Rudolf Weigl (1883-1957) was the famous Polish biologist of Austrian origin, the inventor of the first effective anti-typhus vaccine (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf_Weigl). Studied and worked between WWI and WWII at Lviv University, then Poland, contemporary Ukraine. For the first time, vaccine production was based on the propagation of the infection agent (rickettsia) in the infected under laboratory conditions animals (lice); subsequently isolated rickettsia were attenuated for vaccine preparation. During WWII, R. Weigl employed and protected Polish intellectuals, Polish underground army (Armia Krajowa) and many Jews. In 2003, Prof. R. Weigl was posthumously awarded with the medal of Righteous among the Nations of the World by the state of Israel.

Ukrainian and Polish biologists (microbiologists, immunologists, cell biologists) decided, in commemoration of the great achievements of Prof. Rudolf Weigl, to organize each second year the bilateral Ukrainian-Polish conferences, which would gather also representatives of third countries thus being the really international meetings. The 1st R. Weigl conference has been held in 2003 in Lviv (Ukraine), the 2nd one, in 2007 in Warsaw (Poland), the 3rd meeting was held in 2009 in Odessa (Ukraine) and the 4th one was organized in 2011 in Wroclaw (Poland). The meetings gathered around 150 participants from Ukraine, Poland, USA, Sweden, Russia and other countries. The next R. Weigl conference will be organized this May (May 23-25, 2013) in the beautiful Ukrainian city of Chernivtsi (Czerniowce, Czernowitz; see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czernivtsi) at Yuri Fedkovych National University (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czernivtsi_University).

Organizing Committee cordially invites you to attend the 5th R. Weigl conference which will include both oral presentations (lectures) and posters. In addition to scientific program, organizers have interesting social program which allows acquaintance with beautiful architecture masterpieces of Chernivtsi and famous places in its vicinity (castles, monasteries, Carpathian Mountain).

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SECTIONS:

- Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics of Microorganisms (Andriy Sibirny UA, Adam Jaworski PL )
- Medical Microbiology (Volodymyr Shyrobovok UA, Grzegorz Wegrzyn PL)
- Immunology ((Serhiy Komisarenko UA, Rostyslav Stoika UA, Andrzej Gamian PL, Marek Niemialtowski PL)
- Microbial Systematics and Ecology (Valentyn Pidhorsky UA, Wanda Malek PL )
- Biotechnology (Mykhailo Gonchar UA, Anna Skorupska PL )
- Miscellaneous (only posters) (Volodymyr Ivanytsia UA, Jaroslaw Dziadek PL )
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

May 23 (Thursday)
8.30 – 16.00 Registration, Poster Mounting
9.00 – 10.00 Opening Ceremony
10.00 – 11.30 Session 1 (Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics of Microorganisms)
11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
12.00 – 13.30 Session 1 (continued)
13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
14.30 – 16.00 Session 2 (Medical Microbiology)
16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00 Session 2 (continued)
18.00 – 20.00 Get-Together Party

May 24 (Friday)
8.30 – 10.00 Poster Session
10.00 – 11.30 Session 3 (Immunology)
11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30 Session 3 (continued)
13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
14.30 – 16.00 Poster Session
16.00 – 18.30 City tour
19.00 – 23.00 Banquet

May 25 (Saturday)
8.30 – 10.00 Poster Session
10.00 – 11.30 Session 4 (Microbial Systematics and Ecology)
11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30 Session 4 (continued)
13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
14.30 – 16.00 Session 5 (Biotechnology)
16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.00 Session 5 (continued)
18.00 – 18.30 Closing Ceremony

May 26 (Sunday)
10.00 - Optional tours and/or departure
REGISTRATION FEE

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- Registration fee has to be paid by money transfer to account of Ukrainian Society for Cell Biology, Lviv (see below). The same account could be used for payment for accommodation.
- Registration fee includes: attending all sessions, bag with conference materials, get-together party (May 23), 3 lunches (May 23, 24, 25), 4 coffee breaks, guided city tour.

  Registration fee for accompanying person includes all with exception of bag with conference materials.

- Dinner (May 25) on your own.
- Banquet (40 EUR) and option tours after conference close (50 EUR) will be paid separately.

There will be two optional tours on May 26 (Sunday):

- Chotyn and Kamianets-Podilsky castles
or
- Monastery at Bila Krynytsia (the world center of Russian Old-Rite Orthodox Church) and Kosiv, the center of Hutsuls (ethnic group of Ukrainians living in Carpathian mountains)

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Cancellation of registration:
By April 15, 2013 full refund of registration fee minus administration fee of 20 EUR
Between April 15 and May 15 50% of the registration fee will be refunded After May 15 no refund of registration fee
ACCOMMODATION

Please, note that accommodation is not included in the registration fee!!!

Organizing committee is responsible for hotel reservations.

**Accommodation**

Organizing committee can reserve the following rooms in:


- Single (25 EUR per day) without breakfast;
- Sharing a double room (17 EUR per day) without breakfast;
- Sharing a triple room (15 EUR per day) without breakfast;
- Single semiclassical (40 EUR per day) without breakfast;
- First class (60 EUR per day) with breakfast.

**Hotel « Bukovyna »** ([http://bukovyna-hotel.com](http://bukovyna-hotel.com)/ Chernivtsi, Golovna Str., 141):

- Single (22 EUR per day) without shower, toilet, breakfast;
- Sharing a double room (17 EUR per day) without breakfast;
- Single semiclassical (40 EUR per day) with breakfast;
- Sharing a double semiclassical suite (27 EUR per day) with breakfast;
- First class (60 EUR per day) with breakfast.

**Student dormitory:**

- Sharing a double or triple room (7-9 EUR per day) without breakfast;

You can choose your option during registration. Will confirm the availability of room(s) as well as total payment to be made by e-mail. All participants will be treated on a first-come-first-served basis. The payment for hotel should be made till April 15, 2013. Participants may book accommodation by themselves.

**Location of the venue:**

Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University Kotsubinsky Str., 2
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**Bank details and Accounting**

**For participants outside of Ukraine** payment has to be done in Euro:

**For Ukrainian participants** (payment in Ukrainian Hryvnas):
Registration form along with abstract text should be downloaded, filled and returned by e-mail to weiglconference@gmail.com

**Deadline for abstract submission - April 15, 2013.**

**Research articles submission**
Participants of the conference are welcome to submit research articles (English only) for peer-reviewed journal *Studia Biologica*. A special issue to the memory of Rudolf Weigl will be published. The deadline for the manuscript submission is July 1. The special issue is planned to be printed till November.

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