



EUASSO
EUROPEAN | ASIAN SOCIETY
OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

1st EUASSO CONGRESS

September 18th-20th, 2014

Athens, Greece

Divani Apollon Palace



Preliminary Programme

In collaboration with the



Hellenic Breast Imaging Society

Welcome Addresses

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us at our 1st Annual Congress of the European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology which will be held from September 18th - 20th, 2014 in Athens, Greece.

The EUASSO Annual Congress will include educational lectures, panel discussions, technical displays and interactive workshops. The primary goal of this conference will be to optimize educational opportunities, increase knowledge and enhance the competence of attendees in a Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Cancer Care.

Professor Niki Agnantis, Dr. Athina Vourtsi and the Local Organizing Committee have put great effort into ensuring that the scientific and social program will be successful.

The faculty will bring together distinguished speakers and delegates from all over the world to share the most up-to-date research results and accomplishments in the field of colorectal and breast cancer. The Congress will provide an excellent opportunity for junior training and research staff to get updated on these developments. I also encourage you to bring the members of your multidisciplinary team since it is anticipated that there will be a special program for related health care Professionals. The meeting will also give you an excellent opportunity to participate in the exhibition and scientific program.

Our Congress will give you a unique opportunity to discover the culture and heritage of Greece.

I look forward to welcoming you in Athens, the cradle of civilization and democracy, the eternal capital of culture.

Sincerely,

Prof. Giuseppe Petrella

President

European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology

Welcome Addresses

Dear colleagues,

On Behave of the European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology, I am honored to welcome you all to our first official Annual International Conference.

EUASSO will be held on the land of ancient cultures, the land of Hippocrates and Socrates where the culture of High intellectual philosophy was mixed with medicine thus giving us the first anti-venom ageist diseases. This first conference will unite the two biggest and oldest continents by discussing all updates in the treatment of cancer.

We invite our speakers to enrich us with their experienced knowledge and wisdom, by presenting their research on how to fight this fatal disease which drains health, power and resources from humanity. This exchange of knowledge will be made on this land with respect to our cultural differences and in scientific harmony of our researchers.

We will also try to come out with consensus regarding hot topics in the management of cancer, which will be discussed in round tables. There will also be a competition for junior Doctors, and the winner will have the opportunity to take part in a post training Masters on Surgical Oncology.

Finally we look forward to welcoming and wishing everyone a happy and pleasant stay, while enjoying the benefit of this scientific meeting.

Wishing you all the best and I am looking forward to seeing you in Athens.

Sincerely,

Dr Taha Mohsin Al-Lawati, MB.ChB., FRCS. AFSA.
Executive President EUASSO

Welcome Addresses

Dear Colleagues and Friends

I am very happy to welcome you to the 1st EUASSO Congress, which will be held in Athens, Greece, at the Divani Apollon Palace Hotel, between September 18 & 20, 2014.

I strongly believe that the Scientific Union of the two different Continents, Europe and Asia, with entirely different civilization and ethics, will contribute immensely to the better understanding of the disease and at the same time, will guide all of us to discover new therapeutic modalities to better try to cure the disease.

Furthermore, in cases of early diagnosis, to achieve almost a definite cure!

The recent experience I got from my participation at the Muscat 1st Surgical Oncology Symposium and Exam, November 2013, showed me how much we can all of us benefit from this exchange of knowledge and experience!

I am convinced that the continuity and the evolution of this collaboration will guide us to create a better future, having always as a target the Cancer Patient's benefit!

I do hope that our efforts to formulate a programme of high Scientific level will meet with your expectations and that this get together will be most profitable for all of us!

I am sure that your participation will greatly contribute to the success of this Congress and I am wishing you an enjoyable stay in Greece.

On behalf of the local Scientific Committee,

Niki J. Agnantis, MD, PhD, FRCPath

Emeritus Professor of Pathology

Honorary President EUASSO

Honorary President of the Congress

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee it is a great pleasure and privilege to invite you to the 1st Annual EUASSO Congress held in Athens on 18th - 20th of September, 2014 at the Divani Apollon Palace.

The goal of our Conference is to cultivate the vision of the EUASSO Society, to bridge the European and Asian scientific collaboration, to exchange knowledge and experience and to enjoy the extraordinary historical value of our ancient Greek culture.

This Congress focuses on cutting edge topics, which will cover all the aspects of the Colorectal Cancer and Breast Diseases, given by distinguished experts from different disciplines.

Participants will be given the opportunity to attend three workshops, tailored-made to meet the educational needs and demands of everyday clinical practice. This will provide interactive demonstrations, giving participants the opportunity to improve their knowledge as well as to share and discuss innovative approaches to specific clinical issues.

Our guests will have the pleasure of experiencing the origins of civilization by visiting historical monuments and archeological sites. Furthermore, on completion of the Conference all attendees will have experienced our well-known Greek hospitality.

Cordially,

Athina Vourtsi MD, PhD

President of the Hellenic Breast Imaging Society

Honorary President of the Congress

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Scientific Programme

MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH OF COLORECTAL CANCER

08:00

REGISTRATION

Scientific and Technical Exhibition Opening

Session I: Prevention and Screening of Colorectal Cancer

09:00-10:30

ROUND TABLE

Moderators: **Nicola Di Lorenzo** (IT) - **Kyriakos Strigaris** (GR)

09:00

Epidemiology of Colorectal Cancer in the Arab World:
Past, Present and Future

Sami Al Khatib (JO)

09:20

Advance Imaging of Colorectal Cancer

Atheel Kamona (OM)

09:40

Endoscopic Methods for the Detection of Premalignant and / or
Malignant Lesions

Mario Musella (IT)

10:00

Laparoscopic Surgery for Endoscopically Unresectable Polyps:
How Often is it Cancer?

Paolo Del Rio (IT)

Discussion

10:30-11:00

Plenary Lecture

Chairpersons: **Murtadha Taqi Al-Qubtan** (OM) - **Alex Lagmour** (JO)

Obesity and Colorectal Cancer

Antonino De Lorenzo (IT)

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

THURSDAY 18th, 2014

Scientific Programme

Session II: Surgical Management of Colorectal Cancer

11:30-13:00 **ROUND TABLE**

*Moderators: **Bassem Al Bahrani** (OM) - **Diego Foschi** (IT)*

11:30 Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery

Murtadha Taqi Al-Qubtan (OM)

11:50 Surgery for Colorectal Liver Metastases

Jean Yves Bobin (FR)

12:10 Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery: Is Open Surgery historical?

Khalid Al Khaldi (KW)

12:30 Multidisciplinary Management of Peritoneal Carcinomatosis from Colorectal Cancer: New Perspectives

Piero Rossi (IT)

Discussion

13:00-13:30 **Plenary Lecture**

*Chairpersons: **Jean Yves Bobin** (FR) - **Athina Vourtsi** (GR)*

Molecular Pathology of Colorectal Cancer

Niki Agnantis (GR)

13:30-14:30 **Lunch Break**

Session III: A. Therapeutic Approach of Colorectal Cancer

14:30-15:30 **ROUND TABLE**

*Moderators: **Murtadha Taqi Al-Qubtan** (OM) - **Jean Yves Bobin** (FR)*

14:30 The Role of Radiotherapy in Neoadjuvant Treatment

Dario Venditti (IT)

14:50 Adjuvant Treatment of Colorectal Cancer

Dimitrios Bogdanos (UK)

15:10 Chemoprevention of Colorectal Cancer: Beyond Clinical Trials

Bassem Al Bahrani (OM)

Discussion

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15:30-16:00 *Plenary lecture*
Chairpersons: **Giorgio De Toma (IT)** - **Achille Lucio Gaspari (IT)**
Surgical Approach of Colorectal Cancer
Francesco Corcione (IT)

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

Session IV: Therapeutic Approach of Colorectal Cancer

16:30-18:00 **ROUND TABLE**
Moderators: **Dimitrios Bogdanos (UK)** - **Stefano Elia (IT)** -
Achille Lucio Gaspari (IT)

16:30 The Role and Limitations of TC-PET-FDG in Restaging Patients with Hepatic Colorectal Metastases Following Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy
Agostino Chiaravalloti (IT)

16:50 Metastatic CRC: From Diagnosis to Treatment
Medhat Faris (KSA)

17:10 Rectal Cancer: Radiation Therapy for Older Patients
Gianni Milito (IT)

17:30 Intersphincteric Resection for Low Rectal Cancer: Laparoscopic vs Open Surgery Approach
Pierpaolo Sileri (IT)

Discussion

18:00-18:30 *State of the Art Lecture*
Chairpersons: **Niki Agnantis (GR)** - **John Delinassios (GR)**

The Dark Side of Stem Cells
Agamemnon Epenetos (UK)

Scientific Programme

18:30-21:00 **Opening Ceremony**

Welcome Addresses

Dimitris Varvaras (IT)

Athina Vourtsi (GR)

Niki Agnantis (GR)

Taha Al Lawati (OM)

Giuseppe Petrella (IT)

Reciting the Hippocrates Oath

Nikos Galanos (GR)

20:00

Plenary Lecture

Kyriakos Souliotis (GR)

20:30

Plenary Lecture

Oncogemonics and personalized medicine

Giuseppe Novelli (IT)

21:00

Cocktail Reception

THURSDAY 18th, 2014

Scientific Programme

BREAST CANCER: WHERE WE ARE

Session V: Breast Cancer in Young Women

09:00-10:30 **ROUND TABLE**

Moderators: Rania Aggelatou (GR) - Fiorella Guadagni (IT) - Dimitris Kelekis (GR)

09:00 Genetic Counseling in Women with Familial Breast Cancer
Michella Biancolella (IT)

09:20 Screening Young Women in High Risk
Arkadios Rousakis (GR)

09:40 Molecular Pathology of Triple Negative Breast Cancer
Anna Goussia (GR)

10:00 Breast Specific Gamma Imaging
Marcela Bohm-Velez (USA)

Discussion

10:30-11:00 **Plenary Lecture**

Chairpersons: Vasilis Venizelos (GR) - Athina Vourtsi (GR)

Genomic Tests in Breast Cancer Treatment Decisions
Christos Markopoulos (GR)

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

Scientific Programme

Session VI: Breast Cancer in Young Women

11:30-13:00 **ROUND TABLE**

*Moderators: Anna Batistatou (GR) - Oreste Buonomo (IT) -
Vasilios Georgountzos (GR)*

11:30 Fertility Preservation
Nikos Vlachos (GR)

11:50 The Input of Neo-adjuvant Therapy in Young Women
Ilias Athanasiadis (GR)

12:10 One-Stage Immediate Breast Reconstruction using an Implant
and Biological Matrix after Conservative Mastectomies
Dimitrios Varvaras (IT)

12:30 The Evolution of Breast Radiotherapy
Despina Katsochi (GR)

Discussion

13:00-14:00 **Lunch Break**

Session VII: Breast Cancer in Young Women

14:00-15:30 **ROUND TABLE**

*Moderators: Athanasios Dimitriadis (GR) - Enzo Durante (IT) -
Christos Markopoulos (GR)*

14:00 Breast Screening: Prons and Cons
Chrysogonidis Ioannis (GR)

14:20 Breast Cancer in Pre-menopausal Women: A Surgeon's Point of View
Taha Al Lawati (OM)

14:40 The Importance of Surgical Margins
Petroula Arapantoni-Dadioti (GR)

15:00 Breast Conserving and Oncoplastic Surgery
Oreste Buonomo (IT)

15:20 Current Options in Axillary Management
Paolo Orsaria (IT)

Discussion

Scientific Programme

15:50-16:20 *Plenary Lecture*
Chairpersons: **Georgios Tsakiris (GR)** - **Grigoris Xepapadakis (GR)**

State of the Art in Breast Imaging
Marcela Bohm-Velez (USA)

16:20-16:50 **Coffee Break**

Session VIII: Breast Cancer in Post-Menopausal Women

16:50-18:00 **ROUND TABLE**
Moderators: **Anna Goussia (GR)** - **Georgios Kyropoulos (GR)** -
Dimitrios Varvaras (IT)

16:50 Modifications on the New BI-RADS Edition
Samia Al Hattali (OM)

17:10 Missed Cancers. How to Avoid Them?
Athina Vourtsi (GR)

17:30 Morphological and Molecular Changes in Senescence
Kitty Pavlaki (GR)

17:50 Should Surgery Complement Endocrine Therapy for Elderly Postmenopausal Women with Hormone Receptor-Positive Early Stage Breast Cancer?
Carmen De Luca (IT)

Discussion

18:30-19:00 *Plenary Lecture*
Chairpersons: **Christos Christodoulou (GR)** -
Konstantinos Kantzavelos (GR)

Update in Endocrine Therapy
Paris Kosmidis (GR)

Final Considerations
Taha Al Lawati (OM) - **Giuseppe Petrella (IT)**

21:00 **Charity Gala Dinner**

Scientific Programme

Saturday 20th Workshop Proposals

Hellenic Breast Imaging Society

Borderline Lesions

- 08:30 Imaging - Pathology Correlation
- 08:50 Imaging Findings on Mammography - Stereotactic Biopsy Indications
- 09:10 Imaging Findings on US - US Biopsy Indications
- 09:30 Clinical Management of High Risk Lesions
- 10:10 *Discussion*
- 10:30 Coffee Break

International Breast Ultrasound School

- 10:50 The Theory of the Sick Breast Lobe and the Possible Consequences
Tibor Tot (SE)
- 11:10 Lobar Anatomy of the Breast: Morphology and Radiology
Tibor Tot (SE) - Dominique Amy (FR)
- 11:30 Lobar Ultrasound of the Breast
Dominique Amy (FR)
- 11:50 Breast Conservative Surgery According to Lobar Anatomy Under US
Enzo Durante (IT)
- 12:10 *Discussion*

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Newer Breast Imaging Techniques

- 12:30 The Impact of Elastography in the BI-RADS 3 and 4
- 12:50 Current State of Tomosynthesis: Pros and Cons
- 13:10 Automated Breast Ultrasound: Implementation in Breast Screening
- 13:30 *Discussion*

2. SimSurg: TBA

NURSING IN SURGICAL ONCOLOGY: TBA

- Wound care strategies in complex wound healing after surgery for oncology
- Post operative wound care at home

General Information

■ Congress Venue

Divani Apollon Palace

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■ Language

The official language of the Congress will be English

■ Registration Fees

	Until 31/08/2014	From 01/09/2014 and on site
Specialist (member EUASSO)	75 €	100 €
Specialist (non member EUASSO)	150 €	200 €
Resident (member EUASSO)	50 €	75 €
Resident (non member EUASSO)	100 €	150 €
Nurses & Other Health Professionals (member EUASSO)	30 €	50 €
Nurses & Other Health Professionals (non member EUASSO)	60 €	100 €
Students	20 €	20 €

Registration Fees include:

For Specialists/Residents:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Exhibition
- Congress Material (Program, Abstract Book, Congress bag, Plastic badge, etc.)
- Certificate of attendance
- Opening Ceremony & Welcome cocktail
- Coffee breaks

For Students:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Exhibition

- Congress Material (Program, Plastic badge, etc.)
- Certificate of Attendance

For Nurses & Other Health Professionals:

- Admission to all Scientific Sessions
- Admission to Exhibition
- Congress Material (Program, Abstract Book, Congress bag, Plastic badge, etc.)
- Certificate of Attendance
- Opening Ceremony & Welcome cocktail

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■ Trade Exhibition

The **1st Annual Congress of the European-Asian Society of Surgical Oncology (EUASSO)** will host a trade exhibition including the latest technology, equipments, pharmaceutical products and books. A specific brochure for exhibitors is available upon request.

■ Parking

There is ample free space for parking in the forecourt of the Conference Centre.

■ Climate and Clothing

At this month of the year the temperature ranges from 18oC to 23oC (65oF to 74oF) and is getting cooler during the nights. The dress code is of individual choice and variable from casual to sporty, according to personal preference.

■ Electrical supply

Voltage in Greece is 220 V, at a frequency of 50 Hz.

Plugs are continental style, two-pin. A plug adaptor should be taken along incompatible electric / electronic gadgets to be used.

■ Internet

Internet facilities are available at the Business Centre of the Divani Apollon Palace.

■ Taxis

Taxis may be arranged by the concierge of hotels or the Congress Secretariat. The trip to El. Venizelos airport as well as downtown takes approx. 20 min and fare is around € 30 or € 40 respectively;

■ Pre-Post tours - Car rental

Various post tours in Athens, in the Greek islands or in mainland Greece can be organised. Car rentals may be arranged through the Congress Secretariat.

■ Mobile telephones

There is excellent coverage for mobile telephones in Greece. The local mobile telephone providers have roaming arrangements with worldwide mobile telephone providers. Please note that in Greece speaking on a mobile telephone, whilst driving is not allowed and if caught it may lead to prosecution. Mobile telephones **MUST** be switched off when inside the scientific sessions.

■ Emergencies

During your stay in Greece, European Union citizens may seek any help they might

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need (police, ambulance, fire brigade, coast guard) by ringing from anywhere in Greece the number "112". The number is answered by English-speaking staff, and may be dialled from public telephones or mobile telephones.

Please note, the registration fee does not include medical or any other insurance. In emergency cases, medical services in Greece will be provided at nominal fees, under the National Health Service auspices. However, no transportation to the delegate's home country would be provided.

In case of emergencies, please talk to members of the organising committee or the congress secretariat for immediate attendance.

■ **Currency - Banking hours**

The currency in Greece is the Euro (€). Banking hours are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 to 14:30 and Friday from 8:00 to 14.00. Servicetills are available in all bank branches and accept cards from most banks of the world.

■ **ATM**

Automated Cash Dispensers (ATM) are located outside most banks. Cash can be withdrawn there, 24 hours a day. National and foreign Maestro Cards (Cash Cards) as well as Mastercard, American Express, VISA and Diners are accepted. Money can also be changed at the airport.

■ **VAT refund**

Visitors from outside the European Union will be able to claim on purchases at the VAT offices at the point of departure from the European Union. Further information can be provided by the Congress Secretariat.

■ **Visa and Passports**

Citizens from the most European countries will only need a valid passport. Please consult the Greek Embassy of your country about the necessity of visa application.

■ **Useful Links**

www.greekembassy.org

www.greekfestival.gr

www.aia.gr

www.underground.com/global/GR.html

www.e-history.gr/en/index.html

(Greek Embassy Online)

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