In 2020, Salzburg, Austria – the City of Mozart, the shooting location for "The Sound of Music", the escape of picturesque Austria – will host the 10th Annual International Forum for Drug and Alcohol Testing (IFDAT). The city will act as the historical backdrop for this meeting of experts, stakeholders, authorities, and pundits to discuss the issues and potential solutions in workplace drug and alcohol testing.

Fortress, palaces, churches, parks, museums, and a breathtaking panorama—the beauty of Salzburg has many different faces. Immerse yourself in the city’s rich history, as you get to know this internationally acclaimed UNESCO World Heritage listed city from its most charming, historical and cultural side!

The conference will be held at the Mirabell Hotel Foyer in the heart of Salzburg, within walking distance of many renowned sites. The 4-star superior hotel combines the amenities of a grand hotel with modern technology and flexible service.

Our social program will provide you with the opportunity to discover some features of Salzburg’s rich cultural legacy, i.e., dinner in Austria’s oldest restaurant, a chance to explore the Fortress Hohensalzburg or to visit the famous Oberndorf and Eagle’s Nest in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

Welcome to IFDAT

The International Forum for Drug and Alcohol Testing is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the advancement of global employee screening systems and processes. It provides a platform for experts from the drug and alcohol testing industry as well as related disciplines, to meet and discuss various topics regarding the current and future developments of international employee screening.

Why You Should Attend

The international employee screening market is growing rapidly as more and more businesses expand their operations globally. As the need to screen employees on an international basis grows, so does the need to improve and identify opportunities for this complicated procedure.

The IFDAT conference provides a forum for employers and industry providers to hear and discuss best practices, to learn about new developments, like changes in policies and technology, and to find ways to improve efficiencies in the international employee screening process.

Professionals who work in health and safety, human resources, or anyone managing a drug-free workplace policy will be introduced to the challenges of testing in different regions of the world. They will be enlightened on laws and practices that impact employee testing in those regions and will discover ways to enhance their company’s employee screening programs.

The IFDAT conference provides an opportunity for its attendees to meet and interact with their global counterparts as well as with providers of international drug testing services to discuss the implementation of global drug-free workplace policies and related processes.

Conference 10th anniversary conference

IFDAT conference attendees will hear from prominent professionals from all over the world. These speakers will address topics that include:

- Worldwide Testing
- Alternative Testing Methods
- New Technologies
- Legal Challenges
- International MPO Services
- Background Checks
- And many more!

Sincerely,
Thomas Kuster
Chairman

Conference President

Per Bjørkvik
The hotel offers its guests not only a unique atmosphere but also a fantastic view of the old town of Salzburg as well as culinary delights at the highest level, especially at the unique IMLAUER Sky Bar & Restaurant. The focal point of the hotel is the Pitters Event Centre; suitable for meetings, conventions, and other events. The 4-star superior hotel combines all the advantages of a grand hotel with modern technology and flexible service. This historic old town of Salzburg with all its well-known sights is just a few steps away.

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Venue & Accommodations

How to get there:

By plane
Your destination airport is Salzburg Airport. Please note that international flights from the USA, Asia, Australia, etc. are usually routed either via Vienna or Frankfurt.

By train
Your target station is Salzburg Central Station (Salzburg HBF), a stop for IC and IC long distance trains operated by Deutsche Bahn and the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB).

By public transport
From the main station:
Buses T 1, 3, 5, 8 and 11 take you directly to the hotel. Your point to get off is Congresshaus. Duration approx. 5 min.

By taxi
From the main station:
Duration about 3 min., costs approx. Euro 7.- depending on traffic and time of day.

From the airport:
Duration about 15 min., costs approx. Euro 20.- depending on traffic and time of day.

By car
Take the exit Salzburg Mitte—at the high take the turn towards Zentrum and go straight ahead. After approx. 1.25 miles you will cross the river Salzach on the Taborer Brücke. Turn right on the 1st traffic light after the bridge. Pass a train bridge and turn into the 3rd street on the left hand side (Universitätsstraße). Next street to the left again (Pfarrerstrasse). You will find us on the right side of the street.