

Invitation to the

38th IVU World-Vegetarian-Congress Dresden 2008



27th July to 2nd August 2008
at the Kulturpalast Dresden



A joint event by the International Vegetarian Union (IVU),
European Vegetarian Union (EVU), Vegetarier-Bund Deutschlands e.V. (VEBU)



VEBU's message

Dear friends of a vegetarian lifestyle everywhere in the world!

You want to get profound and up-to-date information about all aspects of a vegetarian lifestyle? You like international exchange, and enjoy meeting people of the worldwide vegetarian movement? You are thrilled by the unique atmosphere of an international vegetarian congress?

Then, the 38th IVU World-Vegetarian Congress will be just the right event for you! You will enjoy an extensive programme of specific informa-

tion, culture and leisure, complemented by the flair of a jubilee congress:

The first World Vegetarian Congress took place in Dresden in 1908, and the

International Vegetarian Union was founded.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in Dresden, in summer 2008.

Thomas Schönberger, Chair of the Vegetarier-Bund Deutschlands e.V. (VEBU)



IVU's message

I am writing to recommend attendance at this very special congress celebrating 100 years of IVU at the historic location of the first congress to all possible participants. Attending any World Vegetarian Congress is always a unique opportunity to learn and to enjoy yourself in the company of fellow vegetarians and vegans who are actively promoting a more compassionate world.

It is also an opportunity to enjoy wonderful food and pleasant excursions and tours in great company and knowing the organisers as I do I know that

it will run very smoothly. Let's ensure we all work together to make sure we don't have to wait another hundred years for a vegetarian world!

I look forward to meeting you there.

Tina Fox, Chair of the International Vegetarian Union (IVU)



EVU's message

100 years ago, the very first World Vegetarian Congress took place in Dresden. I am very glad that this centenary congress will come back to Dresden. Times have changed since 1908. Especially in Germany during the recent years, the vegetarian lifestyle has become popular and accepted like never before.

Accordingly, the character of these congresses has changed: from a meeting of insiders to encourage themselves, to a big and open event, that attracts not only vegetarians.

We have better travel possibilities that turn such a congress into an event to unite the nations. Vegetarian groups live almost everywhere in the world. The World Vegetarian Congress is supposed to

unite and strengthen this movement.

You are invited to celebrate this event together with the International Vegetarian Union, the Eu-

ropean Vegetarian Union, the German Vegetarian Society and the participants from all over the world. Be part of a movement that promotes not only human health but also the welfare of animals and the environment.

Don't miss this unique event!

Renato Pichler, President of the European Vegetarian Union (EVU)



Programme:

Sunday, 27th July 2008

Registration, dinner, opening ceremony

Monday, 28th July 2008

Lectures and workshops on Vegetarianism and Ethics, Religion, and Spirituality

Tuesday, 29th July 2008

Lectures and workshops on Vegetarian Diet, Health, and Sports

Wednesday, 30th July 2008

Morning: lectures and workshops on Vegetarians in Society and Politics

Afternoon: Guided sightseeing tours of the city

Thursday, 31st July 2008

Lectures and workshops on Vegetarianism and Ecology, Nature Conservation and World Hunger

Friday, 1st August 2008

Lectures and workshops on Animal Rights and Animal Welfare

Closing ceremony, farewell dinner

Saturday, 2nd August 2008

1.) Optional day-trips (not included in the congress and accommodation package)

A: Saxonian Switzerland, Bastei, lunch on top of the mountains, boat trip

B: Meissen, famous porcelain factory and museum, Schloss Moritzburg, lunch,

After both tours: evening meal in Dresden

2.) Start of the post congress tour/s, not yet finalised

Contact

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(Information is subject to change)

↻ Congress Venue:



The „Kulturpalast“ in the middle of Dresden's old town centre (www.kulturpalast-dresden.de)

Photo: DWT/Rulff

↻ Speakers

(confirmed so far, alphabetically):

- **Carol J. Adams**
(feminist-vegetarian author)
- **Brenda Davis**
(well known dietitian and nutritionist, internationally acclaimed speaker and author)
- **John Davis**
(IVU manager and historian)
- **Prof. Dr. Eugen Drewermann**
(Theologist, psychotherapist, author, church critic)
- **Jane Goodall**
(Research on primates, author)
- **Caryn Hartglass**
(Earth Save)
- **Barbara Rütting**
(former actress, now member of the Bavarian Parliament)
- **Dr. Vandana Shiva**
(Environmentalist, civil rights activist, alternative nobel prize winner)
- **Paul Turner**
(Organiser of Food For Life)
- **Stephen Walsh PhD**
(author of the book „Plant Based Nutrition and Health“)

If you would like to offer a speech or a workshop, please send your application via the internet <http://www.ivu.org/congress/2008/speakerform.html>

↻ Congress languages

The congress languages are English and German. Translation into other languages can be provided, if at least 30 participants request a particular language before 1st February 2008.



Quelle: Stadtplan DWT

How to get there?

Railroads

- Daily links with all major German cities
- Linked to the ICE high-speed and EC/IC network
- International connections with more than 10 major European cities
- Two long-distance train stations
- Travel time (by fast train) from Hamburg 5 hours, Berlin 3 hours, Frankfurt/Main 4,5 hours, München (Munich) 7 hours

Highways and regional roads:

- Highways (Autobahnen) A4 and A13
- Regional roads (Bundesstraßen) B6, B97, B170, B172, B173
- Distances from Berlin 193 km, Frankfurt/Main 485 km, München (Munich) 496 km, Hamburg 492 km

Air traffic

- Airport in Dresden-Klotzsche, 9 km from town centre
- 2 terminals, 1200 parking spaces
- Feeder traffic with S-Bahn or bus

Distances from the venue:

- Radisson Gewandhaus appr. 400 m
www.radisson.com
- Dorint Novotel appr. 800 m
www.novotel.com
- IBIS-Hotel Lillenstein appr. 700 m
www.ibishotel.com
- Youth Hostel appr. 1000 m
- Campsite Dresden Mockritz
appr. 4,2 km south
www.camping-dresden.de

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