

■ Invitation

Dear *Brucella* researchers and friends,

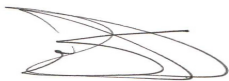
On behalf of the Executive Committee of the International Brucellosis Society, we are delighted to announce the Brucellosis 2014 International Research Conference, including the 67th Annual Brucellosis Research Meeting, which will be held at the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment in Berlin from 9 to 12 September 2014.

The conference will be organized by the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung, BfR) in cooperation with the Federal Research Institute for Animal Health (Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut, FLI) under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection.

Scientific presentations will run from Wednesday through to Friday. With an early start planned for Wednesday morning, we hope that many delegates will arrive on Tuesday to benefit from the Wednesday morning sessions and to participate in our Tuesday evening Get-Together. Registration will begin in the morning of Wednesday 10th September. Please save the date in your diary and book your travel arrangements early because autumn is conference season in the city.

Following the success of the past international conferences, we want to provide a comfortable platform to discuss hot topics, recent developments and changes in all fields related to brucellosis and the causative agent *Brucella*.

We look forward to seeing you in Berlin for what promises to be both an enjoyable and inspiring conference venue for everyone.



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■ Scientific and Social Programme

More than 100 years after the first description of *Micrococcus melitensis* by Sir David Bruce, brucellosis is still of major public health concern both in endemic and non-endemic countries all over the world. The impact on animal and human health is tremendous and eradication and control of this zoonotic disease remains a global and interdisciplinary challenge. Veterinarians, medical doctors, biologists and the whole scientific community dealing with *Brucella* are welcome to join and actively shape the upcoming Brucellosis 2014 International Research Conference in Berlin.

A provisional programme has already been prepared and includes a number of high-quality plenary sessions that will present the very latest research across a number of fields:

- Taxonomy, Evolution and Emerging Species
- Genomics and Proteomics
- Host-Pathogen Interaction
- Immunology
- Vaccination
- Diagnostics
- Human Brucellosis
- Livestock Brucellosis and Food Hygiene
- Wildlife Brucellosis

The conference language will be English. Nevertheless, simultaneous translation will be available where appropriate. Your abstract will be published in peer-reviewed conference proceedings.

An exciting social programme including a sightseeing tour through Berlin City has been arranged. The social programme will begin with a Welcome Reception on Tuesday evening, the day before the conference will be officially inaugurated. A Gala Dinner will be held on Thursday in a typical Berlin Event Location under the motto: "Berlin is poor, but sexy" (Klaus Wowereit, Mayor of Berlin).

■ Conference Venue

The venue of the Brucellosis 2014 International Research Conference is the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment in Marienfelde located in the south of Berlin. The institution can be easily reached by public transportation system and shuttle buses from the conference hotels.



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Full details of the programme structure, the range of accommodation options, registration and abstract submission deadlines will be announced shortly. All updates on the conference will be available on the homepage of the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (www.bfr.bund.de). A link will be up and running at the beginning of 2014.

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Welcome to Berlin

Since German reunification in 1990, Berlin has been the capital of Germany. However, the city has a much longer history starting out in the 13th century.

Berlin has a population of 3.4 million and covers an area of 892 square kilometres which statistically means there are 3,809 Berliners to every square kilometre. Based on these figures, Berlin is the largest city in Germany and the second largest in the European Union. Currently, people from more than 180 different nations could tell you "Ich bin ein Berliner". Join us for a week!

Berlin has more museums than rainy days and in September you may expect a temperate oceanic climate with an average temperature of 18-20 °C. A total of 175 museums, more than 50 theatres, around 300 cinemas and 190 clubs and discotheques provide entertainment for you and accompanying persons. More than 4,650 restaurants and 900 bars ensure your physical well-being by serving the local Bratwurst and international meals and beverages.

Berlin is a breakthrough city and you have to pass the Brandenburger Tor to enjoy its spirit of freedom and creativity. Alternatively, just visit our conference.

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