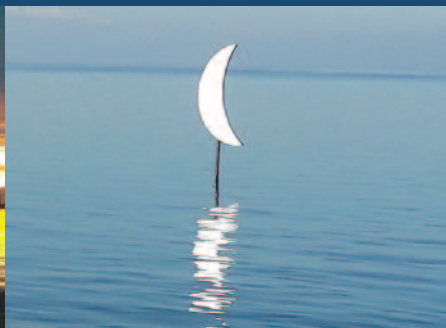
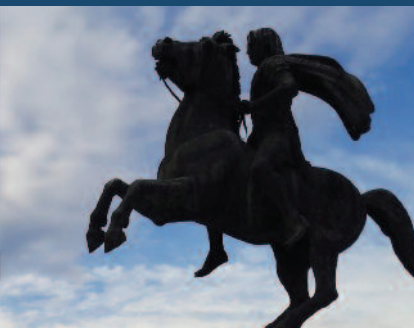


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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We feel honoured and privileged to invite you to participate in the Second Balkan Fungus (Balkan Fungus 2020) which will take place in October 15-17, 2020 in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Balkan Fungus is a regional meeting that started very successfully in 2018 from the charming and heroic city of Timisoara, Romania, as a promising initiative of five Balkan national societies of Medical Mycology (Croatia, Greece, Romania, Serbia and Turkey). It is a great opportunity for all scientists that come from the Balkans and are involved with Medical Mycology and Mycotoxicology to meet, discuss and exchange their scientific interests and work results. The ambition is that these meetings will progress friendship, collaboration and understanding between all of our neighbouring countries.

Thessaloniki is the second largest Greek city and since its foundation has remained always a metropolis, a great sea harbour for ships, dreams and expectations. It was founded in 315 BC by Cassander and named to his wife Thessaloniki who was sister of Alexander the Great. A well-known centre of civilisation during the Hellenistic and Roman years, became one of the most symbolic cities for the whole Christianity and prospered as the second largest and wealthiest city of the Byzantine Empire, acting again as the spiritual motherland for the spreading of religious faith and written speech to a great part of the Balkans and neighbouring regions up to Russia. It remained equally important during the Ottoman period, also becoming the second homeland for thousands of Jews that came and inhabited the city in addition to the ones living here since the antiquity. Product of all fabulous and often turbulent centuries of history, nowadays Thessaloniki is a nice, modern and colourful city, offering an outstanding landscape, exceptional sea front, extraordinary monuments from all eras (with cornerstone the Byzantine churches) together with rich entertainment and extraordinary gastronomy. It is a trade and cultural centre with vivid intellectual and artistic life proven by several relative events all around year. Aristotle University is among the biggest Universities in the Balkans and together with the University of Macedonia adds the freshness of youth, originality, innovation and progressiveness to the city.

In this city we hope that we will meet again and deepen our friendly ties by the occasion of a very interesting and stimulating conference, where important and "hot" topics of medical mycology will be presented by a multitude of experts and broadly renowned colleagues coming from our region or other European countries.

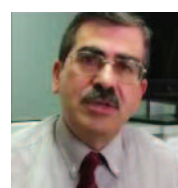
With all our best and warmest regards, we expect you in Thessaloniki.

George Samonis



President of the Organising Committee

Emmanuel Roilides



President of the Scientific Committee

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2020

08.15-09.15	Delegates' registration
09.15-11.00	ANTIFUNGAL TREATMENT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Antifungal drug resistance <i>{To be confirmed}</i> – Rapid diagnosis and antifungal drug susceptibility testing, V. Mamali – Newer data in antifungal drugs, M. Lupse – Stewardship of antifungal drugs, D. Kofteridis
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.15	FUNGAL INFECTIONS, EXCEPT <i>CANDIDA</i> , <i>ASPERGILLUS</i> AND MUCORALES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Infections by <i>Trichosporon</i> and other rare yeast and yeast like fungi, E. Roilides – Infections by <i>Cryptococcus</i>, M. Cogliati – Infections by <i>Pneumocystis</i>, T.-A. Vyzantiadis – Infections by <i>Fusarium</i> and <i>Scedosporium</i>, M. Drogari-Apiranthitou
13.15-14.00	SATELLITE SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM No 1
14.00-15.00	Lunch break
15.00-16.00	Free communications
16.00-16.30	SPONSORED LECTURE No 1 – (Hospital Line)
16.30-17.15	Coffee break, e-Poster viewing (1st group)
17.15-19.00	FUNGI AND ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mycotoxins, D. Jaksic – “Sick Building” and fungi, J.-P. Gangneux – Sand and recreational waters, J. Brandao – Trees as source of <i>Cryptococcus neoformans sensu lato</i>, T. Matos
19.00	Opening ceremony
19.15-19.45	PLENARY LECTURE Best practice in Medical Mycology, E. Johnson
19.45-20.15	Thessaloniki through the centuries, G. Samonis
20.15	Welcome reception

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2020

MICROBIOLOGY DEPT., SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP

- 09.30-10.00 Registration
- 10.00-11.00 – Guidelines (EORTC-ECIL-ESCMID and other) for the laboratory diagnosis and monitoring of invasive mycoses, **S.Arikan-Akdagli**
– Bio-safety and quality control assessment at the Medical Mycology Laboratory
S. Seaton
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 PRACTICAL SESSION (hands on session)
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch break

CONFERENCE VENUE

- 09.00-10.45 MUCORMYCOSIS
Chair: **G. Petrikkos, A. Skiada**
– Epidemiology: new data from the Balkans and the world, **C. Antachopoulos**
– Pathogenesis of mucormycoses: an update, **G. Chamilos**
– New diagnostic methods, **V. Arsić-Arsenijević**
– Global guidelines for diagnosis and treatment, **A. Skiada**
- 10.45-11.30 THERAPEUTIC PROTOCOLS IN INVASIVE MYCOSES
– For candidiasis, **A. Tragiannidis**
– For aspergillosis **V.-R. Moroti-Constantinescu**
- 11.30-12.15 Coffee break, e-Poster viewing (2nd group)

SATELLITE SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM No 2

- 13.00-14.15 SPECIFIC FUNGAL INFECTION SITES
– Oral cavity, **M. Mareş**
– Genital system *{To be confirmed}*
– Eye, **E. Segal**

- 14.15-15.00 Lunch break and SATELLITE SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM No 3

- 15.00-16.00 Free communications

SPONSORED LECTURE No 2

- 16.00-16.30
- 16.30-17.15 Coffee break, e-Poster viewing (3rd group)

- 17.15-18.00 CUTANEOUS MYCOSES – DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT
– Laboratory approach, **G. Vrioni**
– Locally and systemically used antifungal drugs, **A. Patsatsi**

SATELLITE SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM No 4

- 18.00-18.45
- 18.45-19.30 Training and education in Medical Mycology. Balkan initiatives / perspectives
- 20.30 Conference social event

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2020

09.00-10.15	<p>MYCOBIOME IN THE WORLD OF MICROBES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mycobiome of the respiratory system <i>{To be confirmed}</i> – Mycobiome of the gastrointestinal system, Z. Pana – Bacteria-fungi relationships. Therapeutic perspectives, L. Senerovic
10.15-10.45	Identification methodologies in Medical Mycology, C. Lass-Flörl
10.45-11.30	Coffee break, e-Poster viewing (4th group)
11.30-12.15	SATELLITE SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM No 5
12.15-14.00	<p>TOPICS OF SPECIFIC INTEREST IN MEDICAL MYCOLOGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Aspergillus - influenza virus, K. Arvaniti – Aspergillus and cystic fibrosis, P. Minic – Biological therapeutic agents and mycoses, N. Sipsas – Cell therapy in the neutropenic patients, E. Giannaki
14.00-14.45	Lunch break
14.45-16.45	INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION OF CASE REPORTS
16.45-17.15	Best poster – Best free communication, closing – Farewell
17.15-17.45	<p><i>Meeting of the members of the boards and the representatives of Balkan Societies of Medical Mycology and decision of the next Balkan Fungus 2022. Formation of Balkan working groups in Medical Mycology and Mycotoxicology.</i></p>