

Medical and technology industries meet in Berlin

- **More than ever, Berlin is the venue for digital conferences**
- **Major medical congresses meet in Berlin**
- **Congresses and events at convention.visitBerlin.de/kongresskalender**

Berlin, 28 March 2018 Berlin is increasingly attracting digital events and major medical congresses. The congress calendar for *visitBerlin's* Berlin Convention Office is very full and indicates positive development.

"Berlin is anticipating a strong congress year. More and more international organisers and pioneers are considering Berlin as a congress metropolis. In addition to the focus on medical and scientific congresses, we are observing the trend that numerous topics relating to digitisation are being discussed here in Berlin," says Iris Lanz, Director Conventions at the *visitBerlin* Berlin Convention Office. This is due to the city's active start-up scene and the excellent opportunities to combine innovative power and creativity.

From NOAH to TOA: Digital conferences in the German capital

Berlin's digital conference summer starts in May with the Internet conference **re:publica**, under the motto "Pop" (2-4 May, 7,000 participants, Berlin station, re-publica.com). The **CEPIC Congress**, the world's largest event in this field (CEPIC = Center of the Picture Industry, 30 May-1 June, Maritim proArte Hotel, ceplic.org/congress), is all about commercial silent and moving pictures. The third **SingularityU Germany Summit** will also meet in Berlin. Topics include cyber security, cyber crime, and exponential technologies in Berlin (4-5 June, bcc Berlin Congress Center, singularityugermanysummit.org).

The **NOAH Conference** brings together 4,000 leaders in the European internet and digital economy (6-7 June, Tempodrom, noah-conference.com). About 20,000 participants from the international tech and creative scene are expected to attend the **TOA Tech Open Air Festival** a few days later (19-22 June, Funkhaus Berlin, toa.berlin).

The **Broadband World Forum 2018** is the world's largest and most important meeting in the broadband industry and takes place in October (23-25 Oct., 4,500 participants, Messe Berlin, tmt.knect365.com/bbwf).

Q Berlin Questions will be held for the second time

The Berlin Conference **Q Berlin Questions** organised by *visitBerlin* with international speakers will take place for the second time in autumn. Topics are digitisation and other innovative and urgent social issues of our time (Nov., q.berlin). The **OpenStack Summit**, which is coming to Germany for the first time and welcomes 8,000 international experts from the cloud computing sector (13-15 Nov., CityCube Berlin, openstack.org/summit/berlin-2018/).

Major medical congresses in Berlin - three neuroscientific congresses in one week

Over 6,000 participants are expected for the **Diabetes Congress 2018** - for the first time in Berlin (9-12 May, CityCube, diabeteskongress.de). After ten years, the **Federation of European Neurosciences** is returning to Berlin. 8,000 participants are coming for the largest international neuroscience meeting (7-11 July, Messe Berlin, forum2018.fens.org).

Berlin is particularly looking forward to an anniversary this year: The **World Health Summit** will take place in the capital for the tenth time. This international forum for discussing the major global health issues attracts around 2,000 physicians, scientists, NGOs, politicians, and industry representatives from 90 countries to Berlin (14-16 Oct., Kosmos, worldhealthsummit.org).

The **EASD** society is coming to Berlin for the first time. Around 18,000 diabetologists are expected to attend this annual meeting - making it the largest congress of the year for Berlin (1-5 Oct., CityCube Berlin, easd.org). 7,500 multiple sclerosis physicians will meet for the **ECTRIMS** Congress (10-12 Oct., ectrims-congress.eu/2018.html).

As part of **Neurowoche 2018**, there will be three congresses in five days: The German Neurology Society in Berlin is organising the largest German-speaking medical congress; it is one of the three highest attended neurological congresses worldwide. The Society for Neuropaediatrics, which deals with diseases of genetic origin, and the German Society for Neuropathology and Neuroanatomy also hold their annual meetings in Berlin (30 Oct.-3 Nov., Messe Berlin, neurowoche.org). The **CPmed18**, a peak of precision medicine, takes place in November (19-21 Nov., Ameron Hotel Abion Spreebogen, precisionmedicine.kenes.com). At the end of the year, 9,000 doctors and scientists of psychiatry, psychotherapy, psychosomatics, and neurology will come to the **DGPPN Congress** in Berlin (28 Nov.-1 Dec., CityCube, dgppnkongress.de).

By 2017, the leading industries in the Berlin congress market were medicine and healthcare (26%), and IT and the digital economy (11%) were on a par with conferences by politicians and public institutions (11%). This is the result of the *visitBerlin* Berlin Convention Office's congress statistics. The Berlin Convention Office advertises congresses, brings them to the city, and supports international and national congress organisers with free services from location searches to vacancy enquiries for hotel contingents and event planning.

All meetings and conventions can be searched by topic and date on our conventions calendar at convention.visitBerlin.com.

An overview of the biggest congresses in 2018 - Medical congresses dominate

Date	Convention name	Category	Participants (> 2.000)	Location
21–24.2.18	German Cancer Congress 2018	Medicine	11,200	CityCube Berlin
17–19.4.18	conhIT - Connecting Healthcare IT 2018	Medicine	9,000	Messe Berlin
17–20.4.18	135th German Society of Surgery Congress 2018	Medicine	5,000	CityCube Berlin
2.–4.5.18	re:publica 2018	Digitalisation	8,000	Station Berlin
9.–12.5.18	Diabetes Congress 2018	Medicine	6,000	Messe Berlin
15.–17.5.18	CCW - Critical Communications World 2018	Technology	4,000	Messe Berlin
4.–8.6.18	International Congress of Actuaries 2018	Insurance	2,000	Estrel Convention Center
6.–8.6.18	Capital Congress Medicine and Health 2018	Medicine	> 8,000	CityCube Berlin
19.–22.6.18	TOA Tech Open Air Festival 2018	Technology	20,000	Broadcast Centre Berlin
7.–11.7.18	FENS 2018 (Federation of European Neurosciences)	Medicine	8,000	Messe Berlin
27.–30.9.18	116th GOS Convention (German Ophthalmological Society)	Medicine	>4,600	Estrel Convention Center
11.–5.10.18	54th EASD Annual Meeting (European Association for the Study of Diabetes)	Medicine	18,000	CityCube Berlin
10.–12.10.18	ECTRIMS Congress (European Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis)	Medicine	7,500	CityCube Berlin
14.–16.10.18	10th World Health Summit	Medicine	2,000	Cosmos
31.10.–3.11.18	62nd Congress of the German Society for Gynaecology and Obstetrics e.V.	Medicine	>5,000	CityCube Berlin
13.–15.11.18	OpenStack Summit 2018	Technology	8,000	CityCube Berlin

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