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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee it is a great pleasure, to invite all of you to join ATHENA 2019 Conference which will be held on November 19-21, 2019 in Athens, Greece.

ATHENA 2019 Conference is a major international multidisciplinary event, in the field of severe infections taking place every 2 years in Athens Greece and attended nationally and internationally by upwards of 500 attendees from all over the country and worldwide. The conference has the aim to provide the opportunity for the audience to interact with world-distinguished speakers and profit from their deep knowledge and expertise in difficult aspects of the current practice on diagnosis, treatment and management of severe infections. During the last years the organizing and scientific committee has been focused to make this congress an important scientific event beyond the Greek borders, open to friendships and collaborations in order to gain worldwide warm acceptance and recognition for its scientific merit. The success of the past congress, shows us that we are on the right path towards this goal. The symposium will be held at the foot of Acropolis hill and next to the New Acropolis Museum, in an environment linked with the ancient Greek history. Delegates will also have the opportunity to feel the pulse of modern Athens, by strolling at the heart of the city through live and sophisticated neighborhoods nearby the venue. In this website you will find all the information needed concerning the implementation of the congress. The material will soon be enriched with further details for your convenience. We are confident that ATHENA 2019 will represent an unforgettable personal and professional experience, and we look forward to welcoming you in Athens.

As the chair of the organizing committee, I would like to send my warmest regards and invite all of you to a stimulating scientific event.

Best Regards,

The Chair of the Congress

Professor George Dimopoulos

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Tuesday 19-11-2019

08.55-09.00	Welcome and Introductions	G. Dimopoulos
09.00-11.00	sCAP in the ICU <i>Chairs: A. Armaganidis – A. Koutsoukou</i>	
09.00-09.15	Community healthcare associated infections: More similar to hospital-acquired?	P. Povo
09.15-09.30	Short course antibiotic therapy for pneumonia: Is it safe?	M. Kollef
09.30-09.45	Corticosteroids for sCAP?	M. Niederman
09.45-10.00	VAE vs VAP: The central role of hypoxemia	S. Nseir
10.00-10.15	sCAP in immunocompromised patients	A. Antoniadou
10.15-10.30	Burden and unmet needs for CAP	J. Rello
10.30-11.00	<i>Q & A / Discussion</i>	
11.00-11.30	Satellite Lecture (page 15)	
11.30-12.00	Satellite Lecture (page 15)	
12.00-13.00	Break	
13.00-15.00	Attractive issues on infections in the ICU <i>Chairs: A. Komnos – E. Antoniadou</i>	
13.00-13.15	Prolonged infusion of antibiotics: When and how?	J. De Waele
13.15-13.30	Probiotics/synbiotics for ICU patients: Are they still on board?	M. Akova
13.30-13.45	Rapid microbiologic diagnostics - Can they make a difference in patient outcomes?	M. Kollef
13.45-14.00	C difficile antitoxin and prevention of infection	M. Wilcox
14.00-14.15	CRE in IA sepsis - How big is the problem?	C. Eckmann
14.15-14.30	Long acting antibiotics: The future?	F. Menicchetti
14.30-15.00	<i>Q & A / Discussion</i>	

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15.00-17.00 Next Generation Antibiotics

Chairs: E. Zakynthinos – C. Gogos

15.00-15.15	Omadocycline	Y. Carmeli
15.15-15.30	Eravacycline	D. Nicolau
15.30-15.45	Lefamulin	M. Bassetti
15.45-16.00	Meropenem-Varbobactam	E. Giamarellos
16.00-16.15	Aztreonam-Avibactam	M. Akova
16.15-16.30	Imipenem-Relebactam	J.F. Timsit
16.30-17.00	<i>Q & A / Discussion</i>	

17.00-17.30 Break

17.30-19.00 Satellite Symposium (page 15)

19.00-19.30 Award Ceremony dedicated to Prof. H. Giamarellou

Chair: G. Dimopoulos

A fight of 50 years against infections **H. Giamarellou**

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Wednesday 20-11-2019

09.00-11.00 Lessons from the management of difficult infections in the ICU

Chairs: J. Pneumatikos – K. Arvaniti

09.00-09.15	Rapid diagnosis of respiratory infections	A. Antoniadou
09.15-09.30	MDR Pseudomonas infections: Aminoglycosides and colistin do not improve outcome	Y. Carmeli
09.30-09.45	Do aerolized antibiotics still have a role for VAP?	J. Rello
09.45-10.00	Should procalcitonin use be mandatory for determining antibiotic duration?	P. Povo
10.00-10.15	Minocycline and rifampin against MDR	M. Bassetti
10.15-10.30	Why immunocompromised patients fail to respond to antifungals	O. Cornely
10.30-11.00	<i>Q & A / Discussion</i>	

11.00-12.00 Satellite Symposium (page 15)

12.00-12.30 State of the Art Lecture

Chairs: H. Sambatakou – P. Gargalianos

Bacteriome and mycobiome interactions: Effect of health and disease **M. Ghannoum**

12.30-13.30 Break

13.30-15.30 Towards the future

Chairs: E. Zakynthinos – G. Vlachogianni

13.00-13.15	e-learning in infection prevention and control	D. Vogelaers
13.15-13.30	Lasers and nanoparticles into biofilms	M. Ghannoum
13.30-13.45	The importance of viruses infections in ICU patients	J. Chastre
13.45-14.00	Sepsis: Right time for antibiotic therapy?	T. Calandra
14.00-14.15	Bacteriophages for antimicrobial therapy	J. Van der Meer
14.15-14.30	Siderophore - Antibiotic conjugates	D. Nicolau
14.30-15.00	<i>Q & A / Discussion</i>	

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Wednesday 20-11-2019

15.30-17.30 Surgical infections

Chairs: V. Koulouras – I. Koutelidakis

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| 15.30-15.45 | Severe Acute Pancreatitis:
When to use antibiotics? | J. De Waele |
| 15.45-16.00 | Necrotizing fasciitis | P. Montravers |
| 16.00-16.15 | Source control in intrabdominal sepsis -
Tips and tricks for non-surgeons | C. Eckmann |
| 16.15-16.30 | <i>C. difficile</i> infections:
New options for treatment | M. Wilcox |
| 16.30-16.45 | Cardiovascular implantable device
infections | N. Petrosillo |
| 16.45-17.00 | Chlorhexidine for everything? | M. Niederman |
| 17.00-17.30 | <i>Q & A / Discussion</i> | |

17.30-18.00 Break

18.00-18.30 Satellite Lecture (page 16)

18.30-19.30 Satellite Symposium (page 16)

19.30-20.00 State of the art Lecture

Chair: E. Giamarellos

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| Modulating the microbiota in critically
ill patients (antibiotics, SDD, fecal
transplantation) | J. Van der Meer |
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Thursday 21-11-2019

09.00-11.00 Fungal infections

Chairs: S. Orfanos – D. Kofteridis

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| 09.00-09.15 | Fungal biofilm | M. Ghannoum |
| 09.15-09.30 | Candida auris: A new enemy? | T. Calandra |
| 09.30-09.45 | Echinocandins: Mechanisms of resistance | J.A. Paiva |
| 09.45-10.00 | New antifungals (APX001, F901318,
AmB Cochleate, SCY078, VL2397) | O. Cornely |
| 10.00-10.15 | Rare cases of Aspergillosis
(tracheobronchitis, pericardial, cerebral)
in the ICU | D. Vogelaers |
| 10.15-10.30 | Rezafugin | H. Sambatakou |
| 10.30-11.00 | <i>Q & A / Discussion</i> | |

11.00-11.30 State of the art lecture

Chair: T. Vassilakopoulos

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| Can we apply SSC guidelines in every
single ICU in the world? The view from
LMIC | J.L. Vincent |
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11.30-13.30 How to...

Chairs: G. Baltopoulos – A. Kotanidou

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| 11.30-11.45 | ... save Carbapenems in the ICU | P. Montravers |
| 11.45-12.00 | ... manage Gram positive resistant
infections | J. Chastre |
| 12.00-12.15 | ... treat malaria in the ICU: Challenges
in management | N. Petrosillo |
| 12.15-12.30 | ... optimize delivery of inhaled antibiotics
in the ICU | L. Palmer |
| 12.30-12.45 | ... approach influenza - associated
Aspergillosis | J.A. Paiva |
| 12.45-13.00 | ... treat measles outbreaks | F. Menichetti |
| 13.00-13.30 | <i>Q & A / Discussion</i> | |

13.30-14.30 Break

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Thursday 21-11-2019

14.30-15.30 Tuberculosis in the ICU

Chairs: N. Koulouris – N. Kapravelos

14.30-14.50 New drugs against tuberculosis **G.B. Migliori**

14.50-15.10 How to treat MDR/PDR Tuberculosis **G. Sotgiu**

15.10-15.30 *Q & A / Discussion*

15.30-16.30 Decatecholaminization in the ICU

Chair: P. Mirianthefs

15.30-15.50 Argipressin: Our new friend from the past! **A. Rudiger**

15.50-16.10 Landiolol - A new β -blocker in the ICU **T. Veenith**

16.10-16.30 *Q & A / Discussion*

16.30-17.30 Fluids in the ICU

Chair: I. Tsangaris

16.30-16.50 Volume replacement with a new balanced crystalloid solution **M. Malbrain**

16.50-17.00 *Q & A / Discussion*

17.00-17.30 Closing and Remarks of the Conference

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA & LECTURES

Tuesday 19-11-2019

11.00-11.30 Satellite Lecture

Chair: D. Georgopoulos

Open Lung Approach 2.0 **G.A. Iotti**

Q & A / Discussion

11.30-12.00 Satellite Lecture

Chair: D. Matthaiou

CRBSI's prevention. Health Economics and Clinical Outcomes **G. Theodorakopoulos**

Q & A / Discussion

17.30-19.00 Satellite Symposium (PFIZER) The role of ceftazidime/avibactam in the treatment of resistant Gram- negative infections

Chairs: G. Daikos – H. Giamarellou

17.30-17.45 Mechanisms of resistance
in Pseudomonas and Klebsiella:
The role of ceftazidime avibactam **G. Daikos**

17.45-18.00 PK/PD in critically ill patients:
Pharmacology of a β -lactam/
 β -lactamase inhibitor **D. Nicolau**

18.00-18.15 Greek experience with ceftazidime –
avibactam **H. Giamarellou**

18.15-18.30 Worldwide experience with ceftazidime
– avibactam **M. Bassetti**

18.30-19.00 *Q & A / Discussion*

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA & LECTURES

Wednesday 20-11-2019

11.00-12.00 **Satellite Symposium (NORMA)** **Nebulized antibiotics: The right position**

Chair: G. Poulakou

11.00-11.20 How to reduce bacterial resistance using inhaled antibiotics **L. Palmer**

11.20-11.40 Nebulized colistin: When and why? **J. Rello**

11.40-12.00 *Q & A / Discussion*

18.00-18.30 **Satellite Lecture (PFIZER)**

Chair: A. Koutsoukou

18.00-18.20 Treating aspergillosis in ICU: The role of isavuconazole **G. Dimopoulos**

18.20-18.30 *Q & A / Discussion*

18.30-19.30 **Satellite Symposium (Biomerieux)**

Chair: S. Pournaras

E. Giamarellos

Q & A / Discussion

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUE

The venue of the conference is the Olympia Hall, in the DIVANI CARAVEL Hotel, which is situated in the heart of Athens, close to numerous sites of interest and cultural opportunities.

DATES

The conference will be held on November 19th – 21st, 2019.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference will be English. All printed material and oral presentations will be in English.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee is 200€ (plus 24% VAT). Includes entry to all sessions, the exhibition area, coffee breaks during the conference and all congress materials and administration costs.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for the delegates has been arranged in the Divani Caravel Hotel. The cost is 150€ per night, Single Room. Rate includes continental breakfast and taxes.

A partial view of a classical Greek marble statue of Athena, showing her head with the helmet and her right arm extended. The statue is positioned on the left side of the page, against a dark blue background.

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