

## EPP CONGRESS & EPP-ED GROUP STUDY DAYS

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The EPP Congress and the EPP-ED Study Days will be held in the Rome Cavalieri Hilton hotel from 29 to 31 March 2006.

The EPP, which celebrates its 30th anniversary, will hold its XVII Congress on 30 and 31 March. Over 1000 delegates from the 25 EU Member States and the acceding countries are expected to attend. 15 Prime Ministers and several party leaders will address the Congress on the Thursday and Friday. The Congress will be presided by President **Wilfried Martens** and the slogan will be "Our Aim, Your Europe".

A detailed programme is available on the Internet site [www.eppcongress2006.org](http://www.eppcongress2006.org)

◆*The EPP boasts 71 Christian democrat, reform and conservative member parties from 36 European countries and is the most influential political party in all major European institutions. This Congress will be the ultimate political event of 2006 in Europe and will set the stage for new momentum in the European project* ◆, said EPP President Wilfried Martens.

The Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democrats) and the European Democrats in the European Parliament, chaired by **Hans-Gert Poettering**, which consists of 264 MEPs from the 25 Member States and 13 Observers from Bulgaria and Romania, will hold its Study Days in Rome on 29 and 30 March. The Group will debate the future of the re-unified Europe after the past divisions and ideologies, as well as the challenges of globalisation and demographic change in Europe. A detailed programme is available in the site [www.epp-ed.org](http://www.epp-ed.org).

The Italian Prime Minister, **Silvio Berlusconi**, several Government Ministers and Italian and European personalities will participate in the discussions.

The EPP-ED Study days begin on Wednesday 29 March at 9.00 and will end Thursday at noon. The EPP Congress will begin on Thursday 30 March at 15.00 and ends on Friday at 17.00h with a Press conference.

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