Dear Colleagues and Friends,

EuroMedLab Athens 2017 will be accompanied by four Satellite Meetings to be staged before and after the main congress. These events will cover the scientific areas of inborn errors of metabolism, metabolic bone disease, diabetes and advances in Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology.

All four Satellite Organizing Committees, as you can see in the following pages, have been working hard preparing a program of scientific excellence that will excite and inform the European and International community of laboratory Medicine and related specialties.

The venue of each symposium was chosen to highlight a part of the history of Greece.

Thus, the first pre-congress Satellite Meeting on "Inborn Errors of Metabolism" will take place from June 10th to 11th, in the amphitheatre of one of the most historical Hospitals in Greece, the Children’s Hospital "Aghia Sophia". The hospital was founded in 1896 and became operational in 1901. It is the largest pediatric hospital in the country and one of the largest pediatric hospitals in Europe.

The venue of the second pre-congress meeting on "Metabolic Bone Disease", on June 10th will also be held in the centre of the city of Athens, in the Athens War Museum whose mission is to collect and preserve military artifacts and memorabilia, and to study and document the military history of Greece from antiquity to the present day. The exhibits, from around the world, are dating from the Neolithic Age to the first half of the 20th century.

In the post congress schedule participants can follow, after the closing ceremony of the main congress, the satellite symposium on "Diabetes". The time frame of this meeting is from June 15th afternoon to June 16th and it will take place in the at Cape Sounio, where the horizon meets the Aegean Sea. The temple of Poseidon, the ancient Greek god of the sea, dominates the place from where participants will experience the famous sunset.

On June 16th, participants can travel by ferry or fly, where the fourth meeting "Advances in Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology" is taking place, to Santorini, a memorial of the reformation of the land by the second largest volcanic eruption in recorded history and the creation of this picturesque beautiful island of the Aegean Sea.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in EuroMedLab Athens 2017.

On behalf of the Scientific Program Committee.

Eleni Bairaktari

EuroMedLab Athens 2017 Scientific Program Committee

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What is EuroMedLab news?

EuroMedLab news is issued periodically to report on developments in scientific program and organization of the Congress.

EuroMedLab news is a handy tool to get in touch with Athens and the forthcoming Congress in real time.

EuroMedLab news will be sent to IFCC National Representatives, to all Officers involved in IFCC or EFLM, to IFCC Corporate Members, to IVD companies, and to anyone who has shown interest in the Congress; EuroMedLab News may be freely quoted in journals or newsletters and even photocopied, provided that the editor (EuroMedLab Athens 2017 Organizing Secretariat, Milan, Italy) is mentioned.

www.athens2017.org
Next Meetings

10th International Scientific Meeting of CIRME (Centre for Metrological Traceability in Laboratory Medicine) "10 years after", November 17th - 18th, 2016, Aula Magna - Lita Segrate, Via Fratelli Cervi 93, Segrate, Milano, Italy.

14th Asia–Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine Congress, November 26th-29th, 2016, Taipei International Convention Center (TICC), Taipei, Taiwan.

VISIT THE EUROMEDLAB BOOTH!!!

SAVE THE DATES!

November 1, 2016
Deadline for poster abstract submission*

* The early deadline is due to the recent rules for the financing and/or the participation in congresses that require about 3 months for the authorization of PRESENTING authors from the regulating authorities.

April 30, 2017
Deadline for reduced registration fees

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Pre-Satellite Symposium

“Metabolic Bone Disease”

JUNE 10, 2017 / ATHENS WAR MUSEUM, ATHENS GREECE

Co-Chairs: Howard Morris (AU), George Lyritis (GR)

This meeting will bring together leading metabolic bone disease clinicians with laboratory medicine specialists providing clinical laboratory services to support their patients. Topics will address new therapies for osteoporosis, clinical practice for metabolic bone diseases a consequence of chronic kidney disease and other diseases of bone. These will be accompanied by presentations on the requirements from the clinical laboratory to optimise patient outcomes for these patients.

Pre-Satellite Symposium

“Management of Inborn Errors of Metabolism: From Diagnosis to Treatment”

JUNE 10-11 2017 / AMPHITHEATRE OF “CHOREMEIO”, RESEARCH LABORATORY “AGHIA SOPHIA” CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, ATHENS GREECE

Co-Chairs: Ioannis Papassotiriou (GR), Martin Hersberger (CH)

This Symposium is co-organized by the Greek Society of Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Biochemistry (GSCC-CB) and the Swiss Society for Clinical Chemistry (SSCC), and is under the auspices of the “Task Force on Paediatric Laboratory Medicine” of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) and the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM). The objective of the symposium is to define the current and future challenges in the field of inborn errors of metabolism and to improve networking between clinicians, laboratory scientists, researchers and IVD scientists.
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Post-Satellite Symposium
Diabetes, "Under Poseidon's eye"
JUNE 15-16, 2017 / AMPHITHEATER OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION SCHOOL, LEGRENA (SOUNIO) GREECE

Co-Chairs: Eleni Bairaktari (GR), Cas Weykamp (NL)
The Satellite Meeting on Diabetes is co-organized by the Hellenic Diabetes Association, the Greek Society of Clinical Chemistry-Clinical Biochemistry and the IFCC Committee for Education in the Use of Biomarkers in Diabetes. The scientific programme addresses innovations in both the laboratory and clinic. There will be four sessions. The first provides an overview of diabetes, the second session is on glucose, the third session focuses on HbA1c and the last session is dedicated to new ideas and future developments.

Post-Satellite Symposium*
"Advances in Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology"
JUNE 16-19, 2017 / SANTORINI GREECE

Co-Chairs: Eleftherios Diamandis (CA, GR), Andreas Scorilas (GR)
This Satellite meeting is organized under the auspices of the International Society for Enzymology. The conference will cover a wide range of aspects on Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology including, but not limited to: New biomarkers for cancer and other diseases, informatics, automation, genomics, proteomics, epigenomics, transcriptomics, other omics, enzymes in health and disease, theranostics, micro RNAs, long non-coding RNA, quality assurance in medical laboratories.
Dear September we are not yet ready to welcome you... or as our laureate poet Odisseas Elitis wrote: “summer took everything with it”.

But still, autumn in Greece is:

Earthly colors of pomegranate, (how would you open a pomegranate - lots of recipes - there are really easy ways). This unbelievable fruit, symbol of fertility, of wealth and so beautiful. The trees are bending under the sweet burden.

Earthly colors of figs. Another fruit which is not a fruit but a flower with the petals inside out. What colors, taste, smell. What a treasure!

We, Greeks all have fig-trees and pomegranate - trees in gardens, fields, even in verandas.

What about the grapes? New wine on the move. In the old times people were stepping on the grapes in order to get the sweet juice. It used to be a great feast. An autumn feast. The barrels should be clean by now in order to receive the new muse, a really old tradition in the tavernas.

And then the earthly reddish colors of the autumn leaves on the Greek mountains, what a sight!

"With the first drops of the rain the summer was killed!" Manos Hatzidakis put the music...
How to get to Athens

Athens is easily accessed by air, sea and land (road and railroad) as it is the Greece’s capital and one of the major cities of the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean area. Moreover, moving around the city is a real pleasure. Athens public transportation system connects the city center and Megaron - Athens International Conference Center, the Congress Venue, with all surrounding areas through a modern network combining many lines of metro, suburban railway, train, buses, trolleys and trams. The road system has been modernized in recently with new highways. The capital is connected with other parts of the mainland through a network of railways, buses and coaches. Furthermore, Athens has direct connections to all Greek islands through the ports of Piraeus, Lavrio and Rafina.

**BY AIR**
The new award-winning “Eleftherios Venizelos” Athens International Airport, has been serving the Greek capital since its opening to the public on March 28th, 2001. Its exciting design has, according to surveys, made it one of the world’s leading airports in overall passenger satisfaction for the last four years and Europe’s fastest growing airport. At the crossroads of Europe, Africa and the Middle East, Athens is a city that is easily accessible from virtually any point of the world. Flights from major airport hubs in London, Frankfurt, Paris, Berlin, Zurich, Milan, Rome, Istanbul, New York, Larnaca and Dubai come in at least once per day. Located 33 km (20 miles) southeast of Athens, it is easily accessible via Attiki Odos, a major highway part of the Athens City Ring Road. Public transport to Athens and the port of Piraeus is provided by the new metro system, express airport bus connections, taxi and high-speed rail. A free return bus or metro ticket from airport to Athens will be offered to all registered delegates and accompanying persons, at their arrival at the airport, after previous online request.

**BY ROAD**
Athens can be reached by road via the Western Balkan countries, Bulgaria, Albania and Turkey.

**BY RAILROAD**
The main railway network of Greece currently provides links between Athens and Northern and Southern Greece and the rest of Europe through the Western Balkan countries and Bulgaria.

**BY SEA**
There are daily ferryboat connections from Italy (Ancona, Bari and Brindisi, Venice and Trieste) to Patras the second largest port of entry to Greece; approximately 220 km (135 miles) from Athens. The Middle East is accessible via the port of Volos located 300km (180 miles) from Athens.
The EuroMedLab Athens 2017 Congress will be held at the Megaron Athens International Conference Center, one of the finest and technologically advanced conference venues in Europe. The center offers an impressive environment of beauty, cutting edge facilities and unrivalled client service.

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Registration Info

The on-line systems for registration and abstract submission is available at www.athens2017.org

REGISTRATION FEES
All delegates must register to the congress, in order to have access to the lecture rooms.

BEFORE APRIL 30, 2017

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The full registration and young registration fees include:

1. Entrance to plenary lectures, symposia, industry-sponsored workshops, posters sessions and exhibition
2. Possibility to submit abstracts
3. Certificate of attendance
4. Return bus or metro ticket from airport to Athens
5. Coffee and tea service during morning intermissions
6. Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party (Sunday, June 11th 2017)
7. Closing Ceremony (Thursday, June 15th 2017)

The day registration fee includes, for the day of registration only:

1. Entrance to plenary lectures, symposia, industry - sponsored workshops, posters sessions and exhibition
2. Certificate of attendance
3. Coffee and tea service during morning intermissions
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Social event Ticket

**Wednesday, June 14th 2017**

Delegates **€45** (€36.29 + 24% VAT) Accompanying persons **€85** (€68.55 + 24% VAT)

Remittance

Registration fees shall be paid by credit card or bank transfer through the on-line system available on the congress web site. When paying by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer receipt must be sent at registrations@athens2017.org. Registrations without proof of payment will not be accepted. On-site registrations may be paid only by credit card or cash. Cheques will not be accepted. The organising secretariat will send registration receipt upon receipt of payment, via e-mail. Be sure your e-mail address is filled in correctly.

Currency

Registration fees and charges for all events related to the EuroMedLab Athens 2017 Congress as well as hotel cost must be paid in euros.

Cancellation and refund

Cancellations must be sent in writing to registrations@athens2017.org. The amount equal to 80% of the fee paid will be refunded for cancellations received by April 30th 2017. Until May 31st 2017 a refund of 50% of the fee will be granted. After May 31st 2017 no refunds will be issued. All refunds will be paid in euros after the congress.

Personal invitation for visa purposes

To facilitate congress attendance a personal invitation can be sent on request. This invitation does not exempt the recipient from registering and paying the proper congress fee. Please inform the congress secretariat if you need a personal invitation letter.

Cancellation of the congress

The congress secretariat reserves the right to cancel the congress, shift venue, or change dates without notice, in case of “force majeure”. Neither MZ Congressi nor the Congress Organising Committee shall be liable for any damage claims.

**On-line registration is available on the congress website** [www.athens2017.org](http://www.athens2017.org)

Registration can be submitted on-line only.

**SATELLITE MEETING REGISTRATION FEES**

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Don’t forget 1 November 2016
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