



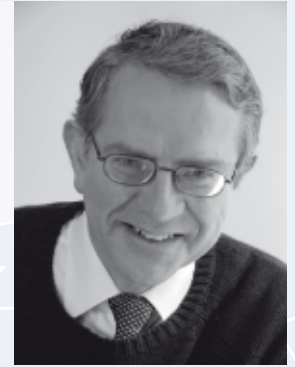
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Health Region Leipzig –
Skills, Stakeholders, Contacts

Health Region Leipzig

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Leipzig is known to you for being the largest economic region of the new German Federal States, as a conference city of many years' tradition, as a city of music with Johann Sebastian Bach, the St. Thomas Boys' Choir and the Gewandhaus Orchestra, as a university city with Germany's second oldest university, as a centre for trade fairs and congresses, as a city of sport...



Leipzig is all of these things, and much more. Leipzig is also a central part of the health economy, with excellent hospitals, internationally renowned doctors, top-level medical research institutions and high-performing companies whose medical and biotechnological products have won international respect and which are especially dedicated to the topics of prevention and regeneration.

The Association for the Promotion of the Leipzig Region Health Sector has set itself the goal of supporting the development of the health economy, building cooperation and providing information to other stakeholders on available skills and capabilities and bringing them together.

As one of the most important growth areas of the future, health already plays a major role in the region today. I am honoured to be able to present the Leipzig Health Page to you.

Sincerely Yours,

Professor Frank Emmrich, MD

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association for the Promotion of the Leipzig Region Health Sector



Hospitals and Health Centres

The Region of Leipzig boasts nationally and internationally recognised medical institutions in the fields of inpatient and outpatient medical treatment, rehabilitation and care.

University Hospital Leipzig

The largest health centre of the Region with more than 3,700 highly qualified staff members treats around 330,000 patients a year on an inpatient, outpatient and day patient basis, using highly specialised university medical care. Working closely with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Leipzig, research, teaching and health care are coordinated to ensure that the latest research findings are quickly integrated into patient care. The university's notable medical strengths include transplant medicine, oncology, metabolic and vascular medicine, neurologic diseases, medicine of the organs of movement, dentistry and oral health. Some 3,100 medical and dentistry students are learning the medical profession at the Leipzig Faculty of Medicine.

> www.medizin.uni-leipzig.de

Leipzig Cardiology Centre

The latest member of the Leipzig family of hospitals is the newly built Cardiology Centre, created by the University in 1994. For the first time, the model connecting health care in private hands with university research and teaching, along with public support and management for cardiovascular medicine, has been successfully implemented. Under its motto "Care for the Heart from the Heart", the hospital, which now enjoys private investment, offers extensive diagnostics and conservative, minimally invasive and surgical treatments



Leipzig University Hospital, Leipzig Cardiology Centre and the St. Georg Hospital (l-r)

for all diseases of the cardiovascular system. Adults and children alike benefit from its specialized delivery of cardiac surgery, internal medicine/cardiology and paediatrics/paediatric cardiology. Within its capacity of 350 beds and 10 outpatient clinics, more than 19,000 patients are treated every year to the highest international standards.

> www.herzzentrum-leipzig.de

St. Georg Hospital

The St. Georg group of companies consists of the Klinikum (Hospital) St. Georg non-profit LLC, five subsidiaries and the Municipal Hospital St. Georg, Leipzig. The hospital is subject to the supervision of the city of Leipzig as mandatory regulations are to be followed (relating to outpatient treatment and care that cannot be referred to any profit aspects such as drug rehab).

Every year approximately 45,000 patients are treated in 20 separate areas consisting of hospitals, centres, institutes, emergency departments and inpatient and outpatient clinics. True to the motto "St. Georg Hospital – Healing and More", the activities go much further than purely medical treatment. The hospital also sees itself more than ever as a medico-social centre, boasting mobile

care services, a geriatric rehabilitation centre, the Alliance of Community Psychiatry, the Centre for Drug Rehabilitation, medico-social housing and socio-therapeutic homes.

> www.sanktgeorg.de

Other Hospitals

A further major contribution to the high-quality medical care is provided by the Evangelical Deacon Hospital, the Leipzig Park Hospital > www.parkkrankenhaus-leipzig.de <, the St. Elisabeth Hospital and the Helios Clinics in Schkeuditz and Borna.

Specialist Centres in the Surrounding Area

Additionally, there are several specialist clinics in and around Leipzig, such as the Waldkrankenhaus Bad Dübén, specialising in diseases of the musculoskeletal system > www.mediclin.de < and the Soteria Clinic, specialising in diseases of addiction. Many more health and rehabilitation centres specialising in cardiovascular diseases, orthopaedics and neurology, all set amongst beautiful countryside, complete the range of what's to offer in the Leipzig health region.

Health Research

Leipzig has a long-standing tradition of outstanding university medical research. Many eminent doctors have performed research and taught in Leipzig including Carl Ludwig, Carl Thiersch and Friedrich Trendelenburg. Today's nationally and internationally renowned Centres for Health Research are not only built upon major research skills, but also benefit from a high density of expert medical knowledge, close cooperation between university and non-university research institutions, and intensive international collaboration.

Representative of the regional research landscape is the inter-disciplinary, tertiary care-oriented work of the research groups. A major role in this is played by the Interdisciplinary Centre for Clinical Research (IZKF) of the University of Leipzig.

The universities' main areas of research are the neurosciences at the Paul Flechsig Institute, which goes back over 120 years and institutions specialising in the field of regenerative medicine and oncology/haematology, to name but a few. Clinical and experimental research in the field of cardiac surgery and cardiology at the Leipzig Cardiology Centre is also internationally recognised. Many other subject areas, too numerous to name, have also been investigated with excellent results.

Since it was founded in 2003, the BBZ Centre for Biotechnology and Biomedicine > www.bbz.uni-leipzig.de < has become a centre for new key technologies in molecular and cellular biotechnology, as well as regenerative medicine for diagnostics, treat-

ment and treatment monitoring. The Coordination Centre for Clinical Trials, which supervises national and international studies, also enjoys wide recognition.

The non-university research institutes enjoy their fair share of the region's excellent reputation as a research area. They include the Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology (IZI) > www.izi.fraunhofer.de <, the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVA), the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Science (MPI) and the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ).

More and more university and non-university research centres are emerging around the BIO CITY LEIPZIG complex of buildings > www.bio-city-leipzig.de <. Here, on the doorstep of the university clinics, exists an atmosphere of close cooperation between hospitals, research and business.

Max Bürger Research Centre



Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology



Biotechnology and Medical Technology Companies

Biotechnology

Since the early 1990s, Leipzig has established itself as a major address for medico-pharmaceutical biotechnology. Some companies started life as successful spin-offs from the University, whilst others were set up here due to the favourable environment. Research institutes come here to be close to business. BIO CITY LEIPZIG, which was

founded in 2003, is an expression of this successful development. Sixteen companies, from small start-ups to businesses quoted on the stock exchange, work under the same roof within this complex of buildings in close cooperation with the BBZ university chairs and the neighbouring research institutes for new biotechnological processes and treatment methods.

The fields of activity include the development of novel treatment substances, platforms for enzyme technologies, new laboratory research methods, immunological testing systems and highly effective bio-reactors.

Germany's largest inde-

pendent blood donation service also has its headquarters here, as does the market leader in the field of umbilical cord blood storage and a Centre for Clinical Trials.

Medical Technology

The region's medical technology industry is another area of expertise. With its mixture of established and new companies, Leipzig boasts the highest number of medical technology companies in central Germany. Particular skills have emerged in the fields of orthopaedics and rehabilitation technology, ENT, sports medicine, medical information technology, and analysis and measurement technology. The innovative products are sold not just nationally, but also internationally particularly in the Asian, Middle Eastern and American markets.



Association for the Promotion of the Health Sector

Objectives

The Association for the Promotion of the Leipzig Region Health Sector was founded in 2004. It has set itself the objective of promoting awareness of the Region of Leipzig as a leading centre for medicine in science and in clinical practice across Germany and internationally, as well as boosting cooperation between the various medical players in the region.

Activities

The association's work particularly focuses on further development of the Region of Leipzig as an international address for the health economy, regional and national presentation, promoting communication between the local and regional players, and the coordination of knowledge transfer and collaboration between university and non-university institutions.

Meeting of the branches

In addition to this, the association organises the annual Leipzig "Health Economy Forum", allowing all branches to come together. This important meeting of the central German players sees a presentation of the latest trends, companies and institutions, and all the latest developments in health-related research and delivery. The Forum is important to all major decision-makers not just because of the up-to-date information, but also because it allows them to cultivate their contacts with each other.

Contacts

VFG e.V. is pleased to act as contact point for all interested parties seeking contact with the health-care institutions, research institutes, companies and economic promotion. We would be only too pleased to provide you with the appropriate contact details.



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Leipzig – A City with Flair

Art and Culture

“I praise my Leipzig to the skies! It is like a little Paris”, once wrote Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, who studied in Leipzig, published his first poems here and returned many times later on to visit this city of books and trade fairs. The poet king, and many other famous personalities such as Johann Sebastian Bach, Robert Schumann, Richard Wagner and Friedrich Schiller, have close links with the first city of Saxony. Fascinating buildings from the Renaissance and Baroque periods with historical shopping quarters and passageways shine like new, presenting an invitation for sightseeing, nightlife and shopping. More exclusive enjoyment of art and culture can be experienced in the Gewandhaus Concert Hall, in the Opera, at the St. Thomas Boys’ Choir, and also in the varieties, cabarets, theatres and jazz bars...



Conference and Fair City

The over 800 year old tradition of trade fairs in Leipzig has led to one of the most modern exhibition centres in the whole of Europe. International medical fairs, such as “Orthopädie + Reha-Technik” (Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation Technologies), are a firm fixture here. National and international medical conferences use the new Congress Centre Leipzig (CCL) for their annual events. Hotels of all categories offer the city’s guests a place to relax and rejuvenate.

Information on Leipzig

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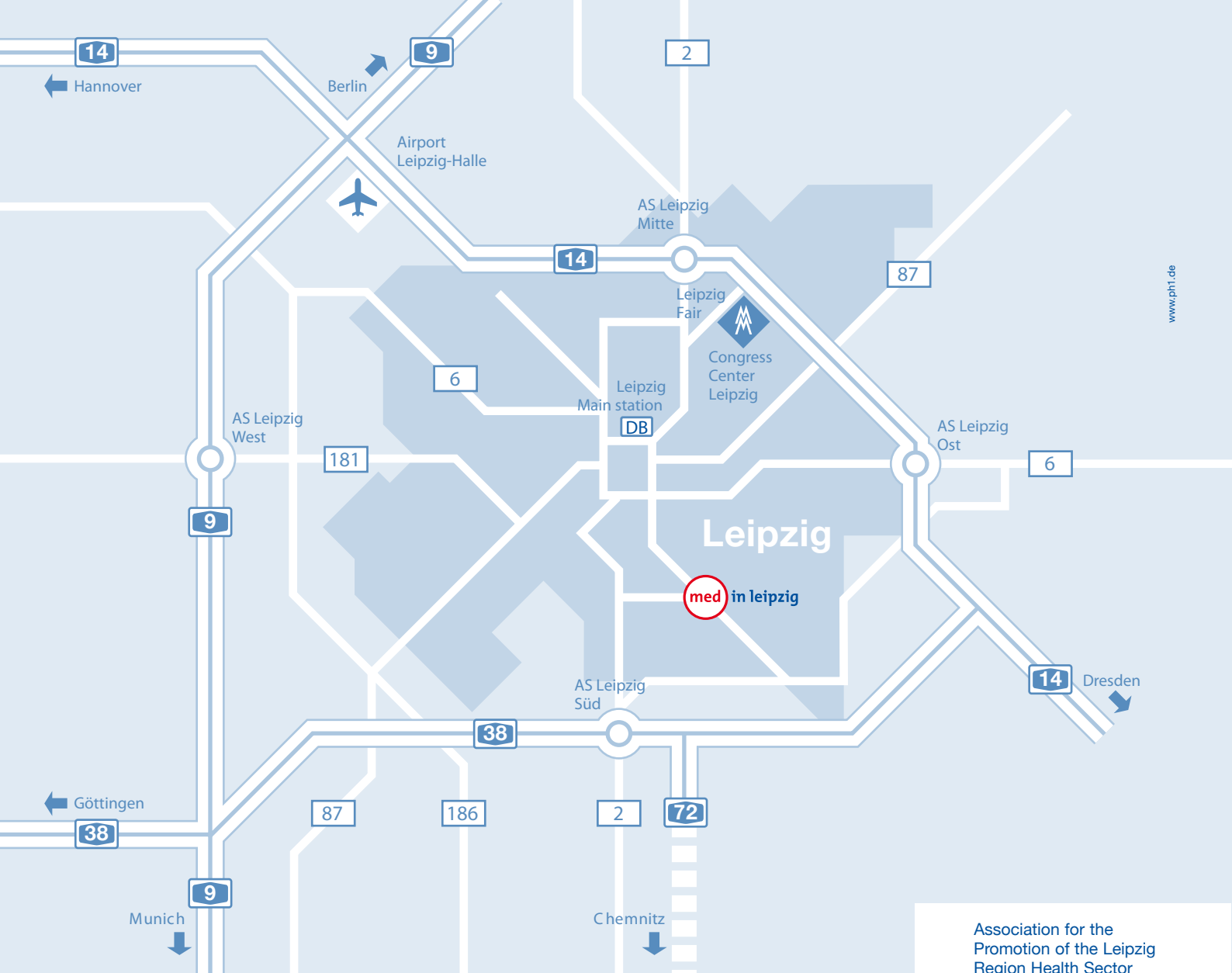
The City of Leipzig
> www.leipzig.de

Leipzig Exhibition Centre
> www.leipziger-messe.de

Economy and Life

With over 500,000 inhabitants, Leipzig is seen as the boomtown of Central Germany today. The new exhibition centre, an expanded airport and the establishment of household names in the world of industry such as BMW, Porsche, DHL and Amazon bear witness to Leipzig’s economic dynamic. With numerous city parks and the alluvial forest covering over 50% of the surface area of the city, Leipzig is one of the greenest cities in Germany. Over 37,000 students make Leipzig a young and vibrant city with its fashionable neighbourhoods, pub mile and abundance of social events to complement the highbrow culture.





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