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Innsbruck

EACR 18

**18th Meeting of the
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
FOR CANCER RESEARCH**

**Innsbruck, Austria
3-6 July 2004**

Advance programme

Call for abstracts



In collaboration with

- Asociación Española de Investigación Sobre el Cáncer (ASEICA)
- British Association for Cancer Research (BACR)
- Società Italiana di Cancerologia (SIC)
- Magyar Onkológusok Társasága (MOT)
- Österreichische Krebsgesellschaft

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the Federation of European Cancer Societies**

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to EACR-18. The Scientific Programme Committee has compiled a programme reflecting cutting edge research in most areas of experimental oncology. We are both delighted and appreciative that so many highly esteemed scientists have accepted our invitation to lecture at this meeting. I am confident that your expectations as a participant will be fulfilled and that you will travel home with enhanced knowledge, having had a most rewarding experience.

For the first time we have asked our national member societies to organise a symposium on a topic, which they consider will be of special interest in 2004. Our members from the British Association for Cancer Research (BACR) agreed to organise a symposium on "Functional imaging- molecules and cells", the Italian Cancer Society (SIC) found "Tumour microenvironment" of special relevance and the Spanish Association for Cancer Research (ASEICA) chose "Survival pathways and drug resistance". I know that all three symposia will be highlights of this meeting.

When you come to Innsbruck you will realise that a meeting in this old, historic town in the middle of the Tyrolean Alps is not only a rich intellectual experience but also an aesthetic delight. Where else can you attend a meeting against the panoramic backdrop of the inspiring northern range of the Alps and enjoy your breaks in a delightful picture-postcard setting?

Last but not least I should like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have given so much time, effort and enthusiasm as members of the various committees engaged in organising this meeting. Many thanks also to the experienced and professional staff of the FECS conference team.

I look forward to meeting you all in Innsbruck.

Hans Grunicke
President of EACR
Conference Chair

Conference venue

The 18th EACR Meeting will take place in

Congress Innsbruck GmbH
Rennweg 3
A-6021 Innsbruck

Innsbruck is well linked to all major traffic networks and easily accessible by plane, train or car.

The conference centre is situated in the historical town centre and only 4 km away from the airport.

Useful web links:

www.congress-innsbruck.at

www.innsbruck-tourism.at

Important dates

29 February 2004	Deadline abstract submission
23 April 2004	Deadline payment early registration
30 June 2004	Deadline payment late registration (closure pre-registration)
After 30 June 2004	On-site registration only
1 June 2004	Deadline hotel reservation

Conference secretariat

The 18th EACR Meeting is organised under the auspices of the Federation of European Cancer Societies (FECS).

For further details please contact:

EACR-18 Secretariat
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Saturday 3 July 2004

Sunday 4 July 2004

Monday 5 July 2004

Tuesday 6 July 2004

Time	Saturday 3 July 2004	Sunday 4 July 2004	Monday 5 July 2004	Tuesday 6 July 2004	
07.30					
08.00		Educational Lectures	Educational Lectures	Educational Lectures	
08.30		Plenary Lecture	Plenary Lecture	Plenary Lecture	
09.00	Registration 9.00-17.00	Symposia	Symposia	Symposia	
09.30		Symposia	Symposia	Symposia	
10.00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
10.30		Symposia	Symposia	Symposia	
11.00		Lunch 12.00-12.30	Lunch 12.00-12.30	Lunch 12.00-12.30	
11.30		Satellite Symposia / Workshops	Poster Session	Satellite Symposia / Workshops	Workshops
12.00		Award Lecture		Award Lecture	
12.30	Satellite Symposium / Workshop	Proffered Papers	Proffered Papers	Poster Discussion	
13.00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Award Lecture	
13.30		Poster Discussion	Poster Discussion	Mike Price Lecture	
14.00	Opening Ceremony	Plenary Lecture	Plenary Lecture	Closing Ceremony	
14.30	Mühlbock Lecture				
15.00	Reception				
15.30					
16.00					
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18.30					
19.00					
19.30					
20.00		General Assembly		Conference Dinner	
20.30					
21.00					

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

This is the preliminary programme (August 2003).
For regular updates, please consult the EACR-18 website:
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Saturday 3 July 2004

17.00 - 17.30	Opening Ceremony
17.30 - 18.00	Mühlbock Lecture
	■ Beyond the genome - what's next? – <i>S. Brenner (UK)</i>

Sunday 4 July 2004

07.45 - 08.45	Educational Lectures
	■ Oncoproteomics – <i>L.A. Huber (A)</i>
	■ Gene amplification: role in carcinogenesis and drug resistance – <i>M. Schwab (D)</i>
08.30 - 09.30	Plenary Lecture
	■ Genes and the environment - nature versus nurture – <i>J. Peto (UK)</i>

Sunday 4 July 2004

09.40 - 11.50

Symposia

Cell-cell/ cell-matrix interactions

Chair W. Birchmeier (D)
Co-Chair J.P. Thiery (F)

- E-cadherin as a tumour suppressor gene – *F. Van Roy (B)*
- Endothelial cell adhesion – *B. Imhof (CH)*
- Growth factor signalling and cell adhesion in tumour progression – *J.P. Thiery (F)*
- Epithelial-mesenchymal interaction in tumour progression – *W. Birchmeier (D)*

Epigenetic reprogramming in cancer (implications for cancer chemotherapy)

Chair U. Rapp (D)
Co-chair M. Esteller (E)

- Regulation of polycomb proteins by growth factor signalling cascades – *U. Rapp (D)*
- DNA methylation – *M. Esteller (E)*
- Chromatin modifications – *T. Kouzarides (UK)*
- Title to be confirmed – *M. van Lohuizen (NL)*

13.15 - 14.15

Poster Session

14.15 - 14.35

The Anthony Dipple Carcinogenesis Award Lecture

14.45 - 16.15

Proffered Papers sessions

16.45 - 17.45

Poster Discussion sessions

17.45 - 18.45

Plenary Lecture

- Translational cancer research: integrated vision – *J. Celis (DK)*

Monday 5 July 2004

07.45 - 08.45

Educational Lectures

- Induction of differentiation-therapeutic implications
– *K. Nilsson (S)*
- siRNA as a tool and weapon in oncology – *S. Geley (A)*

08.30 - 09.30

Plenary Lecture

- Molecular chemoprevention science: from cure of end-stage disease to early reversal of carcinogenesis – *H. Bartsch (D)*

09.40 - 11.50

Symposia

SIC - EACR Symposium**Tumour microenvironment as target for anticancer therapy**

Chair R. Giavazzi (I)
Co-Chair Z. Werb (USA)

- Stromal proteinase – *Z. Werb (USA)*
- Hypoxia-extracellular signalling – *J. Pouyssegur (F)*
- Cytokine-cancer environment – *F. Balkwill (UK)*
- Cancer immunoprevention – *P. Lollini (I)*

Pharmacogenomics-pharmacogenetics and individualised therapy

Chair P. Workman (UK)
Co-Chair M. Eichelbaum (D)

- The cancer genome project – *M.R. Stratton (UK)*
- Drug discovery and development based on pharmacogenomics – *P. Workman (UK)*
- Cancer pharmacogenetics - using the genome to individualise chemotherapy – *H.L. Mcleod (USA)*
- Pharmacogenetical aspects of colorectal cancer therapy – *M. Eichelbaum (D)*

Monday 5 July 2004

13.15 - 14.15

Poster Session

14.15 - 14.35

EACR Young Cancer Researcher's Award Lecture

14.45 - 16.15

Proffered Papers sessions

16.45 - 17.45

Poster Discussion sessions

17.45 - 18.45

Plenary Lecture

- Human embryonic stem cells and medical research
– *N. Benvenisty (IL)*

Tuesday 6 July 2004

07.45 - 08.45

Educational Lectures

- Role of androgen-receptor in prostate cancer - new insights – *H. Klocker (A)*
- Cell biology of lymphatic metastasis – *S.A. Eccles (UK)*

08.30 - 09.30

Plenary Lecture

- Animal models – *A. Bern (CH)*

09.40 - 11.50

Symposia

BACR - EACR Symposium**Functional imaging-molecules and cells**

Chair S.A. Eccles (UK)
Co-Chair W. Gullick (UK)

- Multiphoton microscopy of cells in vivo – *J. Condeelis (USA)*
- 3D imaging of cancer cell migration: novel escape venues after blocking integrins and proteases – *P. Friedl (D)*
- Title to be confirmed – *G.R. Swedlow (UK) tbc*
- Structure-function relationships at the molecular and cellular level; quantitative optical and scanning probe microscopy – *T. Jovin (D)*

ASEICA - EACR symposium**Survival pathways and drug resistance**

Chair R. Perona (E)
Co-Chair P.H. Krammer (D)

- NFkB as a prosurvival factor – *M. Karin (USA)*
- Death and anti-death: tumour resistance to apoptosis – *P.H. Krammer (D)*
- Proapoptotic proteins of the Bcl-2 family – *C. Dive (UK)*
- p53 and genotoxic stress – *G. Del Sal (I)*

Tuesday 6 July 2004

13.15 - 14.15

Poster Session

14.15 - 15.15

Poster Discussion sessions

15.15 - 15.35

Carcinogenesis Young Investigator's Award Lecture

15.35 - 16.35

Mike Price Lecture

- Targeting Ras signalling pathways in cancer: past, present and future – *J. Downward (UK)*

16.35 - 16.45

Closing Ceremony



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstract submission deadline: 29 February 2004

Abstracts must be submitted on-line via the FECS website:
www.fecs.be/conferences/eacr18

Abstracts can be submitted as of 15 November 2003
 Abstracts sent by post, fax or e-mail will NOT be accepted.

Abstract regulations

With the submission of an abstract to EACR-18, the first author (presenting author):

- accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the submitted abstract;
- confirms that all authors are aware of and agree to the content of the abstract and support the data presented;
- warrants that the data and conclusions presented in the abstract have not been published in the same format and with the same title prior to the date of the conference;
- identifies any financial interest in products or processes described in the abstract. This information is to be forwarded to the Scientific Committee together with the abstract;
- states that for studies involving human or animal subjects, permission has been obtained from the relevant regulatory authority, and properly informed consent given where appropriate;
- gives permission for the abstract, when selected for presentation (oral or poster), to be published. Submitted abstracts cannot be withdrawn after 31 March 2004.

Abstract format

In order to be considered an abstract should respect the following guidelines:

- The abstract must be submitted in good English. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject those abstracts which are presented in poor English, or may request an immediate revision by the presenter.
- The title of the abstract should be brief and reflect the content of the abstract. Do not use capital letters in the title except for words that are always capitalised and do not use non-standard abbreviations. Commercial names may not be used in the abstract title.

- No more than 10 authors can be listed. Only institutional affiliations, cities and countries should follow.
- Abstracts should be structured in such a way as to include:
 1. an *introductory sentence* indicating the purpose of the study
 2. a *brief description* of pertinent experimental procedures
 3. a *summary* of the results of the research
 4. the main *conclusion*
- The on-line abstract submission procedure will not accept abstracts that exceed 2 500 characters (body of the abstract).
- Abbreviations may be used if standard or if spelled out and defined at the first use. Compounds should be mentioned with the generic name, in lower cases. Commercial names are admitted in the text, with an ®, and if in brackets following the generic name, i.e. "generic (Commercial ®)".
- Supplementary data or appendices will not be accepted.
- Figures or photographs are not allowed. Symbols and structures of drugs are allowed and should be drawn in black.

Abstract selection process

The Scientific Committee will make the selection of abstracts for oral and poster presentations in April 2004. By May 2004, the first author (presenter) will receive an e-mail with the result of the review and the Scientific Committee's decision on the abstract.

If a selected author cannot attend, the presenting author should assign a replacement.

The following presentation formats are applicable for EACR-18:

1. Oral presentation: the abstract is selected for oral presentation at any of the proffered papers sessions.
2. Poster: abstracts that have been selected for presentation in poster format. The posters are grouped by topic and are displayed on an allocated day of the conference.

General instructions for abstract submission

Abstracts must be submitted on-line, from 15 November 2003 to 29 February 2004, via the FECS website:

www.fecs.be/conferences/eacr18

Please follow the instructions on the screen.

1. When finished with the on-line submission, click the "FINAL SUBMISSION" button for final submission of the abstract. As a confirmation of your submission, a message will appear on the screen informing you the abstract has been successfully submitted to our database.
2. Only the presenting author will receive confirmation by e-mail from the EACR-18 secretariat within 48 hours of submission. This confirmation of abstract submission does not mean the abstract has been selected for presentation.
3. In case the confirmation from the EACR-18 secretariat is not received within one week after the submission of the abstract, please contact the secretariat (**Pat@fecs.be**) no later than 12 March 2004.

For questions regarding the on-line submission process, e-mail: **Pat@fecs.be**

Please note:

Only electronic abstracts can be accepted. Abstracts by e-mail or paper submissions will NOT be accepted.

ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

Please select only ONE category (1-10) that refers to the main subject of the abstract.

1. SIGNALING PATHWAYS

- Oncogenes and tumour suppressor genes
- Receptors and signal transduction
- Gene expression, transcriptional regulation
- Cell cycle
- Senescence

2. ONCOGENOMICS

- Genomic alterations in cancer
- Functional genomics

3. CELL AND TUMOUR BIOLOGY

- Cell proliferation
- Cell death
- Tumour progression: invasion and metastasis
- Tumour angiogenesis
- Tumour immunology, inflammation, and tumour development
- Aging and cancer, telomerase
- Animal models of cancer

4. CARCINOGENESIS

- Mutagenesis, carcinogen metabolism
- Promotion and progression
- DNA damage and repair
- Viral oncogenesis

5. GENERAL, MOLECULAR AND GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Risk factors
- Biomarkers
- Risk assessment
- Susceptibility genes
- Genotype / phenotype correlations
- Genetic polymorphisms and cancer susceptibility

6. CLINICAL RESEARCH

- Organ site-Specific investigations: preclinical, diagnosis, treatment
- Molecular biology in the clinic

7. EXPERIMENTAL / MOLECULAR THERAPEUTICS, PHARMACOGENOMICS

- Drug discovery / drug design
- Novel targets, delivery systems
- Mechanisms of drug action, drug profiling
- Drug resistance
- Novel approaches to diagnosis of cancer
- New therapies

8. RADIOBIOLOGY / RADIATION ONCOLOGY

- Tumour cell sensitisation to radiotherapy
- Radiation-activated signaling pathways
- Cell cycle and apoptosis in radiation responses
- Radiation oncology; preclinical and clinical

9. PREVENTION AND SURVIVORSHIP RESEARCH

- Preclinical prevention studies, markers and prevention
- Clinical prevention studies
- Survivorship research
- Vaccination against cancer

10. OTHER

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration deadline: 30 June 2004

Individual registration

Pre-registrations and corresponding payment should be received before 30 June 2004. After this date, registrations are accepted onsite in Innsbruck only.

If at all possible, please register on-line:

www.fecs.be/conferences/eacr18

If you do not have on-line access, please complete the enclosed registration form and return it by fax.

Payment

Full payment in Euro (EUR) should be received before the corresponding deadline.

Registration paid by credit card (Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa, Diners Club or American Express) is preferred. Please indicate the owner's name as shown on the card.

It is possible to pay by direct transfer into the EACR-18 account number IBAN BE15 4254 0400 8130 with KBC Bank, SWIFT Code/ BIC KRED BE BB, Chaussée de Wavre 1662, B-1160 Brussels.

For ease of processing, please indicate clearly the name(s) of the participant(s), the address and mention "Registration for EACR-18" on the transfer document.

Registrations onsite can be paid via credit card (Visa, American Express, Diners Club or Eurocard/Mastercard) or cash (in Euro or US dollars).

Confirmation of registration

Confirmation of registration will be sent to each participant **upon receipt of payment**.

Changes/cancellation

Replacements of confirmed registrations are subject to a charge of 30 EUR per participant.

Cancellations of confirmed registrations are subject to a charge of 75 EUR per participant provided the cancellation is received before 1 June 2004. For cancellations received after this date no refunds will be made.

Accompanying persons

The rate applied is 50 EUR/accompanying person.

Registered accompanying persons are invited to the Opening Ceremony and can visit the exhibition. Access to the scientific sessions is not allowed.

For information about guided tours in Innsbruck, please contact PCO Tyrol Congress.(see page XX)

Group registration

Companies and agencies that would like to sponsor the registration fees of a group of participants should contact:

Ms Riitta Kettunen
Telephone: +32 (0)2 775 02 05
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e-mail: Riitta@fecb.be

A group consists of minimum 10 persons. Smaller groups will be handled as individual registrations. Registration shall be coordinated by one identified group contact person representing a company or travel agent.

Registration fees

	Early rate	Late rate	Desk rate	Day rate
	Registration and payment received before 23 April 2004	Registration and payment received before 30 June 2004	ONSITE ONLY	ONSITE ONLY
Members EACR	270 EUR	325 EUR	380 EUR	225 EUR/day
Non-members	335 EUR	390 EUR	450 EUR	
Student Member EACR*	100 EUR	100 EUR	100 EUR	
Student Non-member*	150 EUR	150 EUR	150 EUR	

*Under 30 years. A letter of the Head of Department will be required to confirm your student status.

EACR-18 MEETING BURSARIES



Meeting bursaries will be awarded to assist members of EACR to attend EACR-18. Applicants should be active participants at the meeting i.e. oral or poster presenters.

The scheme is designed to assist younger members of the association, particularly post graduate students and members less than 35 years old, who otherwise would have major difficulties in securing alternative funding.

The value of each award will be up to 1 000 Euro. This grant will be used to assist with the cost of the registration fee, travel and accommodation.

Forms will be available from the EACR Society from November 2003.

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Please also consult www.eacr.org for other awards.

ACCOMMODATION

PCO Tyrol Congress is the official accommodation agent for EACR-18.

Please complete the detachable "Accommodation booking form" and return it to:

PCO Tyrol Congress

Rennweg 3

A-6021 Innsbruck

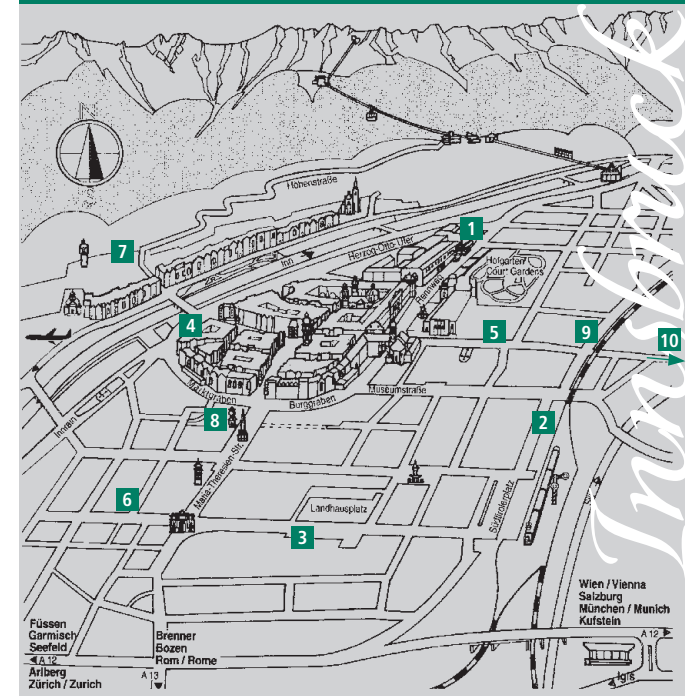
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The deadline for hotel reservation is 1 June 2004.

HOTEL MAP



- 1 Congress Innsbruck
- 2 Grandhotel Europa Tyrol
- 3 Hilton Innsbruck
- 4 Hotel Innsbruck
- 5 Hotel Grauer Bär
- 6 Hotel Mozart
- 7 Hotel Tautermann
- 8 Hotel The Penz
- 9 Hotel Schwarzer Adler
- 10 Hotel Leipzigerhof

EXHIBITION

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

WORKSHOPS

Companies, publishers and organisations that would like to participate in this conference and help us to support cancer research can download the "Invitation to the industry" brochure from the conference website (www.fecs.be/conferences/eacr18) or contact Ms Mieke Akkers, telephone: +32 (0) 2 775 02 47, e-mail: Mieke@fecs.be

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accreditation

An application for CME accreditation will be presented to the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE).

Insurance

The organiser does not accept responsibility for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. Participants are strongly advised to take out their own arrangements in respect to health and travel insurance.

Language

The official language of the conference is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Passport and visa information

A valid passport and/or identity card is required for all participants. Visas may be required for some countries. For specific information, please contact the nearest Austrian embassy at least six weeks before your departure to Austria.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Opening Ceremony – Saturday 3 July at 17.00

The official Opening Ceremony, to which all participants and accompanying persons are kindly invited, will be held in the Tyrol hall.

Welcome Reception – Saturday 3 July at 18.30

After the Opening Ceremony a reception will be held in the Tyrol and Kristall Foyers.

Farewell Dinner – Tuesday 6 July at 19.00

Evening in the Tyrolean mountains, Seegrube Restaurant

Buses will depart from the conference centre at 18.00.

The enchanting evening in the Tyrolean mountains will start with a cable car ride to the Seegrube Peak (1905m above sea level). Nestling in high amidst the mountain-tops is the restaurant, where a spectacular view of the valley and glaciers can be enjoyed. After a four-course dinner and some entertainment, the cable car will return you to the valley, where the night owls can still go for a nightcap.

Dress: casual, take a pullover or jacket with you. There might be a cool breeze on the mountain.

Price: 30 EUR. Students: 20 EUR

There is only a limited capacity. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance booking is strongly recommended.

For information about guided tours,

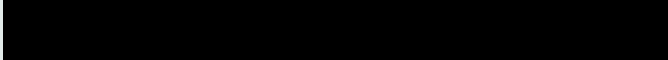
please contact PCO Tyrol Congress.

They can offer:

- History tour & wine tasting – Tratzberg Castel, Jenbach
- Museum tour
- Guided city tour, main focus on Imperial Court Palace (1,5 h)
- Crystal Worlds, Wattens

Pre- or post-congress tours (2 - 3 days) to Vienna, Salzburg, Florence or Venice can be arranged.

For details contact: G.Vianello@pegasus.at



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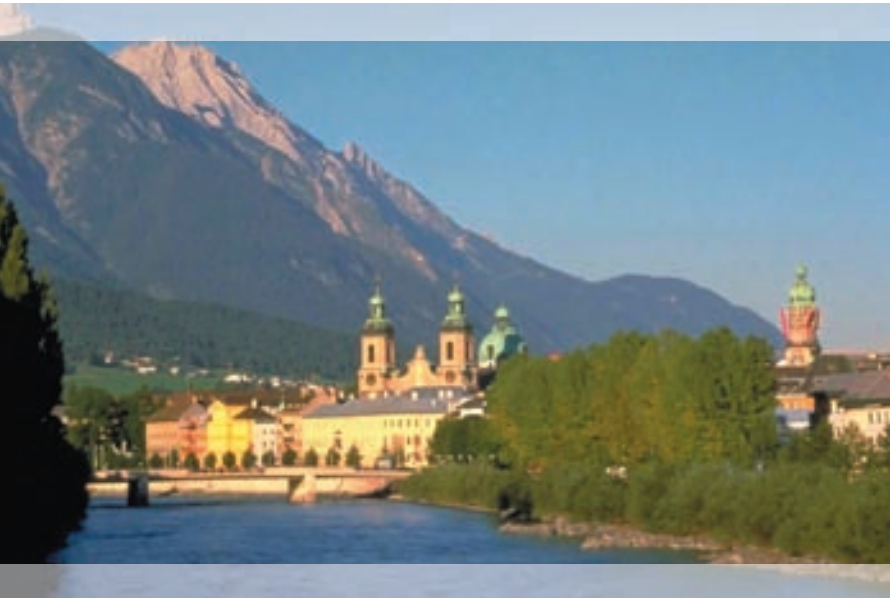
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