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Invitation

The Annual Panhellenic Congress on Thoracic Diseases has been established as the most important scientific event held in Greece for pulmonologists, thoracic surgeons and paediatric pulmonologists. Since its establishment in 1984, it has provided a unique forum for presentation of scientific research, an opportunity to review the latest knowledge on the whole spectrum of lung diseases, and a venue for informal sharing of information and research experience with Greek and foreign expert colleagues.

The 21st Panhellenic Congress on Thoracic Diseases, scheduled for November 2012, aims to continue this tradition of excellence and is due to take place in Thessaloniki. Built in 315 BC and named after the sister of Alexander the Great, Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece, rich in Ancient Greek and Byzantine monuments.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Congress, we cordially invite physicians of related specialties as well as active scientists, to attend the Congress and take the opportunity to present original papers on every aspect of thoracic medicine, both basic and clinical.

To improve the knowledge on diagnosis and management of thoracic diseases the Congress faculty will also offer a number of State of the Art lectures and interactive educational sessions including two ERS postgraduated courses. We look forward to meeting you at Thessaloniki on 1-4 of November 2012!

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**PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2012**

**HALL A**

12.30 - 14.30  
**ERS Postgraduate course**  
**Diagnostic techniques in respiratory medicine**  
Chairing: Qiang Li - D. Papakosta  
Current diagnostic techniques in bronchial asthma  
**K. Katsoulis**  
Thoracoscopy in pleural infections  
**A.G. Casalini**  
Syngo DynaCT for the diagnosis of the lung cancer.  
**W. Hohenforst-Schmidt**
The role of bronchoalveolar lavage in respiratory diseases
D. Papakosta

HALL A

17.00 - 19.00
ERS Postgraduate course
Non-small cell lung cancer treatment
Chairing: K. Zarogoulidis - A. Rapti
Moderator: K. Syrigos
Multidisciplinary treatment of non metastatic NSCLC (stage I-IIIa)
W. Eberhardt
The management of advanced non-small cell lung cancer in 2012
J-P Sculier
Latest progress in biological agents
R. Pirker
Second line chemotherapy
L. Petruzelka

20.30 Opening Ceremony

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2012

HALL A

8.45 - 10.00
Chairs: E. Mylonaki- F. Vlastos
ORAL PRESENTATIONS

10.00-10.30
Chairs: I. Ntanos
Lecture: Statins in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
A. Antoniadis

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30
Round Table Pleural Diseases
Chairs: M. Froudarakis - B. Perin
Non-invasive approach in pleural diseases
D. Spyrtos
Thoracoscopy in the investigation of pleural diseases
M. Froudarakis
Malignant pleural effusion
F. R. Panadero
Mesothelioma
Ph. Astoul

12.30-13.00
Chairs: G. Stamatis - N. Papanikolaou
Lecture: Interventional Bronchoscopy in lung cancer treatment
L. Frietag

13.00 - 14.30
Round Table
Pulmonary Embolism
Chairs: M. Kakoura - S. Konstantinidis
Primary prevention: surgical and medical patients are not the same
V. Tsaousis
Treatment and secondary prevention: Time to say goodbye to heparin and vitamin k antagonists?
M. Kakoura
Risk stratification with clinical scores, biomarkers, imaging: Is it really important for the clinician
D. Jimenez Castro
Immediate discharge and outpatient management: Which criteria? Which anticoagulants?
S. Konstantinidis

LUNCH BREAK
16.30-18.00
Round Table
Surgical Management of Lung Cancer
Chairs: G. Drosos - K. Anastasiadis
Comments: K. Tsakiridis
22 years neoadjuvant treatment for the locally advanced NSCLC stage IIA/IIIB.
Lessons learned
G. Stamatis
Tumors of the Lung Apex
Ch. Foroulis
Lung Parenchyma-sparing operations in Lung Cancer
D. Filippou
VATS Lobectomy: Indications and Advantages
Th. Karaiskos

18.00-18.30 Break

18.30-19.00
Chairs: D. Bouros - Aik. Markopoulou
Lecture: Cough
A. H Morice

19.00 - 19.30
Chairs: K. Zarogoulidis - Th. Kontakiotis
Lecture: Vx-001 vaccine: a new maintenance treatment for metastatic NSCLC?
K. Kosmatopoulos

19.30 - 20.30
Satellite Lecture
New drugs on pulmonary diseases (Novartis OMBREZ)

HALL B

8.30 - 9.30
Chairs: I. Angel
ORAL PRESENTATIONS

9.30 - 10.00
Chair: L. Sakkas
Lecture: The role of pathologist in the differential diagnostic immunohistochemical approach of Lung Cancer  
R. Tringidou

10.00-10.30  
Chairs: H. Titopoulos - I. Elemenoglou  
Lecture: Treatment and follow up of the asthmatic patient in Primary Care Setting  
Th. Pechlivanidis

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00 -12.30  
Round Table  
Cystic Fibrosis: What we need to know  
Chaira: I. Tsanakas - I. Kioumis  
From the Paediatrician to Pulmonologist: the transition procedure  
E. Chatziagorou  
Adults with Cystic fibrosis: Problems and current treatment  
Aik. Manika  
Current therapeutic treatment and new perspectives in patients with cystic fibrosis  
E. Inglezos

12.30 - 13.00  
Chairs: P. Mpouri - M. Daniilidis  
Lecture: Immunology and Lung  
G. Kyriazis

13.00-14.30  
Round Table  
Non-pharmacological treatment in stable COPD  
Chairs: E. Vlachogianni - M. Bitzani  
Home oxygen treatment: LTOT, nocturnal, ambulatory, oxygen devices  
E, Serasli  
Pulmonary rehabilitation  
D. Spyratos  
Diet and anabolics in COPD  
P. Stefanopoulou

LUNCH BREAK

17.30-18.00  
Chairs: K. Passa-Fekete - D. Lagonidis  
Lecture: Obesity and Respiratory System  
S. Tryfon

18.00 - 19.30  
Round Table  
Non-invasive ventilation (MEMA)  
Chairs: D. Georgopoulos - I. Pnevmatikos  
Introduction. Equipment selection  
G. Pitsiou  
NIV in COPD Exacerbation  
G. Kouliatsis  
NIV in acute hypoxemic respiratory failure  
B. Papaioannou
NIV in post-extubation and postoperative phase
E. Kondyli
NIV in stable COPD: pros and cons
D. Lagonidis

19.30-21.00
Round Table
Pulmonary Hypertension
Chairs: D. Patakas - I. Stanopoulos
Clinical Decisions in Pulmonary Hypertension
W. Hohenforst-Schmidt
Pulmonary arterial hypertension: Cardiological approach
S. Kostantinidis
Developments in the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension
G. Pitsiou

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2012

HALL A

8.45 - 10.00
Chairs: N. Kapravelos - F. Zoglopitis
ORAL PRESENTATIONS

10.00-10.30
Chair: A. Antoniadis
Lecture: Stem Cells
D. Bouros

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30
Round Table
New data in idiopathic interstitial lung diseases
Chairs: D. Papakosta - S. Papiris
Comments: D. Bouros
The role of High-Resolution CT scan in the diagnostic approach to diffuse interstitial lung diseases
G. Kapsas
Prognostic Indicators in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and their significance in Drug Studies
E. Manali
Acute Exacerbations of Idiopathic Interstitial Fibrosis
K. Kagouridis
Sleep Disordered Breathing in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
L. Kolilekas

12.30-13.00
Chairs: A. Papagiannis - V. Ioannidis
Lecture: Palliative approach to respiratory disease
S. Ahmedzai
14.15 - 15.30
GREEK-SERBIAN WORKSHOP
AGENDA:
COPD and sleep related disorders GROUP 1
Lung Cancer GROUP 2
Asthma GROUP 3
TBC and granulomatous diseases GROUP 4
Respiratory infections GROUP 5
Thoracic Surgery GROUP 6
Thoracic Imaging GROUP 7
Interventional Pulmonology GROUP 8
Intensive Care GROUP 9
Thoracic Pathology GROUP 10
Lung Cancer registry and IT GROUP 11

LUNCH BREAK

17.00-18.30
Round Table
Imaging modalities in Pulmonology
Chairs: P. Palladas - V. Kalpakidis
Mediastinal tumors
I. Tsanaktsidis
Haemoptysis treatment and the role of invasive radiology
Th. Fidanis
The role of PET - scan in the management of Lung Cancer patients
Ath. Notopoulos

18.30 - 20.00
Round Table
Pulmonary Tuberculosis: Lost in Translation
Chairs: N. Secen - G. Daskalopoulos - N. Galanis
Modern Epidemiological data in Tuberculosis
G. Spala
The Diagnostic Significance of IGRA
D. Iakovidis
The role of quinolones in tuberculosis
Aik. Manika
Multi - drug resistance in tuberculosis
V. Kuruc

20.00 - 21.00
Satellite Lecture

HALL B

9.00-10.00
Chairs: G. Tatsis - S. Bousmoukilia
What's new in sarcoidosis
S. Papiris
Extrapulmonary sarcoidosis
A. Rapti

10.00-10.30
Chairs: D. Georgopoulos - P. Argyropoulou
Lecture: The role of cardiopulmonary exercise testing in preoperative evaluation
I. Stanopoulos

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30
Round Table
Systemic manifestations of sleep apnoea syndrome
Chairs: V. Tsara - T. Penzel
Cardiovascular and respiratory regulation during sleep stages in patients with sleep apnea
T. Penzel
Innovative view at the problems of sleep apnea
M. Bonsignore
Metabolic disorders in sleep apnea patients
P. Stiropoulos
Quality of life and public health issues in sleep apnea syndrome
Ath. Pataka

12.30 - 13.00
Chair: E. Kalaitzidou
Lecture: Bronchiolitis: Clinical presentation, Diagnosis, Management
E. Fouka

13.00 - 14.00
Round Table
The respiratory system in pregnancy
Chairs: V. Tarlatzis - K. Zarogoulidis
Physiologic cardio-respiratory changes during pregnancy
D. Vavilis
Pulmonary embolism and pregnancy
V. Bagalas
Asthma and pregnancy
D. Siopi

LUNCH BREAK

17.00 - 18.30
Round Table
Controversies in respiratory infection
Chairs: P. Nikolaidis - I. Kioumis
Prevention of ventilator associated pneumonia
A. Prevention is entirely feasible
P. Kontou
B. Prevention is not entirely feasible
K. Arvaniti
Treatment of Community acquired Pneumonia
A. Respiratory quinolones are the best choice
A. Papagiannis
B. Beta-Lactam plus Macrolide is the best choice
M. Angelidou

18.30 - 20.00
Round Table
Bronchial Asthma
Chairs: D. Gioulekas - G. Ilonidis
Comments: Aik. Markopoulou
Inhaled anticholinergics in asthma
K. Porpodis
Inhaled corticosteroids vs leukotrienes antagonists as initial treatment of bronchial asthma
Aik. Mitka
The role of small airway inflammation in asthma
D. Latsios
Aeroallergens and bronchial asthma
V. Kaimakamis

20.00 - 21.00
Satellite Symposium

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2012

HALL A

09.00-13.00
NURSING TOPICS

09.00 - 11.00
ROUND TABLE I
Diagnostic and therapeutic fiberoptic bronchoscopy - nursing aspects
P. Latka
Thoracoscopy - the nursing contribution
K. Grigoriadou
Sleep apnea- hypopnea syndrome (SAHS)
G. Kalamaras
Cystic fibrosis
R. Kazantzi
Acute respiratory failure - nursing intervention in respiratory ICU
E. Tsiolakidou
Nursing responsibility on the rational management of cytotoxic drugs
E. Mourati

11.00 - 11.15 BREAK

11.15 - 12.15
ROUND TABLE II
The nursing role in communication
N. Tsanousidou
The nurse as teacher and counsellor
M. Kapsa
The nurse as leader - researcher - advocate
Ir. Kotari

12.15 - 13.00
ORAL PRESENTATIONS
HALL B

09.15 - 10.45
Round Table
Asbestos as an external risk factor in Pulmonology and Occupational Medicine
Chairs: T. C. Constantinidis - D. Chloros
Epidemiologic Dimensions of Environmental and Occupational Exposure to Asbestos
G. Rachiotis
Mesothelioma: New Data on the Clinical Dimension of Asbestos Exposure
M. Froudarakis
Asbestos in the Greek Setting
S. Drivas

10.45 - 11.00 Break

11.00 - 11.30
Chairs: S. Drivas - Th. Kontakiotis
Lecture: European and Italian perspective of occupational exposure to asbestos
M. Menegozzo

11.30 - 13.30
Round Table
Interventional Strategies in Smoking Cessation
Chairs: P. Argyropoulou - I. Mitrouska
Smoking: The Pulmonologist's Responsibility
P. Argyropoulou
Strategies of Approach to Smokers
S. Vogiatzis
Drugs for Smoking Cessation
Ath. Patakia
Psychological Approach to Smokers
Aim. Stefanidou

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue and Date
Thessaloniki 1-4 November 2012
The Met Hotel

REGISTRATION FEES

Doctors
(till 15 September 2012 ) 100 Euro (from 16 September) 120 Euro
Trainee
(till 15 September 2012 ) 50 Euro (from 16 September) 80 Euro
Paramedical
(till 15 September 2012 ) 20 Euro (from 16 September) 30 Euro
Students Free

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For papers that want to be evaluated for the awards must be submitted as full paper in English and as abstract also
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Awards
1st Award for the best unpublished paper: 2000 Euros
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Special Award in memory of our colleague Pandora Christaki for the best research paper: 1000 Euros
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