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23-26 SEPTEMBER - ZAPPEION MEGARON

ATHENS  2018

Presidents' Invitation



Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the 21st ESCV Annual Meeting which will be held in Athens, 23-26 September, 2018.

The ESCV Annual Meeting has been a major event for the Clinical Virology scientific community and it is becoming more popular, comprehensive, innovative and influential, while maintaining high standards of scientific quality and a family atmosphere. The 21st ESCV Annual Meeting is promising to be an exciting event, covering all timely topics of Clinical Virology, enabling delegates to exchange knowledge with world's leading experts, network with colleagues and discuss the latest advances on "traditional" and emerging viruses.

The ESCV 2018 Scientific Committee is preparing a new inspiring program for this event. The Conference will include all of its "classical" features, such as keynote lectures, oral presentations, poster sessions and awards to outstanding clinical virologists. Furthermore, state-of-the-art diagnostic applications on Clinical Virology from leading companies are expected to be presented in industry-sponsored symposia.

Athens, as the host city for the 21st ESCV Annual Meeting is an excellent choice since it combines natural beauty, cultural wealth and an array of up-to-date infrastructures that not only guarantee organizational efficiency, but also promise a highly refreshing and pleasurable experience for all participants. Furthermore, Athens is a symbolic city with fundamental contribution in science, philosophy and arts, recognized as the birthplace of the Western civilization and Democracy. Situated in the very heart of Athens, the Congress venue itself, the Zappeion Megaron, is a "living" testament of Greece's long and diverse modern history.

The Local Organizing Committee is fully motivated and will make every possible effort to offer an unforgettable experience for all ESCV 2018 participants, this time with a specific Greek flavour.

We look forward to welcoming you in Athens in September 2018, eager to exchange views on our field and ready to enjoy the marvelous late summer overlooking the Aegean coastline.



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Conference Chair



Javier Buesa

ESCV President

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TOPICS

- *Respiratory Viruses*
- *Infections in Pregnancy and Neonatal*
- *Viral gastroenteritis*
- *Hepatitis viruses*
- *HIV/Sexually Transmitted Infections*
- *Viral infections of the CNS*
- *Viruses in immunocompromised patients and transplant recipients*
- *Emerging viruses*
- *Tumor-associated viruses*
- *Novel diagnostic and management methods in Clinical Virology*
- *Molecular Epidemiology*
- *Antiviral Therapies/Vaccines*
- *Viruses and Clinical Syndromes*
- *Viral Pathogenesis and Immune Response*



Congress Venue

www.zappeio.gr

Zappeion Megaron Athens - Greece



The Zappeion Exhibition Hall has witnessed the history of Athens for the past 120 years. It has been a key site for some of the nation's most significant moments, and has always been integrally linked to the Olympic Movement. Even though its uses were varied, it has become a landmark in the Greek capital, thus fulfilling the donor's initial wishes.



Apart from the conference rooms (with translation systems in 9 foreign languages) there are also luxurious reception areas, providing wi-fi internet connection (speed up to 24 Mbps), capability of telephone and fax support, security and control systems (fire, electricity provision, alarm, internal and external television circuit), modern areas of hygiene and other facilities systems.



Google™ Maps Link

General Information

Athens, the host city

Surrounded by a lining of stunning seas and mountains, Athens is filled with gems just waiting to be discovered. Located at the crossroads of three continents, the capital of Greece with an overall population of close to four million has often been the hub of many cultures. Characterized by a culture and people that are welcoming and hospitable, every visitor just feels at home.

Athens is an ideal congress destination, combining state-of-the-art infrastructure, excellent congress facilities and easy access from all over the world with world-class cultural attractions, modern amenities, diverse entertainment and natural beauty.



Important Dates

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

February 1st 2018

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION BEGINS

February 1st 2018

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE

May 31st 2018

Registration fees

	EARLY		LATE		ON SITE	
	FROM 01/02/18	TO 31/05/18	FROM 01/06/18	TO 15/09/18	FROM 16/09/18	...AND ONSITE
ESCV Members		430.00 €		530.00 €		580.00 €
Non ESCV Members		500.00 €		600.00 €		650.00 €
Students/Research/Assistant/Trainees		360.00 €		460.00 €		510.00 €
Retired Members		230.00 €		230.00 €		230.00 €
Accompanying Members * / Exhibitors		100.00 €		100.00 €		100.00 €

*Registration fees for accompanying members entitles them to:

- Welcome reception
- “Cheese & Wine” Cocktail
- One (1) half-day excursion

Official Language

The Meeting official language is English.

Social Program

The Social Program of the Meeting includes a Welcome Reception on Sunday, September 23 at the Peristilion (atrium) of the Zappeion Megaron, a Cheese & Wine Cocktail on Monday, September 24 and a “Greek Night” dinner on Tuesday, September 25. Accompanying members and exhibitors will also have a variety of (optional) half or full day tours to choose from, in and around Athens. Full details will be available through the official site of the Meeting.

Miscellaneous

ELECTRICITY

In Greece the electrical current is 220V, AC (50 Hz). Electrical sockets comply with European regulations.

CURRENCY

Since 2002, the currency used in Greece is the euro (€). One euro is divided up into 100 cents.



WEATHER

While the month of September in Athens is still quite warm, the summer heat starts to cool off as the fall season approaches.

The average temperature this month is 24°C (75°F), while the average low drops to 19°C (66°F), and the average high is still a warm 28°C (82°F).