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# Letter of Intent to host the 2029 ERS Conference in Hamburg, Germany

Dear Organizing Committee for the 2029 ERS Conference,

We are hereby expressing our intent to submit a formal application to host the 2029 European Rhinologic Society (ERS) Conference in Hamburg, Germany. On behalf of the University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE), we are honored to propose Hamburg as host city for this prestigious international event, and we are eager to contribute to the continued advancement of rhinology through a highly engaging and impactful meeting.

Hamburg, as Germany's second-largest city and a major centre for medicine and science, offers an ideal location for the ERS Conference. Known for its excellent infrastructure, world-class conference venues, and rich cultural heritage, Hamburg combines modern facilities with a welcoming atmosphere that fosters collaboration and exchange of ideas. Furthermore, the city is easily accessible by air, rail, and road, making it a convenient and attractive destination for attendees from across Europe and beyond.

Our team is committed to ensuring the success of this event and is confident that Hamburg will provide a dynamic environment for the ERS community. We are prepared to help organizing a comprehensive program, including highquality scientific sessions, keynote lectures, live dissection sessions, hands-on workshops, and ample opportunities for networking among professionals from all over the world.

### 1. Our local team

Our institution, with its experienced team and strong ties to the medical community, has previously organized large-scale conferences and is wellequipped to manage the logistical aspects of an event of this magnitude. We are prepared to collaborate closely with the ERS Organizing Committee to ensure the smooth execution of every aspect of the meeting.





Chair/President: Prof. Dr. C. Betz Co-Chair: Dr. Anna S. Hoffmann

### 2. Organisation of previous conferences

Prof. Betz: In my current role as Scientific President of the European Rhinologic Society, I am currently co-organizing the 2025 ERS Conference in Budapest.

Dr. Hoffmann: I am currently on the Scientific Program Committee for the 2025 ERS Conference, as well involved in the ESPO 2025 Organizing Committee.

Both: We have organized several national meetings together as a team.

#### 3. Financial concept

We are convinced that we will be able to offer a financially attractive and competitive package to ERS and to the attendees. To secure funding for scholarships etc., we can offer to contact approx. 30 national and international sponsors, which have actively contributed to the success of former conferences organized in Hamburg. We will apply for public support via the Hamburg Convention Bureau, which is also strongly supporting this bid.

## 4. Hamburg and the Congress Centre Hamburg (CCH)

Based on the highly positive experience with the EAACI 2023, I am fully convinced that Hamburg - with its CCH located in the heart of the city - is perfectly suited to host the ERS in 2029.

Hamburg can be reached easily via its International Airport, which is only around 20 minutes away from the city centre. The congress venue is easily accessible from the airport by public transport. As well, it is directly connected to the German (and European) high speed train system via its own station.

The CCH – Congress Center Hamburg is a magnificent venue for conventions and events. After undergoing comprehensive refurbishment and modernization from 2017 until 2021, the CCH is in perfect shape for the ERS Meeting in 2029.

We are truly enthusiastic about the prospect of welcoming the European rhinology community to Hamburg in 2029 and are confident that this meeting will serve as a major platform for knowledge exchange, professional growth, and collaboration in our field.

We look forward to the opportunity to submit a detailed proposal and are happy to provide any additional information you may require. Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to have the privilege of hosting the ERS Meeting in Hamburg.

Yours sincerely

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