

The German Society of Aerospace Medicine (DGLRM) (German: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Luft- und Raumfahrtmedizin) was founded in Munich in 1961. Today, it has about 430 members. 90% of them are aerospace medicine specialists including physicians, researchers, physiologists, human factor specialists, psychologists, etc. They work as aeromedical examiners in aeromedical centers or in civil aviation regulatory agencies, airlines, the DLR, and universities as well as departments of defense and military services.

The DGLRM is an associated member of the German Society for Aeronautics and Astronautics Berlin (DGLR) (German: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Luft- und Raumfahrt - Lilienthal-Oberth e.V.), which was founded in 1912 under the name of "Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Flugtechnik" (WGF) and which is the second oldest technical and scientific aerospace society in the world. Since 1972, the DGLRM has become an affiliated organization of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) in Washington D.C., USA. Additionally, our society is a founding member of the European Society of Aerospace Medicine (ESAM).

Right now we are organizing our 54th annual scientific meeting, which will take place from September 22nd until September 24th in the helicopter museum in the city of Bückeburg. It is a town in Lower Saxony, on the border with North Rhine Westphalia. It was once the capital of the tiny principality of Schaumburg-Lippe and is today located in the district of Schaumburg to the northern slopes of the Weserbergland ridge.

The helicopter museum, the place of this year's meeting, features the early drawings of flying objects by Leonardo da Vinci as well as 40 helicopters. Our annual meeting will be strongly influenced by the shown spirit of aviation.

The meeting program will include current issues of Aerospace Medicine but also clinical and practical aspects of Aviation Medicine. Representatives from the Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure will present a session "News from the EASA from Brussels – Report from the ministry". And last but not least, participants of our annual scientific meeting will have a guided tour to the International Helicopter Training Center at the German Army's Army Aviators School at Bückeburg Air Base, which is the most modern of its kind in Europe.

For the 87th AsMA meeting, April 24th – April 28th, the DGLRM is organizing two "German" Sessions, one in German and one in English. The Topics are: "Clinical case presentations: How to decide according to the guidelines?" (German) and "Diversity in aviation and space medicine" (English).

All colleagues are looking forward to meeting specialists in the field of aerospace medicine from all over the world at Atlantic City, NJ.

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