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News from the Scientific Program Committee

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Scientific Program of the [EuroMedLab Athens 2017](#) congress (plenaries and symposia) has now been completed and the preliminary program of the congress has been published. We would like to present here the summary of plenary lectures and debates.



The [Opening Plenary Lecture](#) of [EuroMedLab Athens 2017](#), will be given on Sunday, June 11, 2017 by Dr. David Epstein (USA) and is entitled 'The original Olympic spirit: The evolution of athletes and the tiny margins between good and great'. Dr. Epstein, the acclaimed author of the highly successful bestselling book

"The Sports Gene", will analyze genetic characteristics of top athletes and identify attributes which make them great vs good in some sports. These attributes include eyesight, muscle mass, reflexes, body structure etc. He will make the point that the differences between good and great athletes are very small. He will also touch upon the menace of Olympic competition, performance enhancing techniques.

The [second Plenary Lecture](#), which will be given on Monday, June 12, 2017 by Dr. George Pavlakis (Greece-USA) is entitled



'New vaccines and immunotherapies for AIDS and cancer'. We are all aware of the tremendous advances made in AIDS research, which transformed an invariably highly lethal disease into a chronic disease. There is still work ahead in finding an effective preventative vaccine and even more effective immunotherapies and other therapies for AIDS, which can eradicate the infection.

The [third Plenary Lecture](#) will be given on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 by Dr. Françoise Baylis (Canada) and is entitled 'Human gene editing: The dawn, the zenith, and the dusk'. The discovery of the CRISPR-Cas gene editing system an associated technologies, promises to revolutionize everything, from improving animals, plants, and, most importantly, for treating human genetic diseases. But there are also dangers associated with this technology. It now seems possible that the human genome



can be edited for purposes that are currently deemed to be unethical, such as improving intellectual performance or appearance. These highly controversial issues will be analyzed by Dr. Baylis.

The [fourth Plenary Lecture](#) will be given on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 by Dr. George Chrousos (Greece) and is entitled

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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.

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on Preanalytical Phase**

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'The influence of stress in human disease risk'. It is widely known that stress can promote many diseases from cardiac diseases to cancer and neurodegeneration. Dr. Chrousos proclaims that an optimally responsive system against stress helps individuals with their well-being, successful performance of tasks and appropriate social interactions. On the contrary, excessive stress can cause significant morbidity and compromise the quality of life of individuals.



The **fifth** and **final Plenary Lecture** will be given on Thursday, June 15, 2017 by Dr. Nicholas Katsanis (Greece - USA) and is entitled 'Whole genome sequencing in health and disease'. Whole genome sequencing and related technologies have revolutionized the way we approach precision medicine. No doubt, these technologies will further contribute to better diagnosis and treatment of many

diseases, genetic or not, including cancer. Already, hundreds of thousands of genomes have been sequenced and it is expected that many more will be sequenced over the next 5-10 years. It is highly anticipated that this new mountain of genetic information will unravel the pathogenesis of many diseases and will suggest novel ways of treating them.



On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, Dr. George Malliaras (Greece-France) will be the **President's Invited Speaker** and will deliver a lecture on diagnostic bioelectronics.

Bioelectronics deals with the coupling of the worlds of electronics and biology, and this coupling can go both ways. The natural ability for "recognition" in the biological world, such as between two complimentary DNA strands, can be

combined with the awesome power of microelectronics to process signals to build powerful new biosensors. At the same time, electronic devices can help "guide" biological events, for example cell growth, thereby creating new tools for biomedical research. This cross-fertilization between the two disciplines improves our understanding of life processes and forms the basis for advanced disease detection and treatment. Tools generated in this arena, such as medical diagnostics and brain implants, will dominate the future of healthcare and help increase the span and quality of our lives. They will also play a dominant role in modernizing agriculture and in protecting animal health, our food supply, and the environment.

At **EuroMedLab Athens 2017**, we are introducing a new feature called **"Debate"** or **open symposia** with two speakers, one delivering a point and the other a counterpoint, on hot topics in medicine and science. **These sessions are open to the public and the press.**



The **first debate** will take place on Monday, June 12, 2017 and will deal with a **controversial issue of cancer screening**. Dr. Ann McTiernan (USA) will advocate that screening may be beneficial in extending life in certain

types of cancer, especially breast cancer, while Dr. Laura Esserman (USA) will advocate that screening is not cost effective and also has side effects, such as overdiagnosis and overtreatment.



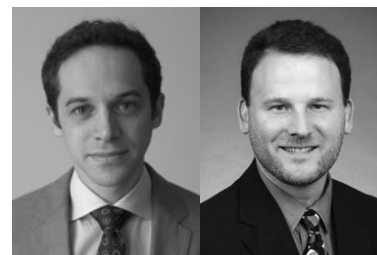
discussed in detail. The two speakers will draft a path of moving forward, without compromising the safety of our society.

On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, the **second debate** will be on the **ethics of gene editing** and will include Dr. Nicholas Katsanis (Greece - USA) and Dr. Françoise Baylis (Canada). The ethical background of editing plants, animals and humans will be



beneficial to the society at large, Dr. Holmes will argue that current state-of-the-art technologies for direct to consumer testing may produce results that are unreliable and may lead to overdiagnosis and overtreatment of certain diseases.

On Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the **third debate** will explore the topic of **'direct to consumer testing'** with Dr. Rodger Seccombe (Canada) and Dr. Daniel Holmes (Canada). While Dr. Seccombe advocates that some direct to consumer testing may be



punished by the World Antidoping Agency. However, it is also well-known that many top athletes still receive performance enhancing drugs, and this doping passes undetected with current techniques. Dr. Epstein suggests that authorities should intensify antidoping testing, while Dr. Baird advocates that the free access to performance enhancing drugs by all athletes may be another way of solving this problem.

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, the **fourth** and **final debate** will deal with **'antidoping testing'** with Dr. David Epstein (USA), our opening speaker, and Dr. Geoffrey S. Baird (USA). By current rules, doping of any sort is illegal, and is severely

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

On behalf of the **Scientific Program Committee**

Eleftherios Diamandis
Chair of the EuroMedLab Athens 2017 SPCCommittee



News from the Abstracts Evaluation Committee (AEC)



As in any other EuroMedlab Congress, a vital part in EuroMedlab Athens 2017 will be the opportunity for every Laboratory Specialist to present novel research ideas and applications through vivid discussions in the poster area or after an oral communication in one of the EuroMedlab symposia.

The call for abstracts in 30 topics –practically, in every field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine- culminated in almost a thousand submissions (precisely, 995) till the deadline set by the Scientific Committee (Nov.1st, earlier than any other time!). Presenting authors had also the option to choose whether their abstract could be a candidate of an oral presentation in a corresponding (or at least, relevant) session of the Scientific program.

The task to review and evaluate these submissions fell upon the members of the Abstracts Evaluation Committee (AEC). Members of the International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) of the EuroMedlab Athens 2017 Congress were asked to propose 2-5 reviewers per country. One-hundred sixteen proposals of experts from 24 EFLM National Societies came out. The AEC selection was based both on merit (publication record, both overall and specific according to the topic in need) and on an effort to include as many EFLM National Societies as possible; 55 reviewers were selected from 18 countries (except for the host country National Society, all others had a maximum number of five reviewers).

Two reviewers were assigned per topic and they were grading each abstract on a scale 0-5 (5 for the excellent abstract on a novel idea). The burden of abstracts' reviewing was different per reviewer due to the fact that some topics were more popular than others: Analytical technologies

and applications topped with 104 abstracts, Biomarkers in cancer followed closely with 98 abstracts and then a cluster of topics such as Laboratory Management/Accreditation, Microbiology/Infectious diseases, Endocrinology and Cardiovascular diseases/Cardiac markers with 62, 58, 57 and 56 abstracts respectively. On average, each reviewer had to review 36 abstracts (range 6-104).

The quality of the abstracts was judged to be very satisfactory by AEC members (the average grade from all 1990 reviews was 3.41). One hundred thirty-six abstracts with a total score 8-10 among those with a positive reply for an oral communication were sent to the Symposia chairs for their final pick of those speakers that will fill the frame of their respective Symposia. Forty six abstracts were rejected due to their total low grade (≤ 2), thus reaching a 4,6% rejection rate for our EuroMedlab Congress. Another 52 presenting authors were asked for revisions (clarifications on missing points, rephrasing, clerical or syntax errors) before the final acceptance of their work.

The selected posters are going to be displayed at the Congress, arranged by topics on Monday, 12th June, Tuesday, 13th June and Wednesday, 14th June. In order to encourage discussions about posters, the poster Presenter must be at the assigned poster panel from 13:00 to 14:30. **Poster walking tours will also be organized from 13:30 to 14:30.**






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The EuroMedlab Athens 2017 Congress Scientific Program Committee would like to thank all the AEC members for their careful review process:







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EUROMEDLAB ATHENS 2017 TIMETABLE

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December 2016

DAY		SATURDAY JUNE 10	SUNDAY JUNE 11	MONDAY JUNE 12						TUESDAY JUNE 13																									
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09.00 - 10.00				PLENARY	NEW VACCINES AND IMMUNOTHERAPIES FOR AIDS AND CANCER George Pavlakis												PLENARY	HUMAN GENE EDITING: THE DAWN, THE ZENITH, AND THE DUSK Françoise Baylis																	
10.00 - 10.30				BREAK																															
10.30 - 12.30		08.55-17.30 AT WAR MUSEUM	09.00-16.00 AT CHOREMEO	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM ADVANCES IN CANCER BIOMARKER DISCOVERY	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM CHALLENGES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND FOLLOW-UP OF MULTIPLE MYELOMA	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM BIOMARKERS OF INFLAMMATION AND VASCULAR DAMAGE	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM THE ROLE OF STROKE DIAGNOSIS AND MONITORING OF TREATMENT - STROKE BIOMARKERS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM EFLM HARMONISATION IN LABORATORY MEDICINE	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS OF PATHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN PREGNANCY	TBA	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM KIDNEY DISEASES - HOT QUESTIONS ON ESTABLISHED AND NOVEL BIOMARKERS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM ADVANCES IN NEURODEGENERATION DISORDERS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM STATE OF THE ART IN CARDIAC MARKERS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM INCREASING CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS IN LABORATORY MEDICINE	TBA																				
12.30 - 14.30				12.30-14.30 DEBATE LESSONS FROM 30 YEARS OF CANCER SCREENING Anne McTiernan Laura Esserman	POSTER SESSION													POSTER SESSION																	
14.30 - 18.00				14.30-16.30 IFCC SYMPOSIUM STANDARDIZATION IN ENDOCRINOLOGY 	EduW 14.30-15.30 SYSMEX	EduW 14.30-15.30 ROCHE	EduW 14.30-15.30 ABBOTT	EduW 14.30-15.30 SIEMENS	14.30-16.45 MEET THE EXPERT ACCREDITATION AND LAB MANAGEMENT WHY AND HOW TO DO IT Wim Huitema Michel Verbouwdolle Elizabeth Frank	14.30-15.30 PRESIDENT'S INVITED SPEAKER George Malliaras	EduW 14.30-15.30 MENARINI	EduW 14.30-15.30 ABBOT	EduW 14.30-15.30 ROCHE	EduW 14.30-15.30 SIEMENS	15.30-16.45 MEET THE EXPERT HOW TO SUCCEED IN SCIENCE MEDICINE AS A WOMAN Laura Esserman Ann Gronowski																				
18.00 - 20.00		17.00-20.00 AT CHOREMEO	SATELLITE MEETING "NBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM" U-Papavasiliou	EduW 17.00-18.00 TBA	EduW 17.00-18.00 BIORAD	EduW 15.45-16.45 ABBOTT	EduW 15.45-16.45 ROCHE	EduW 15.45-16.45 ORTHO	16.45-18.00 MEET THE EXPERT SUCCESS IN RESEARCH - ACADEMIC CAREER Feng Zhang	16.00-18.00 IFCC SYMPOSIUM 	EduW 15.45-16.45 RANDOX	EduW 15.45-16.45 SYSMEX	EduW 15.45-16.45 ROCHE	EduW 15.45-16.45 ORTHO	16.45-18.00 MEET THE EXPERT ASSESSING VITAMIN D STATUS IN THE CLINICAL LABORATORY Howard Morris																				
20.00 - 22.30				20.00-22.30 OPENING CEREMONY																															
22.30 - 00.00				21.00-21.30 OPENING LECTURE David Epstein																															
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FREE EVENING FOR DELEGATES

DAY	WEDNESDAY JUNE 14						THURSDAY JUNE 15				FRIDAY JUNE 16		
ROOM	LAMBRASIS HALL	TRIANTI HALL	HALL A	MITROPOULOS HALL	SKALKOTAS HALL	MC 3 HALL	LAMBRASIS HALL	TRIANTI HALL	HALL A	MITROPOULOS HALL	SKALKOTAS HALL	MC 3 HALL	
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09.00 - 10.00	PLENARY	THE INFLUENCE OF STRESS IN HUMAN DISEASE RISK George P. Chrousos					PLENARY	WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING IN HEALTH AND DISEASE Nicholas Katsanis					
10.00 - 10.30	BREAK						BREAK						
10.30 - 12.30	 PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS IN LABORATORY MEDICINE - PART 1	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM THE ROLE OF LABORATORY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CLINICALLY ILL PATIENTS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM THE INTERFACE OF LABORATORY MEDICINE AND CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM PERSONALIZED MEDICINE	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM FUTURE OUTLOOK ON POCT AND CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM  TRACEABILITY IN LABORATORY MEDICINE: WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?	10.30-12.30 DEBATE ANTIDOPING TESTING David Epstein Geoffrey S. Baird	 TOPICS OF LABORATORY MEDICINE IN BALKAN REGION	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM ADVANCES IN MASS SPECTROMETRIC APPLICATIONS	10.30-12.30 SYMPOSIUM  EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE - JUST A NECESSARY EVIL OR A VALUABLE TOOL IN LABORATORY MANAGEMENT?	10.30-12.30 IECC SYMPOSIUM  THE LIQUID BIOPSY APPROACH: FOLLOWING THE LEADERSHIP IN PERIPHERAL BLOOD	09.30-13.50 AT SOUNIO SATELLITE MEETING "DIABETES"	
12.30 - 14.30	12.30-14.30 DEBATE DIRECT TO CONSUMER TESTING Rodger Seccombe Don Holmes	POSTER SESSION					10.00-17.30 EXHIBITION OPEN						
14.30 - 18.00	 PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS IN LABORATORY MEDICINE - PART 2	EduW 14.30-15.30 BIORAD	EduW 14.30-15.30 RANDOX	EduW 14.30-15.30 SIEMENS	EduW 14.30-15.30 MENARINI	14.30-15.45 MEET THE EXPERT ESTABLISHED & EMERGING BIO-MARKERS IN HEART FAILURE: DIAGNOSIS & MANAGEMENT Gerasimos Filippatos							
		EduW 15.45-16.45 MINDRAY	EduW 15.45-16.45 BECTON DICKINSON	EduW 15.45-16.45 SIEMENS	EduW 15.45-16.45 THERMOFISHER								
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16.30-21.00
AT SOUNIO
SATELLITE MEETING "DIABETES"



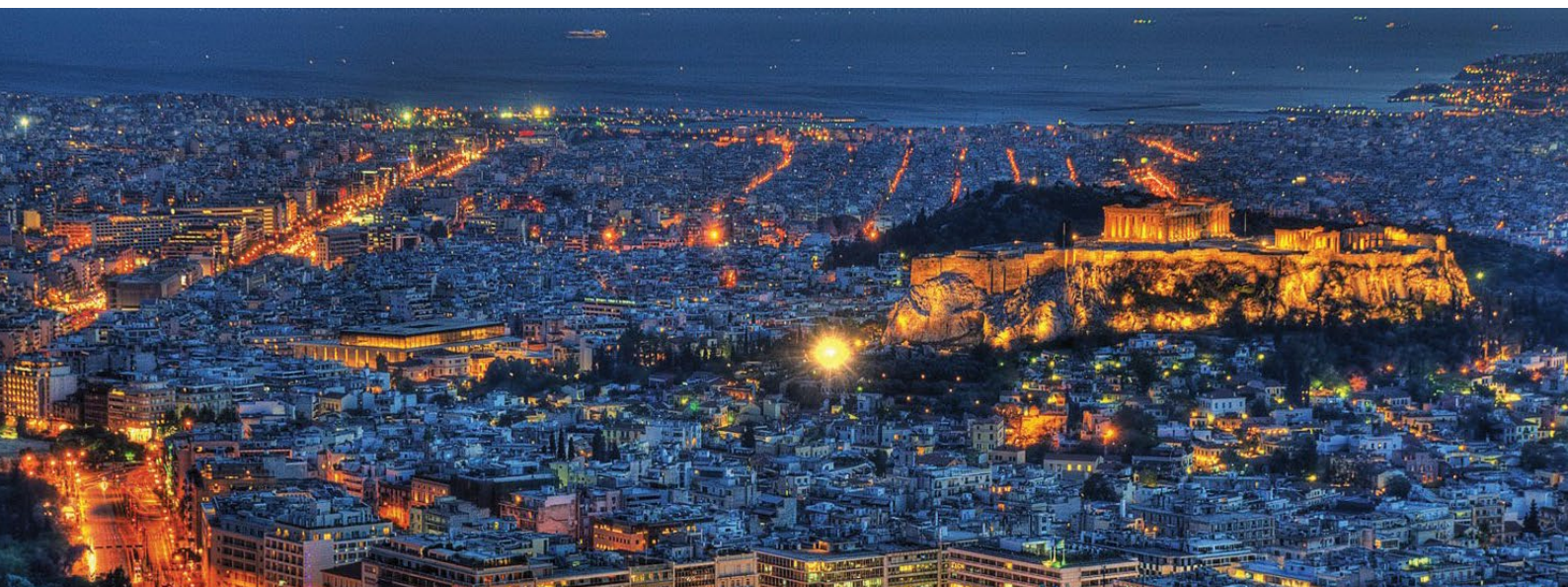
How to get to Athens

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

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 shuttle bus service, courtesy of Mindray, from airport to Megaron Athens International Conference Center and Downtown Athens hotels, will be offered to all registered delegates and accompanying persons at their arrival at the Athens International Airport.



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

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.

Congress Venue

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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Athens Metro Map





Winter in Greece



Demeter, the goddess of agriculture and harvest was grieving her virgin daughter's Persephone abduction from Hades and the seasons halted, living things ceased their growth and began to die. That was how ancient Greeks understood winter and waited for Persephone's return from the Hades in order life and spring to come back on earth.

Winter can be hard in Greece. There is snow and rain and low temperatures but sunshine always is just nearby, and then everything shines again under sun's light and warmth. Greeks love visiting the winter destinations, well preserved villages on the mountain slopes near the ski resorts, the beautiful rivers, the canyons. They love mountain hiking (or

walking) on the mountains, kayaking in the rivers, sitting by the fireplace in the village houses listening to old stories.

What about the famous islands during the winter? Deserted beaches, the wind blows, high waves come to the shore. People walk in the wind looking for seashells, some of them swim, some of them play, it is so invigorating! In the small towns very few people are left, they live in peace, they relax, they take their time. So different from the summer!

But the summery weather is there too, during the winter. And here is one more ancient Greek myth. Aristotle named alkyonides the summery days of January, when the star Alcyone lies in the middle of the sky, at its zenith, during



the evening hours of the day. This star is visible during the cloudless nights of January and the ancient Greeks named these beautiful days after its name. It is a meteorological phenomenon concerning Greece and a lot of myths, involving the sea bird Alkyon, who used to be Aeolus' (the god of winds) daughter. Zeus stopped the winds to allow the bird to lay its eggs safely. So more summery days for the Greeks in the middle of the winter.

Winter is there. But spring is not too far.

Never too far for Greece!





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

Full Registration	€680 (€548 + 24% VAT)
Young Registration (≤ 35 years)	€340 (€274 + 24% VAT)
Day Registration except Thursday	€310 (€250 + 24% VAT)
Special Thursday Registration  	€190 (€153 + 24% VAT)

AFTER APRIL 30, 2017

Full Registration	€860 (€693,50 + 24% VAT)
Young Registration (≤ 35 years)	€460 (€370,96 + 24% VAT)
Day Registration except Thursday	€370 (€298,38 + 24% VAT)
Special Thursday Registration  	€250 (€202 + 24% VAT)

ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS

Full Registration	€925 (€745,96 + 24% VAT)
Young Registration (≤ 35 years)	€495 (€399,19 + 24% VAT)
Day Registration except Thursday	€430 (€346,77 + 24% VAT)
Special Thursday Registration  	€300 (€242 + 24% VAT)

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. Shuttle busses from airport to Athens and vice-versa
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

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

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