WFUMB 2011 is a very special meeting. For the first time in history the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB) biennial meeting together with the annual Congress of the European Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (EFSUMB) – the EUROSON Congress – is held together with the traditional annual „Dreiländertreffen“ of the Austrian, German and Swiss societies (ÖGUM, DEGUM, SGUM). Thus, 2011 will be a year where all professional people interested in US imaging (physicians, sonographers, technicians and many more) will focus their attention on this meeting to be held in Vienna at the end of August 2011.

The organisation of this novel and singular meeting is a challenging task. The hosting Austrian society ÖGUM relies on the excellent performance of the WFUMB 2011 Secretariat in Vienna, where people having excellent experience in the organisation of outstanding congresses (ECR, ESGAR, Dreiländertreffen 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2009 and many more) are our responsible partners.

The cornerstone of the success of previous WFUMB, EUROSON and “Dreiländertreffen“ meetings has been the high quality of the educational and scientific programme. Along this line, it is the aim of the WFUMB 2011 Programme Planning Committee and the Local Organising Committee together with the Organising Secretariat in Vienna to continue these successful stories focused in one major meeting here in beautiful Vienna, in the heart of Europe. The educational and scientific programme will address all aspects of ultrasound imaging. A focused educational program with special focus sessions, refresher course and live-scanning workshops will be offered to please all, beginners to experts in US imaging. Tutors will be world-wide recognized experts in their field. The strength of this meeting will be the come-together of US experts from many medical subspecialities, focusing on teaching and high-end US science based on the latest technical developments and basic and clinical research. Congress language will be English, with some parts of the educational programme being delivered in German.

The meeting will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV). The space for the technical exhibition is ideally suited to ensure that booth traffic happens throughout the busy days of the meeting, with coffee stations located around the exhibition area.