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Presidents Corner



Curiosity is the secret to being a good health economist. Curiosity drives some to specialize and others to survey vast systems in the health economy. Curiosity fuels more curiosity in spiraling progress. Like any fuel, curiosity needs to be tended and minded. Hence iHEA.

A curiosity feast lies in store at our Biannual Congress this July in Basel. You will find the latest developments in your area and you will find how economists in other countries are approaching familiar problems in different settings. The international community is what makes iHEA such a delight. You don't have to wait till July 14 -- tend to your curiosity now by looking at the [program](#). New discoveries await you.

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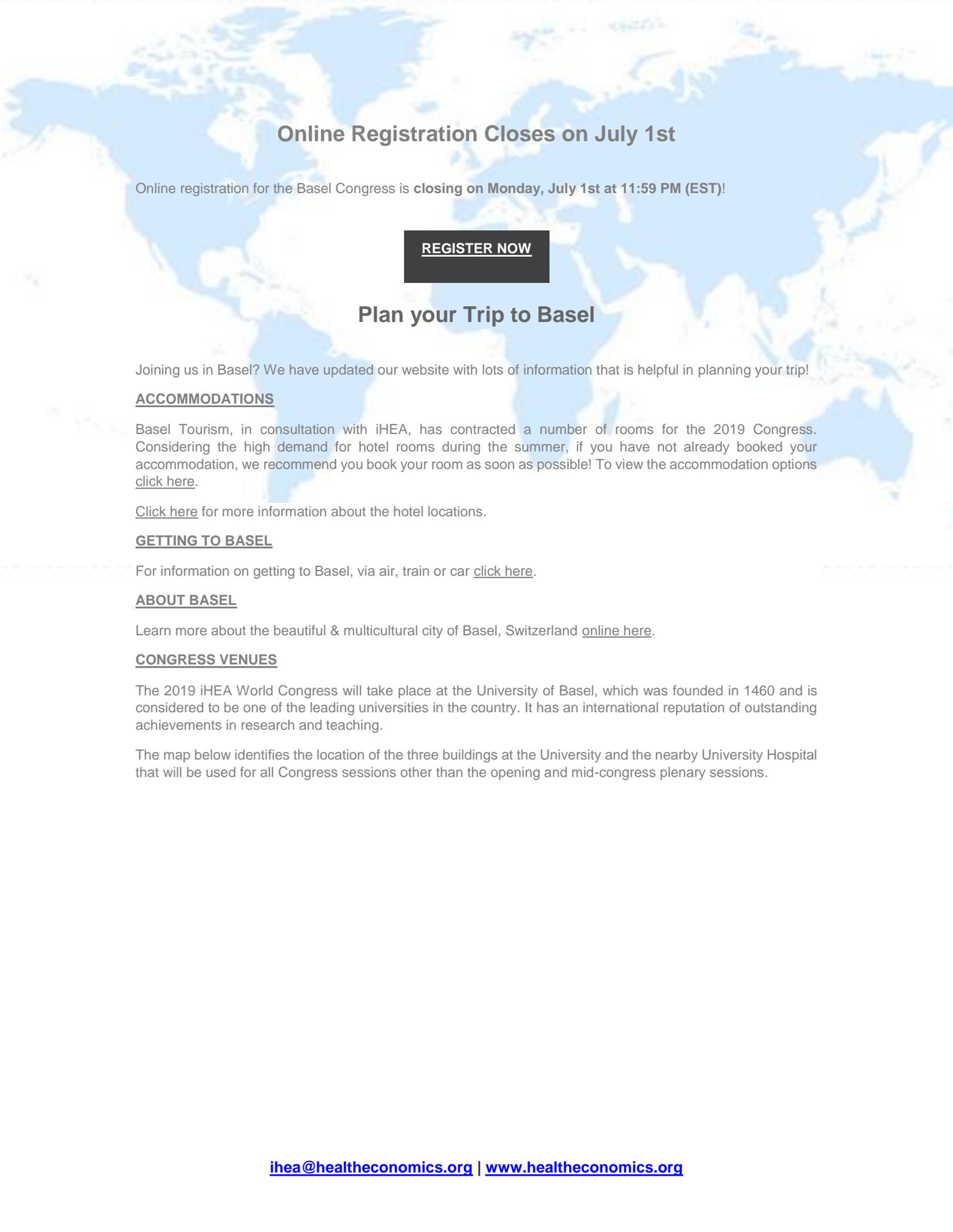
- David Bishai, iHEA President

Congress News

Final Congress Program is now Available

To view the full & final program for the Basel Congress [click here!](#) To learn more about our Plenary & Special Organized Sessions [click here!](#) To learn more about the extension Pre-Congress Session program [click here!](#)

Please note that, as part of iHEA's commitment to offering environmentally responsible Congresses, no print program will be available at the 2019 Congress. Delegates can choose to either use the mobile app on their phones, which we will be launching in advance of the Congress, or the online web program using a tablet or laptop.



Online Registration Closes on July 1st

Online registration for the Basel Congress is **closing on Monday, July 1st at 11:59 PM (EST)!**

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)

Plan your Trip to Basel

Joining us in Basel? We have updated our website with lots of information that is helpful in planning your trip!

ACCOMMODATIONS

Basel Tourism, in consultation with iHEA, has contracted a number of rooms for the 2019 Congress. Considering the high demand for hotel rooms during the summer, if you have not already booked your accommodation, we recommend you book your room as soon as possible! To view the accommodation options [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for more information about the hotel locations.

GETTING TO BASEL

For information on getting to Basel, via air, train or car [click here](#).

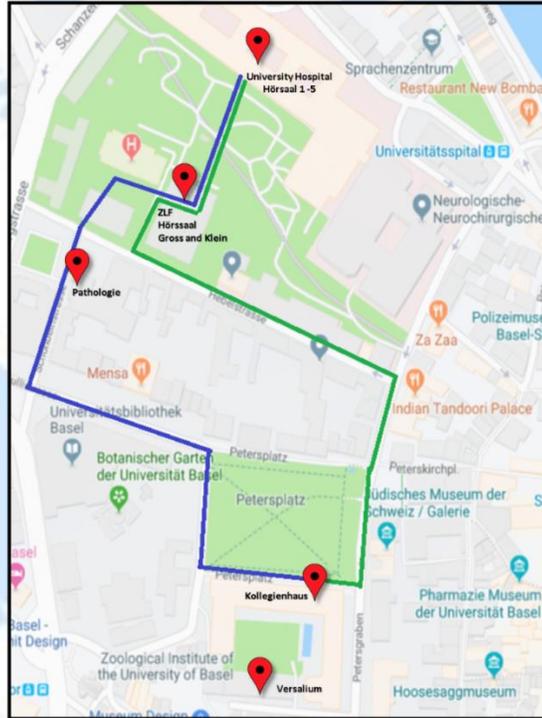
ABOUT BASEL

Learn more about the beautiful & multicultural city of Basel, Switzerland [online here](#).

CONGRESS VENUES

The 2019 iHEA World Congress will take place at the University of Basel, which was founded in 1460 and is considered to be one of the leading universities in the country. It has an international reputation of outstanding achievements in research and teaching.

The map below identifies the location of the three buildings at the University and the nearby University Hospital that will be used for all Congress sessions other than the opening and mid-congress plenary sessions.



To learn more about the Congress venues [click here](#).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To read other important information about Basel, including child care, public transportation, electricity, currency and more [click here](#).

Presenter's Corner

Presenting at the iHEA Congress? [Click here](#) to have all of your questions answered around your upcoming presentation.

Thank you to our Financial Supporters!

Thank you to all of the Organizations who provided their generous financial and in-kind support to the Basel Congress! To learn more about our financial supporters [click here](#).

SIG News

Immunization Economics

We are extremely excited to meet you at the upcoming iHEA Immunization Economics Special Interest Group (SIG) Pre-Congress Session in Basel, Switzerland. The updated [agenda](#) and [poster presentation list](#) are now available. We currently have over 170 participants and speakers registered from over 40 countries and 75 organizations. **We can still accommodate a small number of additional participants.** If you have registered for the iHEA Congress but were previously unable to select the Immunization Economics pre-congress session because it was full, please know that registration is still available [online here](#) for a couple more days.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (csuharlim@mail.harvard.edu) should you require assistance in updating your registration to the pre-congress session. There is no additional charge for you to join this Immunization Economics pre-congress session, which includes two full days of activity, meeting materials, lunch, dinner, a social on July 13th and coffee breaks. See you in Basel!

Agenda: <http://immunizationeconomics.org/basel>

Poster List: <http://immunizationeconomics.org/betterposter>

Join a Special Interest Group

There are now **nine (9) functioning Special Interest Groups**: Early Career Researchers, Economics of Obesity, Economics of Palliative & End-of-Life Care, Financing for Universal Health Coverage, Health Preference Research, Health Systems' Efficiency, Health Workforce, Teaching Health Economics and Immunization Economics. We encourage members to join a Special Interest Group. You can click through each of the SIG webpages to learn more about their objectives and how to join!

University Member News

Become a University Member to Access Additional Member Benefits!

In the last year, iHEA made changes to its University Membership structure and benefits. In addition to various congress-related benefits, university members' training programs are featured on a dedicated page on the iHEA website, feature articles on university members will be published in the monthly newsletter and university members are entitled to advertise employment and postdoctoral fellowship opportunities on the iHEA job board and Twitter account at no cost.

To learn more about University Membership benefits, please [click here](#).

Regional News

The 18th Annual Canadian Health Economics Study Group Meetings

The annual Canadian Health Economics Study Group (CHESG) meeting is Canada's premier conference on theoretical and empirical health economics research. The 2019 CHESG meeting was held in Banff - one of the most beautiful places on earth!

CHESG highlights include two distinguished keynote speakers (Professors Edward C. Norton and Patricia M. Danzon) who inspired the audience by presenting their cutting-edge research on incentives within the health care sector. Professor Norton presented a comprehensive analysis of value-based purchasing program under Medicare on hospital performance (Moneyball in Medicare), while Prof. Danzon discussed the link between R&D spending in the pharmaceutical sector and reimbursement/ pricing mechanism (Pharmaceutical Policy: Old Problems, New solutions?). Among other topics, researchers presented theoretical papers on strategic interaction of pharmaceutical companies and cost-effectiveness threshold in the presence of market power, empirical papers on the impact of regulation on smoking and opioid prescriptions, theoretical and empirical papers on physician remuneration, and impact of hospital merger on patient welfare.

All papers presented at the 2019 CHESG meetings are now available at the CHESG website: <http://www.chesg-geces.ca/>.

- *Sisira Sarma, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario*

UNSW Scientia PhD Scholarship in Global Health

The Scientia PhD Scholarship Scheme at the University of New South Wales is part of our dedication to harnessing our cutting-edge research to solve complex problems and improve the lives of people in local and global communities. Scientia candidates will have a strong commitment to making a difference in the world with demonstrated potential for contributing to the social engagement and/or global impact pillars of the UNSW 2025 Strategy.

RESEARCH PROJECT: COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND MODELLING OF POINT-OF-CARE TESTS FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The diagnosis of infectious diseases is often unavailable or inaccessible because of the placement of diagnostic tests in centralised laboratories. Recent technological advances have generated new diagnostic options for diseases of global importance that can be implemented at the point of care. Despite having technical accuracy, the scale-up of these technologies faces uncertain pathways, multiple barriers and costs. This project will use health economics and mathematical modelling to predict cost-effectiveness of scaling-up new point-of-care tests for infectious diseases in remote Australia and the Asia-Pacific. This information will fill a major knowledge gap that currently impedes translation into policy and practice.

More information on the project and team can be found [here](#).

iHEA Webinars

iHEA Special Interest Groups held a number of webinars in the first quarter of 2019, all of which are available for viewing online [here](#). Webinars are open to members and non-members alike and upcoming webinars will be announced shortly!

Do you have an idea for a future webinar or interest in organizing a webinar? Reach out to us at ihea@healthconomics.org.

Career Center

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The [iHEA Career Center](#) allows you to post your job openings and fellowships, find potential candidates and search new positions. It is open to members and non-members alike. You are able to search by Keyword, Country, Organization, Job category and more. We encourage everyone to click here to view this wonderful resource. We do hope that you utilize this tool and should you have any questions, please reach out to jobs@healthconomics.org.

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Please [click here](#) to access the SocialLink user guide. We hope that this guide will give members a better idea on how they can best use SocialLink, our member community and networking app, to connect with other members and engage with our Special Interest Groups. We will continue to build out the [FAQ section](#) of SocialLink, but if you have any questions please reach out to us at ihea@healthconomics.org!

