

World Association for Infant Mental Health

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Access



The Congress Center Leipzig is located in the north of the city center Leipzig.

How to get to Leipzig

You can reach Leipzig by plane with direct flights from the cities Frankfurt and Munich (approx. 1 hour).

Furthermore, Leipzig is easily accessible by train from Berlin main train station (1 hour), Hamburg main train station (3 hours), Frankfurt Airport (3,5 hours), and Munich main train station (4,5 hours).

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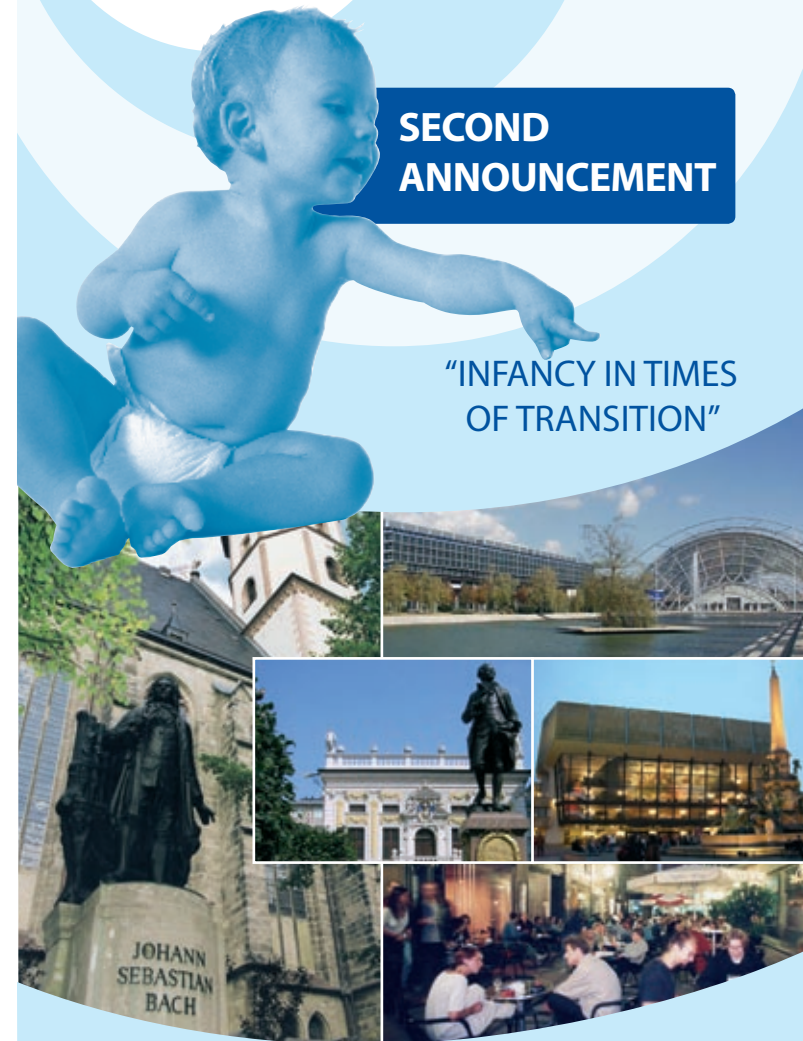
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12th World Congress of the World Association for Infant Mental Health



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**SECOND
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**"INFANCY IN TIMES
OF TRANSITION"**

June 29 – July 3, 2010
Leipzig, Germany
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Invitation

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in WAIMH's forthcoming world congress.

The central theme of the Leipzig congress will be „**Infancy in Times of Transition**“. Transitions are essential to the lives of young children. For the individual infant, there are transitions from intra-uterine to extra-uterine life, from early forms of relatedness to more specific object relationships, from the pre-verbal to the verbal self, and many others. Within the family, there are transitions from dyads to triads and to broader family relationships. The city of Leipzig, where I live and work, has seen a major transition of the political system over the last 25 years, from the collective system of a communist dictatorial state to a free market economy and democracy. This change was hard won by the people, but it has also brought some insecurity into family lives. Young children are the first to be influenced by these kinds of social transition. And we, as mental health professionals, try to help families and infants to cope with these changes, which involve opportunity and risk at one and the same time. We are looking forward to welcome scientists and infant mental health experts from all over the world, in an exchange of scientific research, clinical experience, theoretical thinking and social political ideas. And we promise: because of its great tradition of liberal open mindedness and scientific curiosity, Leipzig will be a good place to meet.

We look forward to seeing you soon

Kai von Klitzing, MD

Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry,
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Chair of Local Organizing Committee



General Information

WAIMH

The World Association for Infant Mental Health (WAIMH) is a non-profit organization for scientific and educational professionals. WAIMH's central aim is to promote the mental well-being and healthy development of infants throughout the world, taking into account cultural, regional, and environmental variations, and to generate and to disseminate scientific knowledge.

For more information, please visit: www.waimh.org

Leipzig



Due to its rich cultural heritage, Leipzig presents itself as a confident and genuinely international city at the heart of eastern Germany. **Famous musicians** like Johann Sebastian Bach, Robert Schumann, and Felix Mendelssohn were active in Leipzig. You can still see their influence in the city, for example in St. Thomas Church where Bach – director 'musices lipsiensis' – worked as choirmaster of the church's Boys Choir between 1723 and 1750.

During recent years, Leipzig has also become a **center of modern art** in Europe. Famous representatives of the 'New Leipzig School of Painting', include Neo Rauch and several of his students from the Leipzig Academy. Furthermore, Leipzig's reputation as a city of trade fairs looks back on more than 500 years of history.



Leipzig's Old Town Hall is one of the most beautiful Renaissance town halls in Germany and Leipzig's Central Station is the largest terminus train station in Europe.

Founded in 1409, the **University of Leipzig** has produced numerous notable individuals like Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz, Richard Wagner, Friedrich Nietzsche, Werner Heisenberg, and Wilhelm Wundt. Today, the staff and student body at the University exceeds 35,000.

Accommodations

Special room allotments have been reserved for the congress in various hotels around the congress venue and in the city center. Please note that the hotel rooms will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-serve' basis.

Room rates from € 159, - (****Hotel) to € 50, - (***Hotel)

Climate

The average temperature in Leipzig during the congress period is approximately 25°C, and apart from possible rain showers the weather is warm and pleasant.

Places to visit (within one hour):

Berlin, Dresden, Weimar, Wittenberg