro).

Vienna Airport: www.viennaairport.com
Graz Airport: www.flughafen-graz.at

STAR ALLIANCE
The Star Alliance™ Member Airlines are pleased to be appointed as the **Official Airline Network for WFC11.** To obtain the Star Alliance™ Conventions Plus discounts, please call the reservation office of a participating Star Alliance™ Member Airlines and quote the convention code:

WFC11 LOG-IN CONVENTION CODE OS01S12

Registered participants plus one accompanying person travelling to the event are automatically granted a discount of up to 20%, depending on fare and class of travel booked. Discounts are offered on published business and economy class fares, excluding website/internet fares, senior and youth fares, group fares and Round the World fares.

Booking office information can be found at:
www.staralliance.com/conventionsplus ->Delegate (log-in with the event code: OS01S12)

Participating Airlines for this event are: ANA, Air Canada, Air China, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Continental Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EgyptAir, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, SWISS International Air Lines, Scandinavian Airlines, South African Airlines, TAP Portugal, THAI, Turkish Airlines, US Airways, United, Blue1, bmi.

TRAVELLING BY TRAIN

The **Central Station** of Graz is a breakpoint of important Euro and Intercity connections, with both Austrian and international connections. Direct trains run to most major cities nearby, with trains leaving to Vienna every hour. Graz' extensive public transport network makes it an easy city to navigate without car.

Graz has frequent train connections to Vienna with direct trains every hour (travel time approx. 2:30 h). The direct train services from Vienna to Graz pass through the Semmering Railway, a rail line listed in the UNESCO World Heritage due to its unique construction involving 14 tunnels and 16 viaducts. Keep your eyes open! From Vienna to Graz, sit on the left; from Graz to Vienna, sit on the right.
If you arrive at Vienna International Airport (VIE) you can take the Airport Bus (Vienna Airport Lines) to the train station Wien-Meidling. The bus leaves directly in front of the arrival hall and is headed for Wien Westbahnhof. Get off at the first stop in Wien-Meidling. The ticket will cost you 6 EUR (11 EUR return) and can be purchased directly from the driver .
Alternatively, the rather expensive City Airport Train (CAT) goes to the center of Vienna. During daytime trains leave Vienna from Wien-Meidling for Graz every other hour. You can purchase tickets at the vending machines at the train station. A single ride to Graz currently costs 35 EUR.
Timetable, Prices & Online Ticket Booking: ÖBB - Austrian Railways: www.oebb.at

Graz Central Station
Europaplatz
8020 Graz

Travel Information

To travel from the Central Station to the WFC11 Congress Venue you can travel by bus or tram. It is only a short ride and the service is very frequent. You have to get off at the following tramway stops:

- Jakominigürtel/Messe (line 5)
- Stadthalle (line 4)

Timetables are available at www.verbundlinie.at/busbahnbim-auskunft/

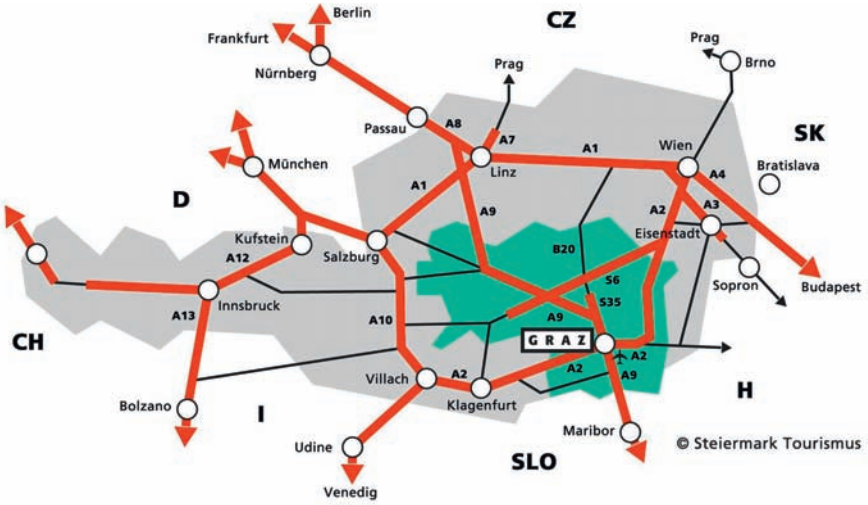
For ticket reservation and all questions concerning public transportation in Graz you can also contact the Mobility Information Office for transportation in Graz and Styria.

Mobil Zentral
Jakoministraße 1
8010 Graz
Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday:	7.00 am - 7.00 pm
Saturday:	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Phone:	+43 (0) 50 678910
Email:	service@mobilzentral.at
Web:	www.verbundlinie.at

TRAVELLING BY CAR

The A9, runs north-south through Graz, mostly via the 6 mile long Plabutsch tunnel. The A2, just south of the city, runs east-west. Vienna is 127 miles (2hrs) up the A2 to the east. A just as fast but much more scenic alternative route to Vienna is via Bruck/Mur taking the S6.



PARKING

For downtown parking in Graz you will find a number of public parking lots and garages.
A city map with garages is available at www.gpg.co.at/garagenkarte.htm. For parking at the WFC11 Venue fair ground lots are available.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKET

Graz has an excellent public transportation system with busses and trams. With their badge WFC Congress delegates can use the public transportation throughout the city of Graz for free from April 16-20, 2012.

TAXI SERVICES

Taxis are available 24h a day. You can hail one on the street, go to a taxi- rank or simply order one by phone. The taxi ranks with the best chances of getting a taxi day or night are "Hauptplatz" (Right side of City Hall) or "Hauptbahnhof". There is a base rate of €3-4 for all rides. Avoid taxis in the early morning and early evening when traffic congestion can make a taxi ride very expensive. A ten-minute Taxi-ride usually costs about €10. Taxis can be booked by calling 0316-878, 0316-889, 0316-222, 0316-2801. There is no price difference if you book your cab or stop a taxi on the street.

HOTEL RESERVATION AND TOURIST INFORMATION

The Graz Tourist Information Office will be at your service for all tourist information, sightseeing and hotel reservation. The choice of accommodations ranges from the family type guest house to the luxury hotel. The Graz Tourist Information Office will handle your booking quickly and efficiently.

You can conveniently choose and book a hotel at the WFC11 website:
www.wfc11.at/travel.htm

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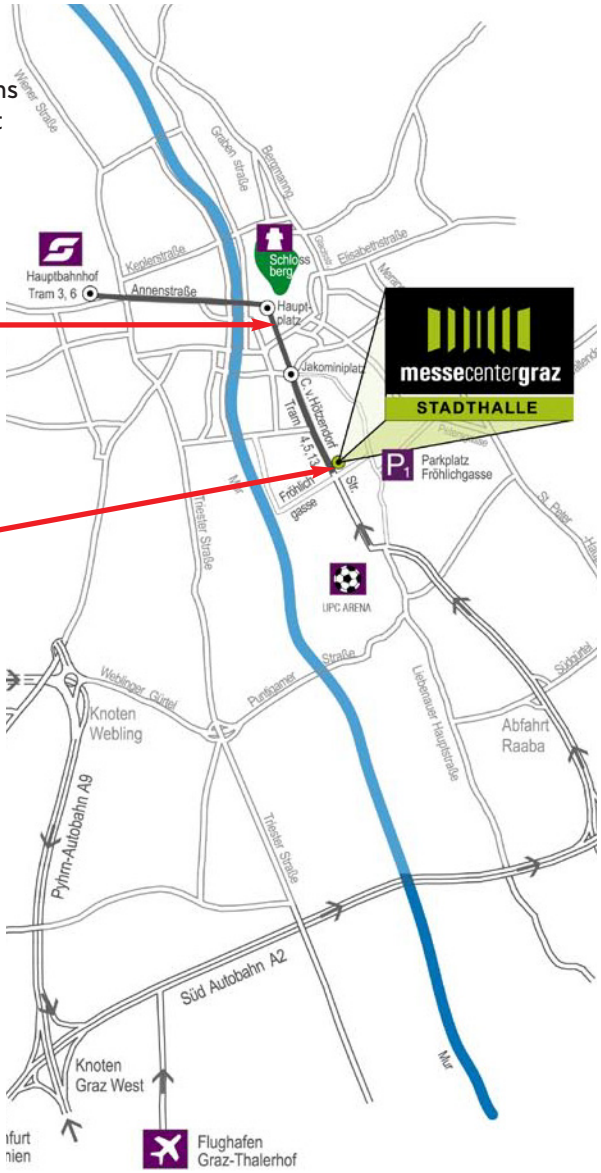

For further tourist information on site, you can visit the Graz Tourist Information Center at **Information at the train Station (Hauptbahnhof)** During the opening hours of OEBB service center, you can get free brochures, find information on our electronic kiosk.

MONEY

The currency in Austria is Euro (EUR). Cash machines can be accessed at many locations in Graz. Banks are usually opened in the morning from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm, and in the afternoon from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. On Fridays, most banks are only opened in the morning. Out of business hours you can get cash at the cash machines (called "Bankomat") accepting Maestro- and major credit cards.

SHOPPING

On Saturdays most shops are opened from 8 am to 5 pm. All shops are closed on Sundays. The biggest and without doubt most beautiful shopping street is in the "Herrengasse" in the heart of Graz.

TRIPS AROUND GRAZ

There are a couple of beautiful tours in and around Graz organized for WFC11 Deleguates and accompanying persons. See the programme flyer für more details. In the countryside you will find an outstanding hilly landscape with vinyards and its „Buschenschänken", the typical Styrian taverns offering cold home-made dishes and wine.
Links:
www.graztourismus.at
www.steiermark.com
www.regiongraz.at