

## 1st International Scientific Congress OF THE MEDITERRANEAN MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR *Digestive Diseases*

### Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the holding of the 1st International Congress of the Mediterranean Medical Society for Digestive Diseases, which will take place on the 20th - 21st of September 2013 in Athens, at the Athens Hilton Hotel.

The Congress will involve doctors from all Mediterranean countries, so as for them to be updated about the developments relating to the benign and malignant diseases of the digestive system, the clinical results of pharmaceutical research and all new, innovative treatments. Additionally, specifics related to the nosological profile in the Mediterranean basin will be highlighted.

The central aim of the Scientific and Organizing Committee is to ensure a high scientific level, develop constructive dialogue and exchange of scientific expertise among colleagues and advance knowledge to the next generation of scientists.

Main focus of the first Congress of the Mediterranean Medical Society for Digestive Diseases is to become a tradition for the whole Mediterranean and a reference point in the diffusion and promotion of scientific developments in gastroenterology.

Sincerely,  
The President of the MMSDD  
John K. Triantafillidis

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## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

08.00 - 09.00	<b>Registration</b>	
09.00 - 10.00	<b>Free papers</b>	
10.00 - 11.30	<b>Round table</b> Epidemiology and treatment strategies of GI disorders in the Mediterranean countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viral hepatitis</li> <li>• Gastroesophageal reflux disease</li> <li>• Helicobacter pylori infection</li> <li>• GI infections</li> </ul>
11.30 - 12.00	<b>Coffee brake</b>	
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Lecture</b>	Influence of immigration to the Mediterranean countries on epidemiology of digestive diseases
12.30 - 14.00	<b>Round table</b> Hydatic disease in the Mediterranean countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemiology</li> <li>• Prevention strategies</li> <li>• Pharmacological treatment</li> <li>• Surgical treatment</li> </ul>
14.00 - 15.00	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Poster session</b>
15.00 - 15.30	<b>Lecture</b>	Treatment of Barrett's esophagus: What is new and what is established?
15.30 - 17.00	<b>Round table</b> Registration and Screening for colorectal cancer in the Mediterranean countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greece - Cyprus - Turkey</li> <li>• France</li> <li>• Italy</li> <li>• Spain - Portugal</li> <li>• North Africa countries</li> </ul>
17.00 - 17.30	<b>Coffee brake</b>	
17.30 - 19.00	<b>Round table</b> Surgical Anorectal Diseases in the Mediterranean Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of TME on oncological outcome in patients with rectal cancer</li> <li>• The role of surgeon on perianal Crohn's disease</li> <li>• Rectal Prolapse: Is there any operation of choice?</li> <li>• Hemorrhoids: Algorithm of treatment</li> </ul>
19.00 - 20.00	<b>Satellite symposium</b>	Treatment of hepatitis C in the year 2013
20.00 - 21.00	Opening ceremony	
21.00	Welcome reception	

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

08.30 - 09.30	<b>Free papers</b>	
09.30 - 10.00	<b>Lecture</b>	Gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST): Current aspects in pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment
10.00 - 11.30	<b>Round table</b> Inflammatory Bowel Disease in the Mediterranean countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemiology and natural history</li> <li>• Clinical manifestations</li> <li>• Diagnostic strategies</li> <li>• Current therapeutic strategies applied</li> <li>• Surgical treatment</li> </ul>
11.30 - 12.00	<b>Coffee brake</b>	
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Lecture</b>	Mediterranean diet and Gastrointestinal disorders
12.30 - 14.00	<b>Round table</b> Update in endoscopic treatment of benign and malignant GI disorders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video capsule endoscopy: Current status</li> <li>• Endoscopic palliation treatment of gastro-esophageal cancer</li> <li>• Stents for colorectal cancer</li> <li>• EMR and ESD in the 2013</li> <li>• Therapeutic EUS: Standards &amp; perspectives</li> </ul>
14.00 - 15.00	<b>Poster session</b>	<b>Lunch</b> <b>MMSDD General Assembly</b>
15.00 - 15.30	<b>Lecture</b>	Treatment of esophageal cancer: What is new and what is established?
15.30 - 16.30	<b>Workshop</b> Abdominal surgical emergencies in the Mediterranean countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute pancreatitis: Indications for surgery</li> <li>• Diverticulitis</li> <li>• Appendicitis</li> <li>• Perforated gastroduodenal ulcer</li> </ul>
16.30 - 17.00	<b>Coffee brake</b>	
17.00 - 19.00	<b>Round table</b> Colorectal cancer: Current treatment strategies	
19.00 - 20.00	<b>Satellite symposium</b>	Treatment of hepatitis B in the year 2013
20.00	<b>Closing remarks – Awards</b>	

Submission of abstracts: Until 15 June 2013

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