



The NIDCAP Federation International

**Announces the**

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting**

**September 25-28, 2010**

**Crowne Plaza Maastricht**

**Maastricht, The Netherlands**

Hosted by

Sophia NIDCAP Training Center

Erasmus Medical Center - Sophia Children's Hospital, Rotterdam



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(Please watch your email for invitation)

## Conference Overview

Maastricht is the capital of the province Limburg (the south of Holland). It has 120,000 inhabitants.

Maastricht is unique among the cities of The Netherlands. The oldest of all Dutch cities, it is also, because of its location, the most European. Its rich military past is evident even today. You can recognize the old city by its walls and remaining fortifications.

Maastricht is renowned for its hospitality, with its many sidewalk cafés and restaurants. Maastricht's skyline is dominated by historic landmarks which include the St. Servatius Bridge (c.1298) over the Maas river; the "Dinghuis", or former courthouse (c.1475); and the town hall (c.1664). The cathedral, dedicated to St. Servatius, was founded in the 6th century and is the oldest church in The Netherlands. There are many other medieval churches, as well as fine houses in regional Renaissance and French styles. Maastricht, a cultural center, has a university, art academies and museums of art, antiquities and natural history.

Maastricht is located in the south of The Netherlands, close to Liege and Aachen. It has a more southern and relaxed atmosphere than other parts of The Netherlands, and attracts many international tourists not only for its rich history (founded by the Romans), but also for its beauty. The city center is split in two by the river Maas, with the train station located in the smaller part of the center.

Our NIDCAP Trainers Meeting venue is located on the bank of the river Maas near City Center Maastricht, at the Crowne Plaza Maastricht ([www.crowneplazamaastricht.nl](http://www.crowneplazamaastricht.nl)).



# Travel

## **Hotel Address:**

**Crowne Plaza Maastricht**

**Ruiterij 1, Wijck, Maastricht (walking distance from railway station)**

## **There are several options for travel to Maastricht:**

### **From Amsterdam Airport Schiphol**

#### Taxi

There is a cab-stand in front of the Schiphol Plaza building. You can travel in comfort, but the journey to Maastricht is expensive. The fare from the airport to the city centre of Maastricht is normally about €240,-. There are many taxi-operators (licensed taxis are recognized by the blue and yellow emblem).

#### Public transport

You can travel from the Schiphol railway station to Maastricht railway station with one transfer. You take the Intercity service to Utrecht Central. There you can transfer to the Intercity service to Maastricht. The journey time is about 2h30. Train tickets (single fare, 2<sup>nd</sup> class €27,50) are available from the yellow ticket machines near the platforms of Schiphol Plaza. For more information about the train journey you can use the NS website ([www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl)).

### **From Brussels Airport**

#### Taxi

Taxis with a taximeter are always available in front of the arrival hall. The fare from the airport to the city centre of Maastricht is normally about €190,-. Licensed taxis are recognized by the blue and yellow emblem, travellers are advised to avoid unlicensed taxis!

#### Public transport

The airport railway station is located below the terminal (basement level -1). You can travel to Maastricht railway station with one change. Up to 4 trains an hour connect the airport to Brussels North, where you can take the Intercity service to Maastricht. The journey time is about 2 hours. *Warning: there is no direct railway service between Brussels and Maastricht on Saturday and Sunday. Then you'd have to change at Liège-Guillemins as well.* For more information: [www.maastrichtbrusselsexpress.nl](http://www.maastrichtbrusselsexpress.nl)

### **From Maastricht Aachen Airport**

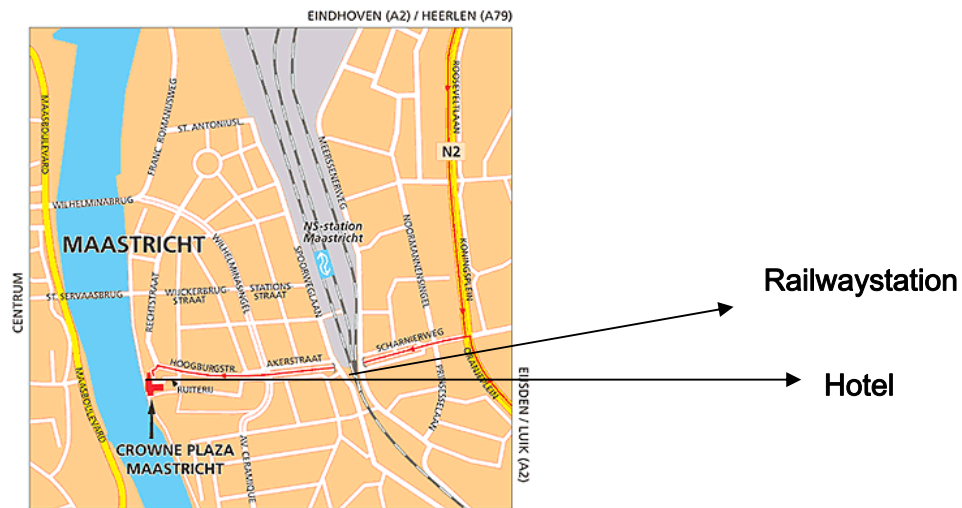
#### Taxi

Taxis with a taximeter are usually available in front of the passenger terminal. The fare from the airport to the city centre of Maastricht is normally about €25,-. Licensed taxis are recognized by the blue and yellow emblem.

#### Public Transport

Maastricht railway station is accessible with Veolia bus line 59. You can buy a bus day card for South-Limburg (€5,50) from the bus driver. *Warning: there is not frequent bus service between Maastricht Airport and the city centre of Maastricht in the evening or on Saturday and Sunday. You should plan your journey with [www.9292ov.nl](http://www.9292ov.nl) or call phone number +31(0)900 9292.*

Walking route from Maastricht railway station to the Crowne Plaza Maastricht (10 minutes).



Cars are an unnecessary and expensive way to get around the city. Parking costs 25 euro/day.

# Accommodations

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[www.crowneplazamaastricht.nl](http://www.crowneplazamaastricht.nl)

Please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel by completing one of the two attached hotel reservation forms. There is a form for Early Bird reservations and one for Regular reservations.

	Standard Room
Rate per person, per night	€189.00
Early Bird rate per person, per night	€160.65



Surcharge for double use € 20.00 per room, per night.

The hotel is offering an Early Bird rate for reservations made before **July 31, 2010**. The advance purchase booking must be made before July 31<sup>st</sup>, can not be changed or cancelled, and has to be paid within three days after the booking date. A local tax of €4,24 will be added for each night.

The deadline for regular reservations is **August 22, 2010**. Reservations made after this date will be handled based on availability. Please remember to make your reservations as soon as possible because another big congress is being held in Maastricht, and availability will become a problem.

Please see the reservations forms for more details.

## Meeting Registration Information

The meeting registration fee is € 550.00 (Euro).

The registration forms are attached and will be available at [www.nidcap.org/training\\_meeting.aspx](http://www.nidcap.org/training_meeting.aspx). You will be fully registered for the meeting when the *Attendee Registration Form*, the *Registration Fee Payment Form* and *payment* have been received. Instructions for payment can be found on the registration forms. The mailing address is located at the bottom of the Registration form. You may also email your registration form to:

Karin Suvaal, [k.suvaal@erasmusmc.nl](mailto:k.suvaal@erasmusmc.nl)  
Faxes can be sent to + 31 (0)10 47036811.

All registration and guest fees are due no later than **August 22, 2010**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions: [nidcap@erasmusmc.nl](mailto:nidcap@erasmusmc.nl)

**We look forward to seeing you in Maastricht,**



- Hermine, Yvonne, Monique, Karin, Nikk and Yt