



Press Room Attendee Policies

This first ever joint meeting of the Americas Committee on Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ACTRIMS) and its European (ECTRIMS) and Latin American (LACTRIMS) counterparts is expected to draw four thousand delegates to Montreal, the largest gathering of MS clinicians and researchers in 2008. The *World Congress on Treatment and Research in MS* welcomes media participation. The World Congress Press Room will serve print, broadcast, and online reporters during the event by offering the following resources:

- Complimentary World Congress registration
- Access to World Congress Press Room
- Press briefings
- Interview opportunities with study authors/experts
- Complimentary internet access/printer/fax
- Copies of World Congress publications/CD-ROM
- Copies of abstracts/research presented
- Full press kit with embargoed abstracts
- Refreshments

The following policies are in effect to help facilitate news coverage of the more than 900 abstracts presented at the World Congress:

I. Embargo Policy

An embargo for all abstracts to be presented at the World Congress is in effect **until the date and time of the presentation unless otherwise noted on the abstract and/or press release.** If there are questions, please contact arney.rosenblat@nmss.org.

II. Press Room Attendee Policies

Which programs and sessions can registered media attend at no charge?

- Scientific plenary, parallel and hot topics sessions
- Poster sessions
- Teaching Courses
- Exhibit Hall
- Satellite Symposia

Which programs and sessions require registered media to purchase a ticket at their own expense?

- Congress gala dinner - Tickets are available at the World Congress registration desk.

Will registered media receive a syllabus if they attend a teaching course?

Media will only receive a syllabus if they register and pay for a requested teaching course through pre-registration at the World Congress General Registration.

What are the Press Room hours and location?

The Press Room will be open throughout the week. Exact dates and times and location will be posted to the World Congress website.

Can we submit advance interview requests?

If registered media representatives are aware in advance of the World Congress of the abstracts for which they would like assistance on interview requests and/or second sources, please send these to arney.rosenblat@nmss.org for advance coordination.

May registered media reserve the Press Room Interview Room or other space to conduct interviews with physicians/researchers/experts?

Yes, to reserve space in the Press Room Interview Room or other space please sign up at the information desk in the main Press Room.

Is still photography and video recording allowed?

The World Congress has strict guidelines regarding the use of video and audio recording equipment. **All video and still photographers must be escorted at all times when outside of the Press Room.**

- Media wishing to photograph any part of the World Congress via still and/or video camera should receive prior clearance.
- Only journalists accompanied by World Congress staff will be allowed to photograph or videotape brief portions of the meeting.
- Registered media should send a written request of their proposed shooting schedule to arney.rosenblat@nmss.org, in advance of the World Congress to ensure accommodation.

Is audio recording allowed?

The World Congress has strict guidelines regarding the use of audio recording equipment. Media wishing to record any part of the World Congress should receive prior clearance from the World Congress Press Room staff when registering on-site.

For questions regarding policies, please contact

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