



Dear Colleagues,

The Easter Holiday is just over, as well as the official extended abstract submission period.

We have now recovered from the hangover due to our Easter customs ☺ (see the end of the newsletter)

Let us shortly update the **statistics of the upcoming conferences**:

- We received more than **75** and **40** abstracts for the **ISVLV** and **IRS**, respectively.
- The number of registered participants has risen to almost **90** for the ISVLV and **60** for the IRS

Registration is still open and available: <http://kabafalvi.wixsite.com/isvlv-2017/registration> OR <https://www.rana-2017.com/registration> with a **Credit Card payment option** via the GRC homepage: www.ranavirus.org/store



You might have already noticed the update on our webpages, yet here we also draw your attention to special **hotel options** (if you have not booked accommodation so far). You can easily book these via the special links provided for our meetings: <https://www.secure-hotel-booking.com/visit-hungary-travel-agency/2CSC/en/>

The available two hotels are in the vicinity of the congress location and have good ratings:



ATRIUM FASHION HOTEL****

Room rates:

Standard double room for single use:	80EUR,-/room/night
Standard double room:	85EUR,-/room/night
Maximum room quantity:	10

The rate includes buffet-breakfast & VAT, but excludes city tax (4% of the accommodation fee)



STAR CITY HOTEL***

Room rates:

Standard double room for single use:	49EUR,-/room/night
Standard double room:	57EUR,-/room/night
Standard triple room:	72EUR,-/room/night
Maximum room quantity:	10

The rate includes buffet-breakfast & VAT, but excludes city tax (4% of the accommodation fee)

We look forward to welcoming you in the historic, yet full of life Budapest!

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members of the local **Organizing Committee** (IVMR CAR HAS)

In Hungary, a folk custom **Water Plunge Monday** is still a living tradition (We have just learned that it has a Polish origin: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C5%9Amitigus-dyngus>). It is most commonly known as "*locsolkodás*" (sprinkling). Traditionally, young men splashed young women with water as symbol of fertility. Though today, young women and girls are more likely to be sprayed with cheap perfume. In return, women are expected to provide men with either (hand-)painted or chocolate Easter eggs, cakes, or a drink of pálinka ("firewater" OR schnaps).



WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED YOUR EASTER HOLIDAYS AS WELL