

Preliminary Programme
Call for papers



Annual European Congress of Rheumatology

**Paris, France,
11-14 June 2014**

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European League Against Rheumatism Annual European Congress of Rheumatology

Paris - France
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**Le Palais des Congrès
de Paris**

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Mission statement

The aim is to provide a forum of the highest standard for scientific (both clinical and basic), educational and social exchange between professionals involved in rheumatology, liaising with patient organisations, in order to achieve progress in the clinical care of patients with rheumatic diseases.

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Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

The 15th Annual European Congress of Rheumatology EULAR 2014 will take place on 11-14 June 2014 in Paris. EULAR started organising annual congresses in 2000 in Nice, France. They have now become major events in the calendar of world rheumatology, and the number of participants has increased from about 6'400 (Nice) to 16'000 in London 2011. The Congress 2014 in Paris will again provide a unique occasion for the exchange of most recent scientific and clinical information. It will also facilitate interactions between scientists, medical doctors, health professionals, patients and professionals representing the pharmaceutical industry both within Europe and from around the world, considering participation from around 120 countries.

Substantial growth can also be claimed for both the number and quality of submitted abstracts. On one hand, this reflects the increased interest in arthritis and the related musculoskeletal diseases which we can also observe in our member countries. It is also the expression of an increased availability of information on the size and burden of these diseases and a significantly improved ability to diagnose and treat them. The incorporation of health professional and patient organisations in EULAR has been a considerable stimulus for these advances. Today, EULAR is a true umbrella organisation, covering almost 90 scientific societies, patient and health professional associations, and almost every year we welcome new member associations.

Therefore, the EULAR Congress 2014 in Paris will once again provide a wide range of updated topics, including clinical, translational and basic science together with optimised processes for the diagnosis and general management of rheumatic patients. In addition, there will be the always well attended sessions and events organised by our patient organisation PARE, by our Health Professional branch and by other health care providers. The central activity of the Congress will be the Poster Sessions and the active poster tours with their highly interactive exchange between poster presenters and participants. Thus, the Paris meeting will further strengthen the reputation of the EULAR Congress as a highly innovative and informative event for all interested in the cause of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases RMD.

The city of Paris needs little introduction and will guarantee a fascinating location as it always has in the past. Paris is an excellent city for an international meeting such as the EULAR Congress thanks to the efficient connections and transportation options. The "charme de la ville lumière" with its long history, reflected by its architecture, galleries, restaurants, theatres and music should provide an excellent atmosphere for cultural exchange, international collaboration and the renewal of friendships.

We look forward to having the honour and pleasure to welcome you: medical doctors, patients, health professionals and representatives of the pharmaceutical industry to the 15th Annual EULAR Congress and hope your stay in Paris will be enjoyable, informative, and educational.



MAURIZIO CUTOLO
President of EULAR

Organising Committees

EULAR Executive Committee

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Prof. Maurizio Cutolo, Italy

- ** *President-elect*
- *Past President*
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- ** *Vice-President representing national PARE organisations*
- ** *Vice-President representing the Health Professionals in Rheumatology*
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Ex-officio members of the EULAR Executive Committee

- *Investigative Rheumatology*
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Prof. Désirée van der Heijde, Netherlands
- *Education and Training*
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Prof. Deborah Symmons, United Kingdom
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Prof. Maria-Antonietta d'Agostino, France
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Prof. Alberto Martini, Italy
- *PARE*
Mr David Magnusson, Sweden
- *Health Professionals in Rheumatology*
Ms Susan Oliver, United Kingdom

* These functions are not included in the Congress Programme Committee

** These functions need to be re-elected by the EULAR General Assembly in June 2013

Organising Committees

Congress Programme Committee

Scientific, Health Professionals, PARE

- The EULAR Executive Committee Members (excluding functions marked with *)
- The EULAR Standing Committee Chairpersons
- Prof. Ulf Müller-Ladner, Germany
Chairperson of the Scientific Programme Committee
- Dr Maya Buch, United Kingdom
Chairperson of the Abstract Selection Committee
- Prof. Christopher Buckley, United Kingdom
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- Ms Maria Batziou, Greece
- Prof. Frank Buttgereit, Germany
- Prof. Lesley Crofford, United States
- Ms Annette de Thurah, Denmark
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- Prof. Rik Lories, Belgium
- Prof. Dennis McGonagle, United Kingdom
- Prof. James O'Dell, United States
- Prof. Eliseo Pascual Gomez, Spain
- Prof. Costantino Pitzalis, United Kingdom
- Prof. François Rannou, France
- Prof. Johannes Roth, Germany
- Prof. Carlo Salvarani, Italy
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- Dr Lene Terslev, Denmark
- Dr René Toes, Netherlands
- Prof. Dimitrios Vassilopoulos, Greece
- Prof. Douglas Veale, Ireland
- Prof. Reinhard E. Voll, Germany

Primary Care

- Dr Stefan Bergman, Sweden
- Dr Jurgen Damen, Netherlands
- Prof. Elaine Hay, United Kingdom
- Dr Fernando León Vazquez, Spain
- Dr Ana Maria Nielsen Bentsen, Spain
- Dr Louise Warbuton, United Kingdom

The complete list of all EULAR Officers and Committee Members is available on the congress website as of July 2013

The scientific programme will start on Wednesday, 11 June 2014 at 13:00 and will finish on Saturday, 14 June 2014 at 15:00.

The congress will cover the broad spectrum of the rheumatic diseases and include state-of-the-art lectures, basic science and clinical symposia, abstract sessions, presentations and discussions of difficult cases, workshops and special interest group sessions. Abstracts can be submitted on the following topics (for instructions, see "Abstract Information" in this programme on pages 12-15).

Sessions of the Health Professionals in Rheumatology, of EULAR PARE (People with Arthritis/Rheumatism in Europe) and Primary Care will extend and complement the programme on all days.

Scientific Programme

Official language:
English

Basic and Translational Research

01. Genomics, genetic basis of disease and HLA/T cell recognition
02. Adaptive immunity (T cells and B cells) in rheumatic diseases
03. Innate immunity in rheumatic diseases
04. Cytokines and inflammatory mediators
05. Cartilage, synovium and osteoimmunology
06. Rheumatoid arthritis - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
07. Spondyloarthritis - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
08. SLE, Sjögren's and APS - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
09. Scleroderma, myositis and related syndromes - etiology, pathogenesis and animal models
10. Basic science in paediatric rheumatology

Clinical Topics by Disease

11. Rheumatoid arthritis - prognosis, predictors and outcome
12. Rheumatoid arthritis - comorbidity and clinical aspects
13. Rheumatoid arthritis - anti TNF therapy
14. Rheumatoid arthritis - other biologic treatment
15. Rheumatoid arthritis - non biologic treatment
16. SLE, Sjögren's and APS - treatment
17. SLE, Sjögren's and APS - clinical aspects
(other than treatment)

18. Vasculitis
19. Scleroderma, myositis and related syndromes
20. Spondylarthropathies - treatment
21. Spondylarthropathies - clinical aspects
(other than treatment)
22. Psoriatic arthritis
23. Osteoarthritis
24. Osteoporosis
25. Bone diseases other than osteoporosis, metabolic diseases
and crystal diseases
26. Infection-related rheumatic diseases
27. Fibromyalgia
28. Back pain, mechanical musculoskeletal problems,
local soft tissue disorders
29. Paediatric rheumatology
30. Other orphan diseases

Clinical Topics by Area of Research

31. Diagnostics and imaging procedures
32. Epidemiology, health services and outcome research
33. Rehabilitation
34. Education

Health Professionals in Rheumatology Abstracts

PARE / Patient Abstracts

Primary Care Abstracts

Poster Viewing

Time will be reserved for poster viewing on Thursday 12 June, Friday 13 June and Saturday 14 June 2014

Guided Poster Tours

Guided Poster tours on selected topics will take place during the official poster viewing times

**The Scientific Programme will be published end
of April 2014 on the EULAR Website: www.eular.org**

Wednesday, 11 June 2014

12:00	Exhibition opens
13:00 - 14:30	Satellite Symposia
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 - 16:30	Scientific Sessions
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 - 18:30	Scientific Sessions
18:30	Exhibition closes
18:45 - 20:00	Opening Plenary Session
20:15 - 22:00	Networking Platform

Thursday, 12 June 2014

08:15 - 09:45	Satellite Symposia
08:30	Exhibition and Poster Area opens
09:45 - 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 - 11:45	Scientific Sessions
11:45 - 13:30	Poster Viewing and Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Scientific Sessions
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 - 17:00	Scientific Sessions
17:15	Exhibition closes
17:30 - 19:00	Satellite Symposia

Friday, 13 June 2014

08:15 - 09:45	Satellite Symposia
08:30	Exhibition and Poster Area opens
09:45 - 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 - 11:45	Scientific Sessions
11:45 - 13:30	Poster Viewing and Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Scientific Sessions
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 - 17:00	Scientific Sessions
17:15	Exhibition closes
17:30 - 19:00	Satellite Symposia
20:30	EULAR Congress Dinner

Saturday, 14 June 2014

08:45 - 10:15	Scientific Sessions
09:30	Exhibition and Poster Area opens
10:15 - 12:00	Poster Viewing, Coffee Break
12:00 - 13:30	Scientific Sessions
13:45 - 14:45	Congress Highlights Sessions
14:00	Exhibition closes
15:00	Farewell Drink at the Congress Centre

Time Schedule

PARE Programme

Wednesday, 11 June 2014 to
Saturday, 14 June 2014

**Health Professionals
in Rheumatology
Programme**

Wednesday, 11 June 2014 to
Saturday, 14 June 2014

Primary Care Programme

Thursday, 12 June 2014
as of 12:00 to
Friday, 13 June 2014, 19:00

Take additional advantage of the early registration fee and register before 1 February 2014!

Registration Information

Registration Fee	Until 31 January 2014	As of 1 February 2014	After 10 June 2014 & on site
Full Delegate ¹	EUR 700	EUR 765	EUR 920
Health Professional Delegate ²	EUR 165	EUR 195	EUR 235
PARE Delegate ³	EUR 165	EUR 195	EUR 235
Primary Care ⁴	EUR 175	EUR 205	EUR 245
Trainee ⁵	EUR 255	EUR 275	EUR 305
Patient ⁶	EUR 35	EUR 35	EUR 35

Registration fee includes 19,6% French VAT

- 1 Medical or scientific professionals, clinicians, M.D's, PhD's
- 2 Nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and other nearby allied health professionals. A letter of confirmation of your status from the Head of Unit or Institute must accompany the formal registration form
- 3 Representatives of national PARE organisations
- 4 Primary Care programme from Thursday 12:00 to Friday 19:00
- 5 The trainee registration is available for "Clinicians in Training" and "Non Tenured Scientists" (scientists not being professor or associate professor) under 35 years of age. A letter of confirmation of your status from the Head of Unit or Institute must accompany the formal registration form
- 6 A doctor's certificate must be submitted with the registration form

The Eular all-inclusive Fee – the Key to a Full Year Permanent CME/CPD Education

When attending the EULAR congress you will not only enjoy a scientific event that is invaluable in itself but also get the key to a full year extended "Continuous Professional Development". For a period from July 2014 to June 2015, the registration fee includes the following benefits in a unique package:

- Admission to the scientific sessions from Wednesday, 11 June to Saturday, 14 June 2014 unless otherwise stated
- Opening plenary session and scientific networking platform on Wednesday, 11 June 2014 at the congress centre
- Congress documents, including badge and congress bag
- Mobile congress application with complete programme including all presented abstracts

- Access to the exhibition and posters
- Free Internet access in designated areas
- Coffee breaks on all days
- Free transportation ticket on the Paris public network, from Wednesday, 11 June to Saturday, 14 June 2014
- Final Programme Book
- Unrestricted access to all accepted abstracts
- One year access to recorded presentations
- One year access to the newest developments and publications in the field of RMD's (not for registration category 6 - Patient)

Group registrations

For 10 persons and more, please contact MCI at eular.reg@mci-group.com for special conditions.

Confirmation

An email / letter of receipt will be sent to you on completion of your registration. This letter must be presented at the registration desk in order to receive the congress bag and badge.

Changes and cancellation policies.

Cancellations and changes to your original registration (including congress dinner) must be made in writing to the MCI reservation department at the address below before 10 April 2014. An administrative fee of EUR 45 will be deducted from all refunds. No fees will be refunded after this date.

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Email: eular.reg@mci-group.com

Registration Desk Opening Hours - Le Palais des Congrès, Paris (Subject to change)

Tuesday	10 June 2014	17:00 - 20:00
Wednesday	11 June 2014	08:00 - 22:00
Thursday	12 June 2014	07:45 - 19:15
Friday	13 June 2014	07:45 - 19:15
Saturday	14 June 2014	08:30 - 15:30

Abstract Information

■ IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions
accepted from
1 October 2013

**Submission
deadline:
31 January 2014
23:59 CET**

Notifications to
submitters:
mid-April 2014
Online publica-
tion of abstracts
information:
13 May 2014

***Abstracts
received after
the deadlines
will not be
accepted !***

Please read this information carefully

1. Abstracts must be submitted in one of the four different **categories**:

- a. Medical or Research Professional/Clinician
- b. Health Professional/Practice and Research
- c. PARE Member/Patient
- d. Primary Care

The categories are subdivided into **topics** (see pages 7-8). The correct **category and topic** must be selected to ensure correct scoring. The content of the abstract must be topic related.

2. Please read all instructions in the abstract submission system carefully before preparing your abstract.
3. For standardisation, the acceptable length of the abstract is not more than **3600 characters and 55 lines**, authors' details and headers included. This also includes non-visible characters such as spaces and punctuation.
4. The abstract should be structured into the following sections:
 - a. A title which clearly indicates the nature of the investigation
 - b. Background
 - c. Objectives
 - d. Methods
 - e. Results
 - f. Conclusions
 - g. References
5. One graph/image can be included with the following criteria:

Image width: min. 50 pixels - max. 750 pixels
 Image height: min. 50 pixels - max. 750 pixels
 Image quality: min. 96 dpi - max. 300 dpi
 Image file size: min. 35 KB - max. 1000 KB
 Allowed file type: gif, jpg

Please note that insertion of graphs and images will significantly reduce the number of remaining allowed characters.

6. Abstracts can be saved in “Draft” status to be re-edited and modified until the submission deadline (31 January 2014, midnight CET). Therefore, the submitter will be required to create a user account.
7. Abstracts fulfilling all criteria can be saved in “Final submission” status. Only abstracts in “Final submission” status will be regarded as successfully submitted and considered for the congress. Abstracts in “Final submission” status can be re-edited and modified until the submission deadline (31 January 2014, midnight CET).
8. An abstract can only be submitted if the “Rules and Regulations, including the EULAR embargo rules” on the online abstract form are read and accepted.
9. Conflict of interest: It is the intent of EULAR to provide high-quality sessions focused on educational content that is free from commercial influence or bias. Thus the submitting author of an abstract is requested to declare any potential conflicts of interest for all authors during the abstracts submission.
10. Abstracts accepted for the congress are subject to the “Abstract Embargo Rules” and the “Transfer of Copyright” as published on the EULAR website **www.eular.org**. With the submission of an abstract the authors agree to the embargo rules and the transfer of copyright.

■ TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- The internet abstract submission system works best with Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher and Mozilla Firefox 3.0 or higher
- Cookies and JavaScript need to be enabled

■ GENERAL

Abstracts can only be submitted **online via the online abstract submission form** that can be found in the section “abstracts” on the official EULAR 2014 Congress website: **www.eular.org/eular2014**

Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

Abstract Information

11. The Corresponding Author has the right to grant, and does grant, on behalf of all authors an exclusive licence on a world-wide basis to the BMJ Publishing Group Ltd and EULAR to publish the abstract (if accepted) in any media and to exploit all subsidiary rights.
12. Only abstracts that contain original data can be submitted.
13. Abstracts should not be submitted if the following applies:
 - a. the abstract contains data that has been published or accepted for publication in a print or on-line journal;
 - b. the abstract contains data that was presented at a scientific meeting more than 12 months prior to EULAR 2014.
14. Abstracts containing data that has been presented or will be presented at a different scientific meeting during a 12 months period prior to EULAR 2014 can be submitted. This fact must be indicated on the submission form.
15. Abstracts having been submitted for publication or to a scientific meeting, but are pending acceptance, can be submitted without restrictions. However, once the abstract has been accepted by EULAR it is automatically subject to the EULAR embargo rules.
16. The reviewers will judge the abstracts according to the scientific or clinical value, relevance to EULAR, suitability of methods to aims, conclusions confirmed by objective results, objectivity of statements, description of methods used, ethics, originality of work, standard of English and overall impression.
17. Please ensure that your abstract does not contain spelling, grammatical or scientific errors, as it will be reproduced exactly as submitted. No proofreading will be done.
18. Accepted abstracts will be published in a supplement to the Annals of Rheumatic Diseases. Information on accepted abstracts will also be available on-line on the EULAR website about one month prior to the congress. Published abstracts will be available in the EULAR Abstract archive after the congress.

19. The submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by the presenting author to present the abstract (if accepted) orally or as a poster in the session and the time assigned by the EULAR Scientific Committee. We therefore recommend that submitters of abstracts register for the congress simultaneously with abstract submission.
20. Abstracts not adhering to these guidelines will be rejected. If you do not agree with any of these rules, you should not submit an abstract. The final decision about acceptance of an abstract will be taken by the EULAR Scientific Committee. EULAR does not correspond on the reasons for acceptance/rejection of an abstract.
21. If you need to withdraw your abstract, a written statement reflecting the reasons for this decision must be sent to the EULAR Secretariat or MCI not later than 1 April 2014.

Instructions for Abstract Presentations

- If an abstract is selected for **oral presentation**, the presenting author, as specified at submission, will be requested to present it in the assigned session.
Details will be communicated to the author by mid-April 2014.
- If an abstract is **accepted as a poster presentation**, the presenting author will be requested to be available for discussion during the corresponding poster viewing session.
- Posters will be set up close to the exhibition area.

Please use letters large enough to be read from a distance of 1.5 meters.

For further information contact:

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Exhibition

During the congress, EULAR will present an attractive exhibition to all delegates. The abstract poster presentation area is embedded in the exhibition. Coffee and other refreshments will be available in the exhibition and poster area. The exhibition will open officially on Wednesday 11 June 2014.

Exhibition hours will be as follows:

Wednesday	11 June 2014	12:00 - 18:30
Thursday	12 June 2014	08:30 - 17:15
Friday	13 June 2014	08:30 - 17:15
Saturday	14 June 2014	09:30 - 14:00

Partnership & Investment Opportunities

Satellite Symposia

A number of satellite symposia will be organised during EULAR 2014 at the following times:

Wednesday	11 June 2014	13:00 - 14:30
Thursday	12 June 2014	08:15 - 09:45 and 17:30 - 19:00
Friday	13 June 2014	08:15 - 09:45 and 17:30 - 19:00

Satellite symposia are governed by EULAR guidelines. Symposia are strictly prohibited during the official programme hours. Sponsorship of all symposia and special events must be approved by EULAR.

The “Partnership & Investment Opportunities Manual”, the “EULAR Code of Practice” and the “Abstract Embargo Rules” are available on the EULAR website **www.eular.org**

For further information regarding the partnership & investment opportunities, please contact:

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General Information

Congress Venue: Dates and Location

The Annual European Congress of Rheumatology EULAR 2014 will be held at:

Le Palais des Congrès de Paris

2, Place de la Porte Maillot – 75017 Paris - France

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Website: www.viparis.com

The congress opens on Wednesday, 11 June 2014 and closes on Saturday, 14 June 2014.

The EULAR congress Opening Plenary Session, followed by a Networking Platform, will be held on the evening of Wednesday, 11 June 2014 at the congress centre itself.

The Palais des Congrès is located in the city centre, 15 minutes walking distance from the Arc de Triomphe and 25 minutes walking distance from the Eiffel Tower. By public transport, the conference venue is only about 60 minutes from both international airports.



General Information

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General Information

Italian Pharmaceutical Companies

EULAR 2014 has chosen MCI Rome to collect - on behalf of EULAR - all applications from Italian pharmaceutical companies and file them with the appropriate Italian Health Ministry officials. For further information, please contact:

MCI Rome

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Certificate of Attendance

A certificate of attendance will be given with the congress bag to each participant.

Congress Documents and Badges

Congress documents should be collected on-site at the registration desk at the Palais des Congrès de Paris. Name badges must be worn visibly at all times during the congress and in the exhibition area.

Food and Beverage

During official coffee breaks, complimentary coffee and tea will be served in the exhibition/poster area. Restaurants and sandwich bars will be available in the congress centre.

Official Language

The official congress language is English. No simultaneous translation is provided.

Private Events Policy

All requests from companies/organisations to host private events during the congress must be submitted in writing to the EULAR Secretariat in Kilchberg by 1 March 2014 at the latest.

Services for the Disabled

All the rooms at the congress centre are fully accessible to participants with disabilities.

Smoking Policy

Smoking in the congress centre is not permitted.

Transportation Pass

A free transport “Paris Pass” will be given to each registered participant at the congress upon registration, available for the 4 days of the congress.

To reach the congress centre take the metro line 1 and get off at the stop “Porte Maillot”.

Travelling to Paris

Because of its geographical location, Paris - the gateway to Europe - guarantees optimal accessibility thanks to its consistently reliable network of transport infrastructures (air, rail and road).

By air: with 14'000 flights a week, Paris' air transport hub is the largest in mainland Europe, serving more than 557 cities in 132 countries. Low-cost airline companies have developed widely in just a few years. 78 cities in more than 30 countries are linked to Paris by these companies. Paris has 4 airports, including 2 international airports, Paris-Charles de Gaulle and Paris Orly.

By train: at the heart of the European rail network Paris can be reached by means of an excellent rail network, which takes



travellers to one of the six railway stations situated right in the heart of the city and offering smooth connections with the public transport network.

The principal Paris rail stations broadly serve the following international cities and regions:

- **Gare de Lyon:** TGV to South of France and Italy, Lyria to East of France and Switzerland
- **Gare de l'Est:** TGV East to Strasbourg, Frankfurt, Stuttgart or Munich
- **Gare du Nord:** Thalys to Brussels, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Eurostar to London

From the airports to the city center

Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport/CDG

23 km North of Paris by the A1 motorway

(estimated journey time – all means of transport: 45-60 min.):

By shuttle bus:

- Air France coaches Line 2 (CDG to Porte Maillot): every day from 05:45 to 23:00, every 30 minutes
- Air France coaches Line 4 (CDG/Gare de Lyon/Gare Montparnasse): every day from 06:00 to 23:00, every 30 minutes
- Roissybus (CDG to Paris-Opéra): Every day from 05:45 to 23:00, every 15 to 20 minutes (every 30 minutes from 22:00 to 23:00)

By train (airport shuttle & RER B):

- Free airport shuttles departures every day, every 5 to 8 minutes, to RER stations
- RER B departures, every day from 04:56 to 23:56, every 4 to 15 minutes

By taxi: between EUR 40.00 and EUR 60.00.

Paris-Orly airport

14 km South of Paris by the A6 motorway

(estimated journey time – all means of transport: 30-35 min.):

By shuttle bus:

- Air France coaches: Line 1 (Orly/Gare Montparnasse/Invalides/Etoile): every day from 06:00 to 23:30, every 20-30 minutes

- Orlybus (Orly to Denfert-Rochereau): every day from 06:00 to 23:30, every 15 to 20 minutes

By train (Orlyval (airport shuttle & RER B):

- Orlyval departures, every day from 06:00 to 23:00, every 4 to 8 minutes
- RER B departures, every day from 05:08 to 00:12, every 4 to 15 minutes

By taxi: between EUR 35.00 and EUR 50.00

General Information

Getting Around in Paris

Paris' compactness makes walking around it a pleasure, though cyclists can be hampered by heavy city centre traffic. Public transport, run by RATP (Régie Autonome de Transports Parisiens), is cost-effective and efficient and includes Métro trains, buses, trams, RER trains and Vélib' (Paris bikes).

Métro: fast and inexpensive; travel on the Métro is one of the best ways to get around Paris. Trains on the 15 lines run from 05:30 to midnight. A Paris métro map plus a journey planner tool is available.

RER trains: there are four RER suburban train lines which are best used for longer distance journeys across Paris.

Bus: many of the 60 bus routes go through the tourist areas of Paris. Buses operate from Monday to Saturday from 07:00 to around 20:30. Stamp your ticket onboard. Night buses ('Noctambus') operate across 18 lines from 01:00 to 05:30, running into the suburbs. The Balabus circuits along major Paris tourist attractions including the Bastille, Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Champs-Élysées and Charles de Gaulle-Etoile on Sundays and national holidays through summer months.

Taxis: taxis can be hailed in the street, though there are plentiful taxi ranks. Rates are measured in the city centre by kilometre, with higher rates after 19:00 and on Sundays. A fee is charged for each piece of baggage.

Car: with limited parking spaces and a high volume of traffic, driving a car in Paris is challenging, though useful for visiting the charming, quieter outlying regions and towns near the capital.

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For more than a quarter of a century, Paris has been the trade-show, convention and congress capital of the world. This leadership position is a just reward for the city's on-going commitment to improving the hospitality it extends to its visitors, particularly business professionals.

Paris is easily accessible from anywhere. It boasts a first-rate infrastructure, with numerous functional business facilities, a choice of new and continually refurbished hotels unlike any other in the world, and a comprehensive rail and urban transport network. Add to this the Vélib' public bicycle service for a two-wheeled tour of the city...

Paris is also, first and foremost, a city with an exceptional architectural, cultural and historical heritage. An heritage that is alive and constantly being reinvented. World capital of fashion, shopping and dining, Paris is in essence the place to go for combining business with pleasure.

As the world's leading city for tourism, Paris is conscious of its high profile and takes advantage of this to assert its values in the area of sustainable development, values which it has made commitments to through Agenda 21 and a Climate Plan.

The Paris Region is the world's leading tourist destination. Visits to monuments and museums, strolls through the city's streets and cruises on the Seine: Paris's illustrious heritage is an everyday, everywhere experience. World capital of fashion, shopping and dining, Paris is always on the move. For many visitors, Paris is a museum city. Although the number of museums is considerable, most of the buildings that line the streets are – contrary to appearances! – Parisians homes.

The city's superb architectural heritage, comprising some 1'800 listed buildings, is such that visitors are easily mistaken as to a building's function, particularly as this legacy is constantly growing, getting a makeover and diversifying. The Banks of Seine between Pont de Sully and Pont d'Iéna and their surroundings are part of UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Paris is also one of the most enjoyable places to live and work. 75% of its surface comprises parks, wooded areas, vast forests, and rural areas.

Fine dining, shopping and entertainment are an integral part of the city's art de vivre. The French capital offers 16'000 shops, 212 theatres and 110 cinemas – the biggest choice in the world. Prominent figures from the worlds of art, culture, fashion, design and cuisine come together in the streets of Paris. Once or twice a week, shops and museums stay open until late in the evening, and when night falls and dinner has been savored, the bars, cabarets, discotheques, auditoriums and concert halls take the spotlight.

The global capital of gastronomy, Paris has more than 10'000 bars and restaurants, ranging from the traditional “brasserie” to the most exotic cuisine. Many restaurants also have meeting rooms, so business and gastronomic pleasure can be combined. On the menu: Michelin star restaurants with top-class chefs, the new “fooding” stars who mix flavours from around the world with traditional cuisine, and small local restaurants offering innovative menus. According to the UK's Restaurant magazine, 9 of the world's 100 best restaurants are in Paris.

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The Paris Region is a European center of excellence in training and education, with over 600'000 students, 17 universities and more than 350 higher education establishments. With its 143'800 researchers and technicians and more than 3% of regional GDP spent each year on Research and Development, it is not surprising that the Paris Île-de-France region has the highest R&D concentration in Europe. In addition to this, thanks to an exceptional network of infrastructure and facilities, it is the largest platform in Europe for hospital services and clinical tests.

Tourism & Handicap

In 2001, a nationwide program was launched to promote improved accessibility for people with a physical or mental disability, or visual or hearing impairment. The "Tourism & Handicap" label aims to provide reliable information on access to sites and on the facilities that are available for this target group with specific needs. As part of the program, Paris City Council made the Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau one of the key contact points. More than 200 sites are currently labelled "Tourism & Handicap" in the Paris Region (complete list on www.parisinfo.com).

Banks

The most current foreign currencies (in cash or traveller checks) can be exchanged at most hotel cashier stations, and at any available bank. Banking hours vary according to the bank used but the most common are:

Monday - Friday 08:00 – 14:00

Saturday 09:00 – 13:00

Sunday closed

Climate

The weather in Paris in June is usually warm and sunny with daily temperatures ranging from 20°C to 25°C. Night temperatures may be cooler between 12°C to 16°C.

Currency

The French currency is the Euro (1 Euro = 100 cents).

Shopping

Department stores and most shops are open from:

Monday - Friday 9:00/10:00 – 20:00

Saturday 10:00 – 21:00

Sunday some shopping centres are open

All over the world, when people think Paris, they think fashion. More shops than you can imagine will tempt you with their offer of the best in clothes, shoes, accessories and much more.

Credit cards

Major credit cards (Visa, American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard, Diners Club) are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

Insurance and liability

It is recommended that participants obtain adequate cover for travel, health and accident insurance before they depart from their countries. EULAR and MCI as organisers cannot accept responsibility for personal injuries, or loss of, or damage to, private property belonging to the congress participants.

Electricity

The standard voltage in France is 220 volts. Most hotels provide 110-volt outlets for shavers.

Taxi

Paris's taxis are one way of getting around in the city, although the meter ticks away alarmingly when you are stuck in the rush hour traffic. You can share the front seat with the driver if you wish. There is an initial charge of EUR 2.50 when starting the journey. After that, the charge is depending on the distance, with a slightly higher rate per kilometre if leaving the city limits. Give the driver a rounded up sum in payment. A few taxis accept cards, but this is the exception rather than the rule. It is advisable to always have enough cash handy.

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Telephones

For calls to France, use the international code +33. The regional code for Paris is 01. Calls from France follow international standard dialing rules.

Time

France follows Central European Time (CET) which is GMT +1 hour in winter and GMT + 2 in summer.

Tipping

You are not expected to tip on top of restaurant service charges but you can leave a little extra if you feel service warrants it. If there is no service charge, the customer should consider leaving a 10% tip, but this is not obligatory. Tipping taxi drivers is not common practice, but you are expected to tip the porter at top-end hotels.

Visas

You do NOT need a visa for France for business, personal visits or tourism if you are:

- a citizen of an EU country
- a citizen of Norway, Switzerland, Iceland
- from a country listed on the Foreign Ministry list
- not staying more than 90 days

In this case, a passport or ID Card valid for the duration of your stay is sufficient.

For more detailed information, please visit:

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/france/coming-to-france/getting-a-visa/>

If you should need a visa, please apply early enough to allow sufficient handling time to the authorities. You may ask the EULAR Organising Secretariat for an official letter of invitation (proof of registration required).

Opening Plenary Session and Networking Platform

Wednesday, 11 June 2014 – 18:45-22:00

The Networking Platform will be held after the Opening Plenary Session at the Palais des Congrès de Paris.

All participants are cordially invited.

**Official
Events**

EULAR Congress Dinner

Friday, 13 June 2014 – 20:30-24:00

Price: EUR 95 per person (not included in the registration fee)

Details of the EULAR 2014 Congress Dinner will be announced at a later stage.

The Congress Dinner is a great opportunity to dine and meet with friends and colleagues from around the world in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoying the unmatched charm and fascination of Paris. Those who have shared this evening with us in previous years would not want to miss it. Come and join us as well!



Accommodation Information

MCI has reserved a large number of hotel rooms in various hotels in different price categories. The majority of hotels are located in the city centre but also in the surroundings of the Palais des Congrès de Paris.

Paris attracts many tourists. Hotel reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis.

Please book before 11 April 2014 in order to guarantee your booking.

Enquiries

Please address all enquiries, requests for additional information and changes or cancellations of room reservations directly to MCI.

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Reservation and payments

For hotel booking, a deposit payment for the first night is required with your reservation. Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of your deposit payment. This prepaid deposit will be deducted from your hotel bill when checking out from the hotel. Additional expenses such as mini-bar and telephone must be paid directly to the hotel when checking out.



Group reservations

Special rules and regulations apply for group reservations. Please contact MCI for further information.

Change and cancellation of hotel booking

All changes to hotel reservations will be handled by MCI. Please do not contact the hotel directly. A handling fee of EUR 45 per hotel room will be charged for every hotel modification received after 30 April 2014.

All cancellations must be sent to MCI in writing (fax, letter, or e-mail). For cancellations received before 11 April 2014 deposits will be refunded less EUR 75 for administrative costs. After this date, no refund will be possible.

In case of late cancellations (after 11 April 2014), rooms cancelled, cancelled nights or no-show, we reserve the right to charge the full stay if the hotel room can not be re-sold.

Check-in/Check-out time

Hotel check-in time is 15:00 or later. If arriving after 18:00, please notify MCI in advance. Check-out time is 11:00.

Methods of payment

Payment of registration, hotel deposit and excursions must accompany the form and may be made by:

- Credit card: EuroCard/MasterCard, Visa, American Express
- Bank transfer to the following account:
MCI Suisse SA - EULAR 2014
UBS SA - CP 2600 - CH
1211 Geneva 2 Switzerland
Account n° 240-369.393.71L
Clearing 240 – Swift UBSWCHZH12A
IBAN CH18 0024 0240 3693 9371L

Mention: EULAR 2014 and participant's name

All costs are to be borne by the ordering customer

- Payment by personal cheques cannot be accepted
- **All payments have to be made in Euro (EUR).**

List of Hotels in Paris

All rates are in EUROS

Ranking From 5 * to 3 *	HOTEL NAME	Single Use	Double Use	Breakfast	City Tax
5	Méridien Etoile	379.00	399.00	Included	Included
5	Pullman Paris La Défense	365.20	365.20	Extra	Included
5	Sofitel Paris Arc de Triomphe	520.30	520.30	Extra	Included
5	Sofitel Paris La Défense	396.00	396.00	Extra	Included
5	Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg	511.50	511.50	Extra	Included
5	The Westin Paris	430.00	430.00	Extra	Included
4	Baltimore Paris	418.00	418.00	Extra	Included
4	Concorde Montparnasse	302.00	322.00	Included	Included
4	De Banville	309.00	309.00	Included	Included
4	Hilton Paris La Défense	330.00	330.00	Extra	Included
4	Holiday Inn Paris Bastille	340.00	350.00	Included	Included
4	Holiday Inn Paris Notre Dame	290.00	310.00	Included	Included
4	Holiday Inn Paris Porte de Clichy	285.00	300.00	Included	Included
4	Hyatt Regency Etoile (Former Concorde Lafayette)	374.00	394.00	Included	Included
4	Mercure Opéra Garnier	281.60	281.60	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Arc de Triomphe Etoile	306.90	306.90	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Centre Tour Eiffel	302.50	302.50	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Champs Elysées	302.50	302.50	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Gare de Lyon	280.50	280.50	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Gare Montparnasse	271.70	271.70	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris La Défense 5	238.70	238.70	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris La Défense Parc	239.80	239.80	Extra	Extra
4	Mercure Paris Montmartre	239.80	239.80	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Porte de St Cloud	231.00	231.00	Extra	Extra
4	Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles	239.80	239.80	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Porte d'Orléans	236.50	236.50	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris Royal Madeleine	301.40	301.40	Extra	Included

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17 th - Porte Maillot	Porte Maillot	1	1	MAP 1
92 nd - La Défense	Porte de la Défense	1	5	MAP 1
8 th - Arc de Triomphe		1	7	MAP 1
92 nd - La Défense	Esplanade de la Défense	1	4	MAP 1
8 th - Faubourg St Honoré	Concorde	1	6	MAP 1
1 st - Musée du Louvre	Concorde	1	2	MAP 2
16 th - Champs Elysées	Boissière	6 & 1	21	MAP 1
17 th - Porte Maillot	Porte Maillot	1	57	MAP 3
17 th - Porte Maillot	Pereire Levallois	RER C	11	MAP 1
92 nd - La Défense	La Défense	1	9	MAP 1
12 th - Bastille/Bercy	Gare de Lyon	8 & 1	42	MAP 3
6 th - Palais du Luxembourg	Saint-Michel	4 & 1	44	MAP 4
92 nd - La Défense	Porte de Clichy	RER C	45	MAP 1
7 th - Porte Maillot	Porte Maillot	1	8	MAP 1
8 th - Faubourg St Honoré	Saint Lazare	13 & 1	41	MAP 1
17 th - Porte Maillot	Ternes 1 20 MAP 1			
15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Champ de Mars - Tour Eiffel	RER C	25	MAP 4
16 th - Champs Elysées	Charles de Gaulle - Étoile	1	22	MAP 1
12 th - Bastille/Bercy	Gare de Lyon	14 & 1	35	MAP 4
14 th - Cimetière du Montparnasse	Gaité	13 & 1	28	MAP 3
92 nd - La Défense	Esplanade de La Défense	1	14	MAP 1
92 nd - La Défense	Esplanade de la Défense	1	13	MAP 2
18 th - Basilique du Sacré Cœur	Place de Clichy	2 & 1	19	MAP 2
2 nd - La Défense	Porte de Saint-Cloud	9 & 1	17	MAP 3
92 nd - Malakoff - Plateau de Vanves	Porte d'Orléans	13 & 1	31	MAP 3
92 nd - La Défense	Porte d'Orléans	4 & 1	18	MAP 2
8 th - Faubourg St Honoré	Saint-Lazare	13 & 1	40	MAP 1

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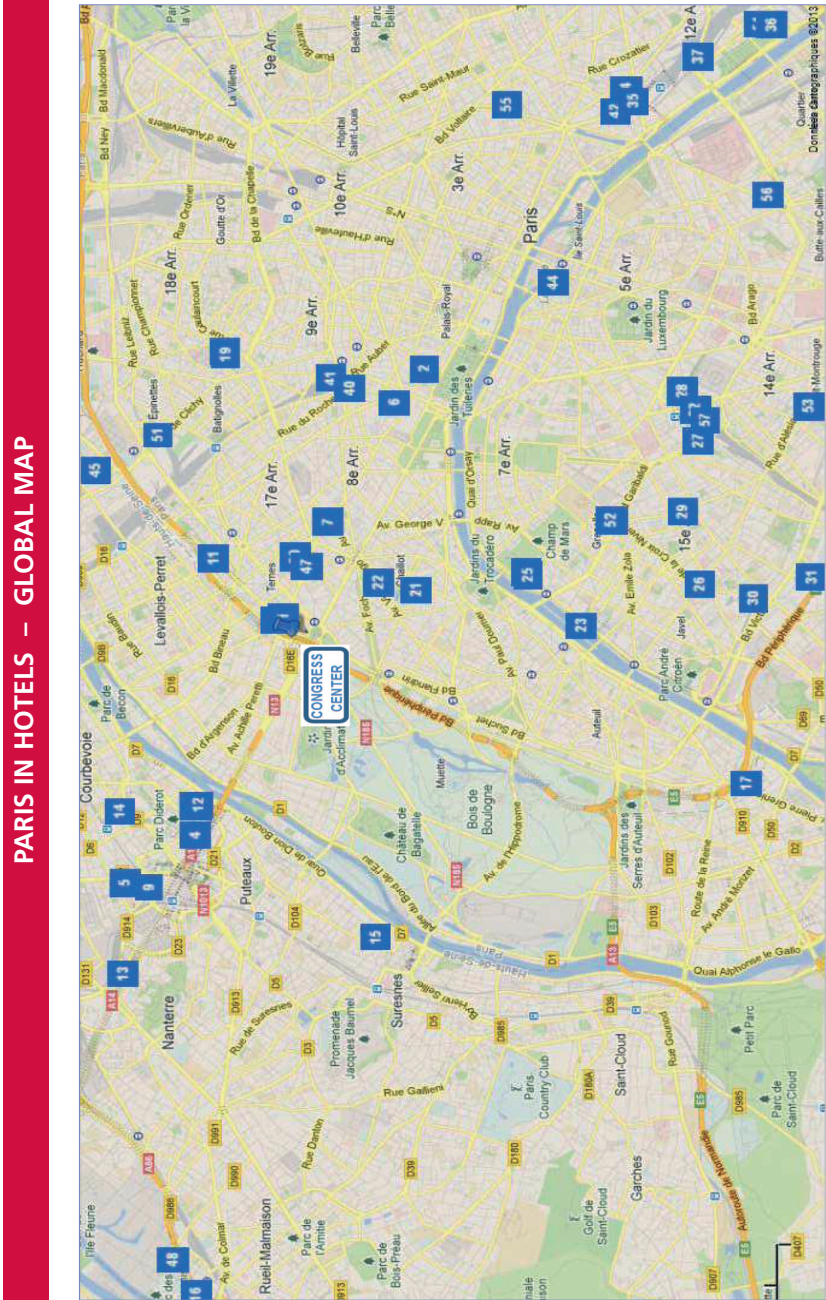
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Ranking From 5 * to 3 *	HOTEL NAME	Single Use	Double Use	Breakfast	City Tax
4	Mercure Paris Vaugirard	239.80	239.80	Extra	Included
4	Mercure Paris XV	195.80	195.80	Extra	Included
4	Novotel Paris Gare de Lyon	280.50	280.50	Extra	Included
4	Novotel Paris Gare Montparnasse	271.70	271.70	Extra	Included
4	Novotel Paris La Défense	289.30	289.30	Extra	Included
4	Novotel Paris Rueil Malmaison	228.80	228.80	Extra	Extra
4	Novotel Paris Tour Eiffel	302.50	302.50	Extra	Included
4	Novotel Paris Vaugirard Montparnasse	267.30	267.30	Extra	Included
4	Novotel Porte d'Orléans	239.80	239.80	Extra	Included
4	Novotel Suresnes Longchamps	244.75	244.75	Extra	Extra
4	Pullman Paris Bercy	360.80	360.80	Extra	Included
4	Pullman Paris Montparnasse	360.80	360.80	Extra	Included
4	Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel	427.90	427.90	Extra	Included
3	Best Western Star Champs Elysées	200.00	200.00	Included	Included
3	Holiday Inn Express Paris Place d'Italie	230.00	240.00	Included	Included
3	Ibis Alésia	136.40	136.40	Extra	Included
3	Ibis Paris Bastille Opera 11ème	157.30	157.30	Extra	Included
3	Ibis Paris Bercy Village 12ème	157.30	157.30	Extra	Included
3	Ibis Paris Berthier Porte de Clichy	132.00	132.00	Extra	Included
3	Ibis Paris La Défense Centre	169.40	169.40	Extra	Included
3	Ibis Paris Montmartre	136.40	136.40	Extra	Included
3	Ibis Paris Tour Eiffel	150.70	150.70	Extra	Included
3	Ibis Style Paris Bercy	198.00	198.00	Included	Included
3	Suite Novotel Paris Rueil Malmaison	228.80	228.80	Extra	Extra

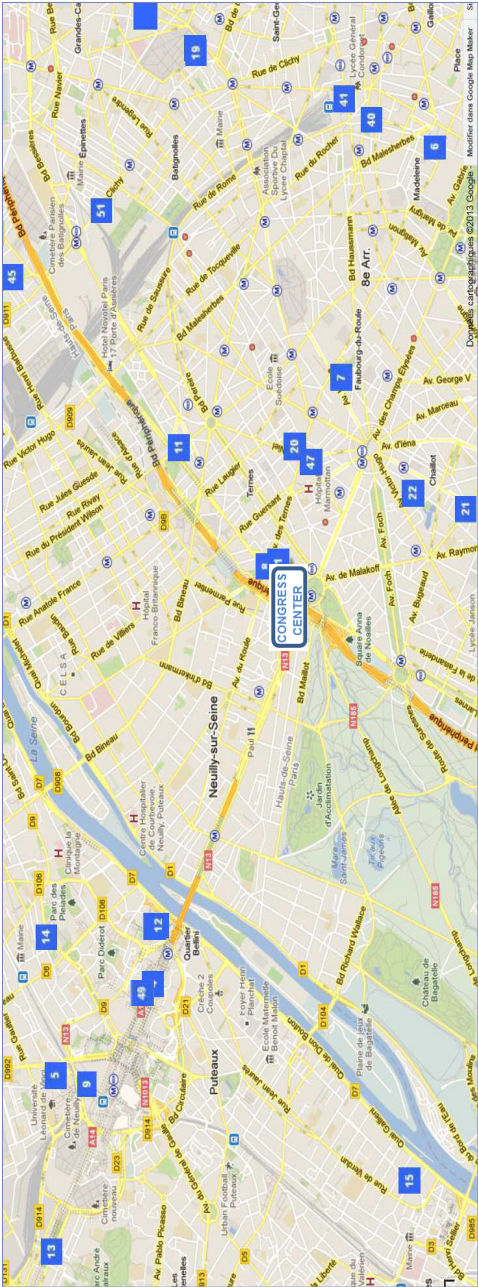
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15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Porte de Versailles	12 & 1	30	MAP 4
15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Boucicaut	8 & 1	26	MAP 3
12 th - Bastille/Bercy	Gare de Lyon	1	34	MAP 4
15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Pasteur	6 & 1	27	MAP 3
92 nd - La Défense	Esplanade de la Défense	1	12	MAP 1
92 nd - La Défense	Pont de Neuilly	11	6	MAP 2
15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Bir-Hakeim	6 & 1	23	MAP 4
15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Vaugirard	12 & 1	29	MAP 4
14 th - Cimetière du Montparnasse	Porte d'Orléans	4 & 1	33	MAP 3
92 nd - La Défense	Suresnes-Mont-Valérien (tramway)	T2	15	MAP 2
12 th - Bastille/Bercy	Cour Saint-Émilion	14 & 1	36	MAP 3
14 th - Cimetière du Montparnasse	Gaîté	13 & 1	32	MAP 3
15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Champ de Mars, Tour Eiffel	RER C	24	MAP 4
17 th - Porte Maillot	Charles de Gaulle Etoile	1	47	MAP 1
13 th - Place d'Italie	Place d'Italie	6 & 1	56	MAP 3
14 th - Cimetière du Montparnasse	Plaisance	13 & 1	53	MAP 3
11 th - Bastille	Bréguet Sabin & Bastille	1	55	MAP 3
12 th - Bastille/Bercy	Cour Saint-Émilion	14 & 1	54	MAP 3
17 th - Porte Maillot	Porte de Clichy	RER C	51	MAP 2
92 nd - La Défense	Esplanade de la Défense	1	49	MAP 1
18 th - Basilique du Sacré Coeur	Place de Clichy	2 & 1	50	MAP 2
15 th - Tour Montparnasse	Cambronne	6 & 1	52	MAP 4
12 th - Bastille/Bercy	Bercy	6 & 14	37	MAP 4
92 nd - La Défense	Pont de Neuilly	RER A	48	MAP 2

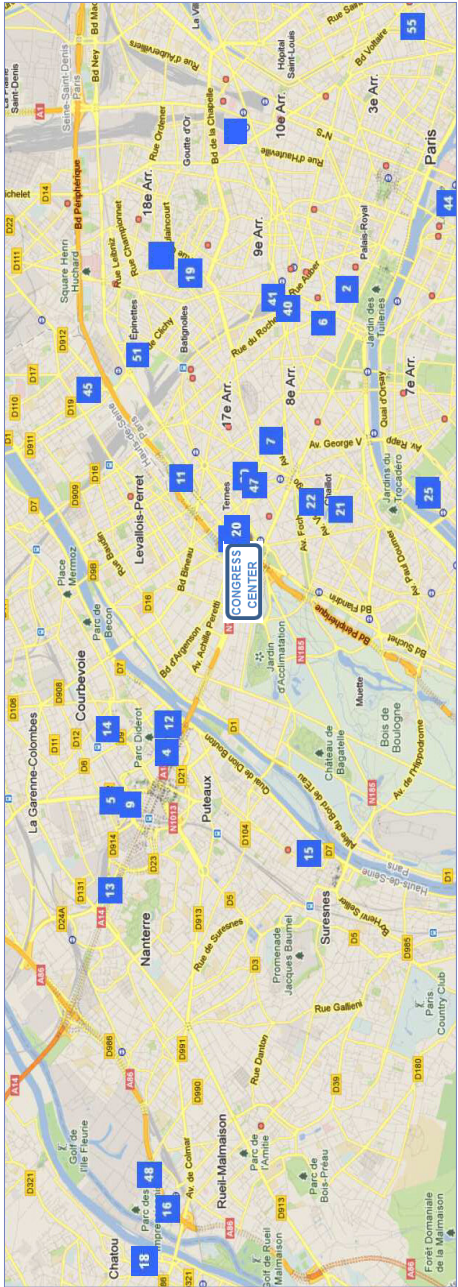
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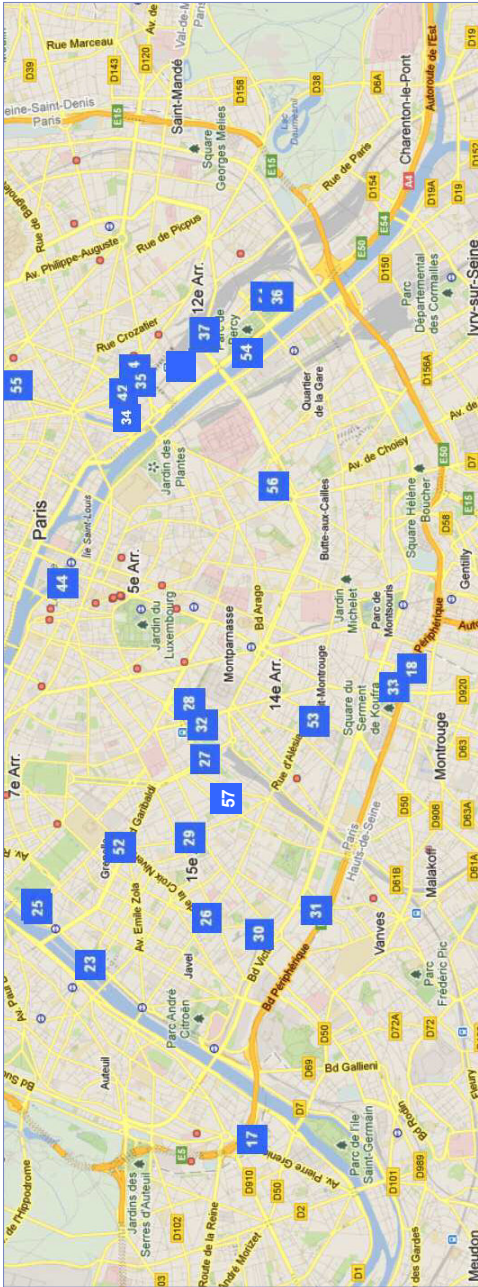
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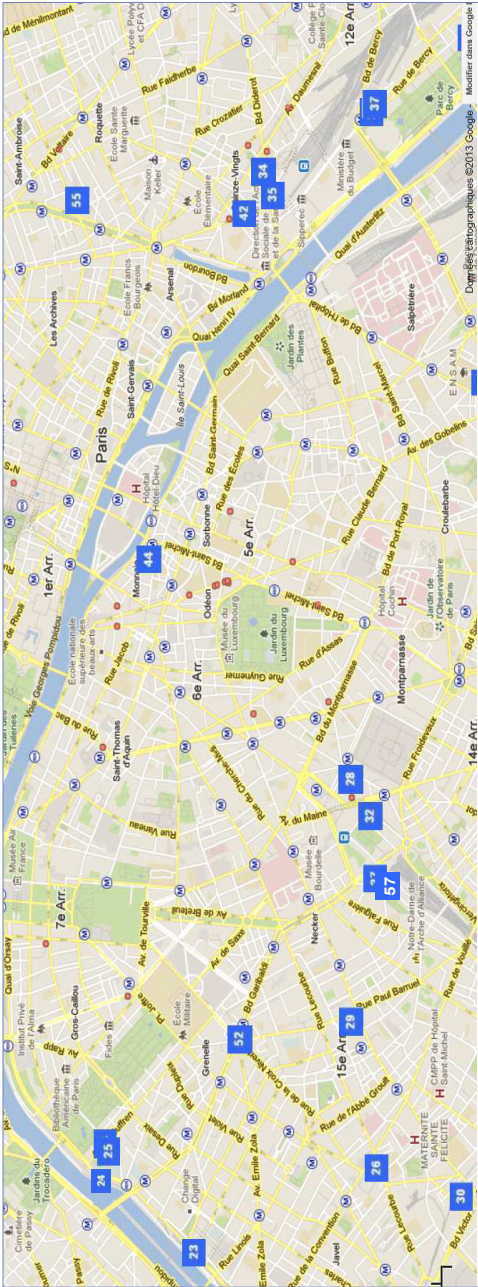
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