Dear Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to EuroMedLab,
Welcome to Athens,

It is almost time! You are arriving in Athens, one of the most historical cities of the world. And guess what: you are visiting Greece during the best time of the year. Warm but not too hot, an atmosphere of wellness, of fresh air from the sea, the surrounding mountains, the blossoming flowers and trees will overwhelm you.

The modern spotless metro will take you safely from the airport to the centre of the busy city. As you are reaching towards the center, you will find the metro stop called Megaron, the congress centre itself, in a direct line from the airport. Megaron, named after the big hall in the Mycenae palace for the ancient Greeks, the big mansion for contemporary Greeks, is a Hall devoted to music. This week though it will be devoted to science, to Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, it will be devoted to you as the home of our EuroMedLab.

The very first evening you will have the opportunity to attend the opening ceremony in one of the most famous ancient theatres in the world, Herodion theatre, also devoted to music at first (it was built as an Odeon, a conservatory), under the Acropolis of Athens. In 2014 it was considered the second best theatre for live performances in the world by a Canadian newspaper. Sitting in the theatre you can raise your eyes and admire the illuminated Parthenon in all its splendor and charm. And then you can take a walk in Dionysiou Areopagitou Street, one of the most beautiful streets in the world.

Superior science will monopolize your attention during the week: meetings with meet the experts sessions, debates, excellent presentations, meetings with friendly colleagues and exhibit of IVD equipment.

But at night, the social program will relax you: a party by the sea, a dinner with colleagues and friends in Plaka, music by Theodorakis. In your own free time we urge you to visit the Museum of Acropolis, the Archeological Museum of Athens, the Byzantine, the Cycladic or the Benaki Museums, all of them located in the centre of our beloved city. Or you may ride the tram to the sea, for a glimpse or a swim in the deep blue of Aegean Sea.

Welcome to Athens! We are looking forward to meeting you!

Katherina Psarra
GSCC-CB President

Alexander Haliassos,
EuroMedLab Athens 2017 Congress President

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.

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OPENING CEREMONY
Herodes Atticus Theatre (Herodion)
June 11th 2017, 20:15

Delegates and accompanying persons in order to attend the opening ceremony must wear their badges or bring with them the invitation they will receive by email few days before the congress.
It is a great tradition to honor distinguished scientists with awards during Euromedlab. All scientists should recognize the excellent work of the people, who devote their lives to science as well as to the promotion of laboratory work in the general public. Let all of us acknowledge our gratefulness to them.

**Prof. Callum G. Fraser**  
*Div. of Cancer, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee (UK)*

9th EFLM-Roche Award for Laboratory Medicine  
for his important achievements as a Scientist in Laboratory Medicine and his extraordinary and energetic contribution to the promotion of the art and science of biological variation

**Prof. Nada Majkić-Singh**  
*Institute of Medical Biochemistry in the Clinical Center of Serbia and University of Belgrade (RS)*

Special GSCC-CB Award  
for her important contribution to BCLF since its foundations to nowadays

**Prof. Andreas R. Huber**  
*Kantonsspital Aarau, Institut for Laboratory Medicine, Aarau (CH)*

4th EFLM-Abbott Diagnostics Award for Excellence in Outcomes Research in Laboratory Medicine  
for his article: “Biomarkers from distinct biological pathways improve early risk stratification in medical emergency patients: the multinational, prospective, observational TRIAGE study CrossMark”

**Dr. Jaume Trapé**  
*Laboratory Medicine, Althaia Xarxa Asistencial Universitària de Manresa (ES)*

ELAS-forum Award for Biomarkers in cancer  
for his article: “Evaluation of two strategies for the interpretation of tumor markers in ascitic fluid”

**Dr. Thomas Kaier**  
*The Rayne Institute, St Thomas’ Hospital, London (UK)*

1st EFLM-HyTest Cardiac Marker Award for remarkable scientific work in the field of cardiovascular diseases  
for his article: “Quantifying the Release of Biomarkers of Myocardial Necrosis from Cardiac Myocytes and Intact Myocardium”

**Dr. Caroline Le Goff**  
*Department of Clinical Chemistry, University Hospital of Liège, CIRM, (BE)*

ELAS-forum Award for Endocrinology  
for her article: “Establishment of reference values for six steroids in serum by LC-MS/MS”
Our Bursaries

It is always great finding out the important work some young people have already accomplished at such an early age. And what would be more fruitful than offering them bursaries in order to have the opportunity to show their work and come in contact with experts in the field, in order to help them plan an even brighter future.

10 European Young Scientists were awarded with an ELFM bursary covering travel and accommodation
The registration was kindly offered by the Congress Organizing Committee

6 Young Scientists were awarded with a GSCC-CB bursary
Covering registration and accommodation

5 Young Scientists were awarded with an IFCC Roche Scholarship, covering travel and accommodation
The registration was kindly offered by the Congress Organizing Committee
Our Volunteers

Here is a super group of young people, devoted to the Euromedlab delegates. They know everything the delegates need, they will be happy to help them and their reward will be the opportunity to be with them and to share the experience of the greatest European event of their profession.

Congratulations to our 20 volunteers!
An Interesting event co-organized with the IFCC Task Force of Young Scientists (TF-YS) and the International Society of Enzymology (ISE) will combine a scientific presentation by Dr. Nader Rifai, Editor in chief of “Clinical Chemistry”, entitled “Communication of Scientific Information” and a musical performance of the well-known Mikis Theodorakis Orchestra. There will be a Get Together Dinner, offered by the GSCC-CB, while overlooking the Acropolis and the Parthenon. The evening will continue in a friendly musical atmosphere.

This event is also open to all other delegates but they need to purchase a ticket (80 euros per person) by writing to Amanda Goddard (amanda.goddard@sinahealthsystem.ca). Space is limited and tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis.

### Farewell Get Together

**BUS TRANSFER**

Meeting at Megaron Athens International Conference Center at 19:00 & bus transfer to Vouliagmeni Nautical Club. Return starting at 23:00

**BY TAXI**

An average journey by taxi from Megaron Athens International Conference Center to Vouliagmeni Nautical Club should take approximately 35’-45’ minutes, depending on the traffic. The cost of the ride should be around € 35-40 one way.
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Congress Venue
Megaron Athens International Conference Center

Opening Ceremony
Herodes Atticus Theatre (Herodion)

Congress Headquarters Hotel
Athens Hilton

New Acropolis Museum

Congress Hotels
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.

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.

FREE SHUTTLE
A free shared shuttle service will be offered to you from and to Athens international airport and Megaron Convention Center from June 10, 2017

- Saturday 10 June 8am-8pm
- Sunday 11 June 8am-8pm
- Monday 12 June 10am-6pm
- Tuesday 13 June 10am-6pm
- Wednesday 14 June 10am-6pm
- Thursday 15 June 8am-15pm

The detailed timetable and frequency will be available soon at www.athens2017.org

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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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- Participate to surveys posted by the speakers
- Rate the Scientific Session

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2. You will be presented with the actual Live Poll and Ask a Question screen:

3. Click on Ask A Question button to immediately write and publish a relevant question:

4. You can ask a new question:

5. To go to the Live Polls section (if the presenters had activated this option for the session), please select the Back button on the far left of the screen. Then select the Join Live Poll button:

6. Select your preferred answer(s), hit Submit:

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The audience will vote all Questions so that the most popular ones get to be answered. You can vote questions already asked or you can ask a new question.