

International DAN Divers Day

September 7th, 2008

Graz - Austria

Advances in Diving Medicine: the role of DAN

An important event organized by DAN Europe
for the safety of recreational diving

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DAN Europe has organized a Recreational Diving Medicine Symposium, open to medical doctors as well as to anyone who is interested in keeping up to date on the most recent advances regarding the safety of recreational diving.

The DAN Divers Day 2008 will be organized as a satellite symposium of the 34th scientific annual meeting of the European Baromedical Society (EUBS), that takes part from Sept. 03, 2008 until Sept. 06th, 2008 in Graz (<http://www.eubs2008.org/>). The official languages of the Symposium will be English but simultaneous translation facilities will be available.

Renown scientist and doctors from all over Europe will talk about diving medicine and safety, presenting the latest advances, updates and current research. Emphasis will be made on clear, take-home messages for the divers, as well as on stressing the essential and pivotal role of DAN to foster the current, more advanced, diver-oriented and diving safety-oriented international diving research.

DAN Europe invites all recreational divers, dive guides, diving instructors, search and rescue personnel, underwater photographers, diving physicians and other interested individuals to attend.

Preliminary program of the conference

08:30 **Welcome and Introduction** - Alessandro Marroni

08:45 **Session 1:** (Chair: Costantino Balestra)

- *PFO and the Diver* - Peter Germonpre
- *Deep Stops in Recreational Diving* – Panel: Alessandro Marroni, Costantino Balestra, Alf Brubakk (to be confirmed), Jean Eric Blatteau (to be confirmed)
- Discussion

10:45 **Session 2:** (Chair: Wilfried Beuster)

- *The role of certain Physiological and Biological factors in the prevention of Decompression Disorders* – Panel: Costantino Balestra, Alf Brubakk (to be confirmed), Jean Eric Blatteau (to be confirmed), Alessandro Marroni
- *The DAN Europe Diving Safety Laboratory* - Alessandro Marroni
- Discussion

13:30 **Session 3:** (Chair: Peter Germonpré)

- *Asthma, Obstructive Lung Disease and Diving: what's new?*
Panel: Ulrich van Laak, Wilfried Beuster, Iro Cali Corleo
- *Flying after diving: an update*
Panel: Wilfried Beuster and Ulrich van Laak
- Discussion

15:30 **Session 4:** (Chair: Ulrich van Laak)

- *Women and diving: what are the problems, if any, and is there an increased risk of DCI in women?*
Panel: Maurizio Schiavon, Phil Bryson (to be confirmed)
- *Children and Diving: are the reported physiological risks the real problem, or is it the emotional and pshychological factor the real key to safe diving for children?*
Panel: Guy Vandenhoven, Maurizio Schiavon (to be confirmed)
- Discussion

Speakers & Moderators

Costantino Balestra, Director of DAN Europe Research, Professor of Physiology, University of Bruxelles, Haute Ecole Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Society of Subaquatic & Hyperbaric Medicine

Alessandro Marroni, President of DAN Europe, President of International DAN

Peter Germonpré, Medical Director of DAN Benelux DAN Europe Benelux, DAN Europe PFO Studies Coordinator, Medical Director of the Centre for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Military Hospital of Brussels

Wilfried Beuster, Medical Vice Director of DAN Europe Germany, Austria and Hungary, member of the Committee on Guidelines for Diving Accidents (Austrian/German Society for Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine)

Ramiro Cali Corleo, Vice President of DAN Europe, Director of the Hyperbaric Centre at the Mater Dei Hospital of Malta, Professor of Hyperbaric Medicine at the University of Malta

Maurizio Schiavon, Medical Consultant for DAN Europe, Specialist in Sports Medicine

Guy Vandenhoven, Professor of Pharmacology, Haute Ecole Paul Henri Spaak, DAN Europe Research, Belgian Society of Subaquatic & Hyperbaric Medicine

Ulrich Van Laak, Director of DAN Europe Germany, Austria and Hungary

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Site of the congress

The Congress will take place at the

Medical University of Graz
main Auditorium at Graz University Hospital
Auenbruggerplatz
8036 Graz (Austria)

25 minutes walk from the city centre. Tram n° 7 from the central station.

Participation at the congress

The participation at the congress is free. Availability is limited to 300 persons; reservation required. All the participants will receive a confirmation while seats last.

Optional services (to be paid)

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE

For whom is interested, we will provide a certificate of participation at the event from behalf of DAN Europe and International DAN.

Cost	€ 8,00	€5,00 for DAN members
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SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

The official language of the congress is English and it will be used by all the speakers and moderators. A service of simultaneous translation from English to German will be provided.

Cost of the service	€ 25,00	€20,00 for DAN members
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LUNCH PACKET

It is possible to request a lunch packet (2 sandwiches, 1 snack, 1 fruit, water)

Cost	€ 7,00
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“DAN DIVERS DINNER”:

On saturday evening 6th September we plan a nice gathering and dining in a traditional Austrian restaurant in Graz city centre.

Altsteirische Schmankerlstube

Sackstrasse 10A – 8010 Graz

www.schmankerlstube.at

Cost	€ 22,50
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Registration Form

You can register for this congress online, using your “MY DAN” page at our website (www.daneurope.org). If you did not register as a user on our website yet, you will first need to do this in order to get access to your personal “MY DAN” page.

In your “MY DAN” page you will not only be able to register for this free congress, but you also will have the possibility to book one or more of the optional services like a certificate of participation, lunch packet and/or headset for the simultaneous translations (English-German, German-English).

Accomodations



Grand Hotel Wiesler



Hotel Weitzer



Hotel Daniel

	Grand Hotel Wiesler	Hotel Weitzer	Hotel Daniel
Category	5 stars	4 stars	3 stars
Address	Grieskai 4 8020 Graz	Grieskai 12 8020 Graz	Europaplatz 1 8020 Graz
Telephone	+43 316 70660	+43 316 7030	+43 316 711 080
Website	www.weitzer.com/en/wiesler	www.weitzer.com	www.weitzer.com/daniel
E-mail	wiesler@weitzer.com	hotel@weitzer.com	hello@hoteldaniel.com
Distance	4.8 km from the congress	4.6 km from the congress	5.3 km from the congress
Double room	190 € in Bed & Breakfast	171 € in Bed & Breakfast	97 € in Bed & Breakfast
Single room	150 € in Bed & Breakfast	121 € in Bed & Breakfast	88 € in Bed & Breakfast



**Hotel Mercure Graz
Messe**



Der Marienhof Hotel



Hotel Pfeifer Kirchenwirt

Category	4 stars superior	4 stars	4 stars
Address	Waltendorfer Gürtel 8 8010 Graz	Waltendorfer Hauptstr. 81 8010 Graz	Kirchplatz 9 8044 Graz
Telephone	+43 316 826300	+43 316 429842	+43 316 39 11 120
Website	www.mercure.com	www.dermarienhof.at	www.kirchenwirtgraz.com
E-mail		hotel@dermarienhof.at	office@kirchenwirtgraz.com
Distance	3.7 km from the congress	4.4 km from the congress	5.1 km from the congress
Double room	88 € in Bed & Breakfast	90 € in Bed & Breakfast	105 € in Bed & Breakfast
Single room	64 € in Bed & Breakfast	57 € in Bed & Breakfast	95 € in Bed & Breakfast



Hotel Mariahilf



**Hotel Wirtshaus
Greiner**



Gasthof Zum Sternwirt

Category	3 stars	3 stars	3 stars
Address	Mariahilferstrasse 9 8020 Graz	Grabenstrasse, 64 8010 Graz	Waltendorfer Hauptstrasse, 45 8010 Graz
Telephone	+43 316 713163	+43 316 68 50 90	+43 316 47 52 45
Website	www.hotelmariahilf.at	http://wirtshaus-greiner.at	www.sternwirt.at
E-mail	office@hotelmariahilf.at	das@wirtshaus-greiner.at	office@sternwirt.at
Distance	4.9 km from the congress	3.9 km from the congress	4.4 km from the congress
Double room	90 € in Bed & Breakfast	82 € in Bed & Breakfast	76 € in Bed & Breakfast
Single room	55 € in Bed & Breakfast	49 € in Bed & Breakfast	52 € in Bed & Breakfast

All the prices are per room per day; the prices are indicative. Please contact directly the hotel to have further informations.

Eat & Drink



Cafe at the Murinsel



Cafe Sonnenstrasse

Cafe St. Leonhard

	Cafe at the Murinsel	Cafe Sonnenstrasse	Cafe St. Leonhard
Address	Island on the River Mur, near Grieskai	Sonnenstrasse 2	Riesstrasse 22
	8020 Graz	8010 Graz	8010 Graz
Telephone	+43 316 70660	+43 650 3610991	+43 316 3241450
Distance	3.9 km from the congress	1.4 km from the congress	0.3 km from the congress
	www.inselindermur.at	www.sonnenstrasse.at	

Travel indications

There are direct flights to the airport of Graz from Germany (München, Düsseldorf, Berlin, Frankfurt, Hannover etc.), Great Britain (London), Spain (Barcelona), Switzerland (Zurich). The flights from Italy (Rome, Milan), Bruxelles and Amsterdam usually make an intermediate stop in Vienna.

You can find more informations in the following websites:

- **Flights from Italy** (with intermediate stop in Vienna): www.alitalia.it - www.flyairone.it
There is also a **Ryanair** flight to Vienna from Milano Orio al Serio
- **Ryanair** (London, Barcelona): www.ryanair.com
- **Lufthansa** (flights from Germany, Belgium and Holland): www.lufthansa.com
- **Austrian Airlines**: www.aua.com
- **Graz Airport**: www.flughafen-graz.at

Transfert from the Airport to the city centre:

By Bus: there is a bus service that connects the airport to the city centre (Jakominiplatz or the Central Station), with up to 2 runs per hour.

By Train: it is also possible to travel to the central station of Graz by train; the railway station is ca. 300 meters from the arrival station of the airport.

Here you will find all the informations and the time table: [Bahn- und Busfahrplan 2008](#)

How to reach Graz by car:

from Milan: [681 km – ca. 7 hours] Take the highway A4, direction East; from Palmanova, take the highway A23 to Udine / Tarvisio; entering Austria, continue on highway A2; Take the exit 179-Knoten Graz Ost.

from Munich: [420 km – ca. 4 hours] Take the highway A8, direction Salzburg / Nürnberg; Near Salzburg, continue to highway A1; take the exit of Voralpenkreuz and then the highway A9 to Graz/Kirchdorf.

from Prague: [600 km – ca. 6 hours] Take the highway D1 / E50, direction Brno; From Brno, take the exit 196a to Bratislava; take the D2 / E65 to Bratislava; from there, take the highway A4 / E60 to Vienna; after Vienna, take the A2 / E59 to Graz.

from Budapest: [432 km – ca. 4 hours] Take the highway M1, direction Vienna; entering Austria, continue on highway A4 to Wien; from there, take the highway A2 / E59, direction Graz.

from Zurich: [750 km – ca. 8 hours] Take the highway A1, direction St. Gallen; take the exit 86 to Munich and then the E43; from Munich, take the highway A8, direction Salzburg / Nürnberg; Near Salzburg, continue to highway A1; take the exit of Voralpenkreuz and then the highway A9 to Graz/Kirchdorf.

Sights & Museums in Graz

Though not too well-known as a tourist resort, Graz is a jewel in many ways. Situated in a warm large valley at crossroads between west, east, north and south, the city - the roots date back to the Romans - has developed an atmosphere of open-mindedness and of Mediterranean joy of life.

Here are some of the most interesting places and museums to see in Graz:

Sights of Graz



The Clock Tower

Although the clockworks in the tower have struck the hours accurately since 1712. Standing at the romantic landmark of Graz you could be forgetting time. The fortified medieval tower got its present shape around 1560. And its characteristic wooden gallery as a fire station. Three bells are ringing from the Clock Tower. Three coats of arms decorate the walls. People often come here in pairs. To dream or to kiss. A truly uplifting feeling.



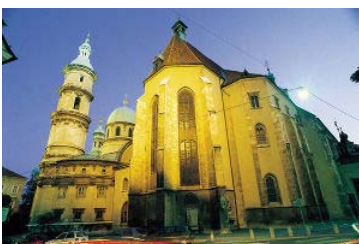
Schlossberg

What other city can boast a tree-clad mountain right in its centre – wonderful to wander? The Schlossberg. A castle standing on a rock ledge of this hill more than 1,000 years ago gave the city its name. From the Slavic word gradec, meaning "little castle", Graz derived. And the little castle was made a huge fortress. In 1809 it was blown up by Napoleon. The Bell Tower and the [Clock Tower](#), the friendly landmark of the city, remain.



Island on the river Mur

What was meant to be a temporary project of the Cultural Capital of Europe, Graz 2003, has turned into an attraction – the island in the river Mur. The New York artist Vito Acconci designed a steel grid structure in the shape of a half-opened shell. The open part – an amphitheatre for performances but also a resting place for sun-seekers. The covered part – as a bridge between the two banks of the river Mur.



The Cathedral

Today's cathedral reminds of the days when Graz was an imperial city. Emperor Frederick III erected the church together with his new residence in Graz. In the course of history, the cathedral saw many changes. Construction work of the court and parish church in late-Gothic style was started in 1438, as Jesuit church it was refurbished in Baroque style in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Since 1786 it has been the cathedral, i.e. the bishop's and main church of the Catholics in Styria.

Museums in Graz



Further information:
www.kunsthhausgraz.at



Kunsthhaus Graz

Something extra-terrestrial in the World Heritage site of Graz? Like a huge bluish bubble the landmark of new Graz is hovering above the right bank of the river Mur. Since October 2003, Kunsthhaus – affectionately called "a friendly alien" by its creators, Peter Cook and Colin Fournier – has attracted people with spectacular architecture and changing exhibitions of contemporary art. Moreover, Kunsthhaus is a symbol of the harmonious co-existence of old and new in Graz.

Opening hours: tue-sun 10:00-18:00, thur 10:00-20:00

Guided tours in german: tue-sun 11:00 and 16:00, thur 11:00, 16:00 and 18:30 or upon request

Guided tours in english: sat 14:00

The Armoury

The [Armoury of Styria](#) (Landeszeughaus) dates from the early 16th century, when it was established by the nobles of the region (the Landstände) for the defence of their territories. Its function was the procurement and storage of weapons ready for use by the Styrian yeomanry. The necessary storage space was created with the construction of the five-storey building on the Herrengasse in 1642. Almost alone among European arsenals, the one in Graz was spared from dispersal and closure. Only the artillery pieces were lost, at the time of the Napoleonic wars.

Opening hours

From March 15th to October 31st:

Mon - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00

Sun and bank holiday: 10:00 - 16:00

Schloss Eggenberg

The magnificent château [Schloss Eggenberg](#), foremost of all the castles and residences in Styria, is situated on the western outskirts of Graz. It was commissioned by Prince Hans Ulrich von Eggenberg (1538-1634), chief minister of Emperor Ferdinand II. The layout and decorations of the building are patterned on an intricate mathematical and allegorical scheme — an architectonic image of the universe — strongly influenced by the visions of cosmic harmonies propounded by natural philosophers of the time such as Johannes Kepler and Giordano Bruno.

Opening hours

April 30th april - October 31st

Tue -Sun: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tours start at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00, 15:00 and 16:00

Here are some useful guides of Graz: places to visit, museums and excursions.

- [Sights of Graz](#)
- [Excursions](#)
- [Museums of Graz](#)
- [City Map](#)

More informations

Touristic Informations: www.graztourismus.at

City transport: www.verbundlinie.at

Site of the EUBS conference (European Underwater and Baromedical Society): www.eubs2008.org