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**14:00 Registration**

**14:30-16:00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**OP01-OP09**

**CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE**

*Chairpersons:*

**Konstantinos Makaritsis**

*(Larissa, Greece)*

**Dwaipayan Sen** *(Manchester, UK)*

**16:00-16:30 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE**

***Hellenic Stroke Organization***

*Chairperson:*

**Konstantinos Fountas**

*(Larissa, Greece)*

Intracerebral haemorrhage: what is the cause?

**Charlotte Cordonnier** *(Lille, France)*

**16:30-17:00 Coffee break**

**17:00-17:30 SATELLITE LECTURE**

**Defining the role of PCSK9 inhibitor Alirocumab in the treatment of hyperlipidemia**

*Sponsored by Sanofi*

**17:30-19:00 ROUND TABLE**

**Stroke in 2020**

***Hellenic Stroke Organization***

*Chairpersons:*

**Charlotte Cordonnier** *(Lille, France)*

**Konstantinos Vemmos**

*(Athens, Greece)*

Patent foramen ovale: closure or not?

**Roland Veltkamp** *(London, UK)*

Organization of stroke care in the era of endovascular treatment  
**Urs Fischer** (*Bern, Switzerland*)

Direct oral anticoagulants for embolic strokes of undetermined source?

**George Ntaios** (*Larissa, Greece*)

Proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 inhibitors for stroke prevention?

**Eivind Berge** (*Oslo, Norway*)

#### 19:00-19:30 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

*Chairperson:*

**Eivind Berge** (*Oslo, Norway*)

Conflicts of interest: how to handle them?

**Bart Van Der Worp**

(*Utrecht, The Netherlands*)

19:30-19:45 Break

#### 19:45-21:00 OPENING CEREMONY

*Welcome*

*Inaugural Lecture*

Too much or too little medicine

**Dimitrios Sideris** (*Athens, Greece*)

21:00 WELCOME RECEPTION

**08:00-09:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS****OP10-OP18** *Hall OLYMPOS***HEPATOLOGY -  
GASTROENTEROLOGY***Chairpersons:***Evangelos Cholongitas***(Thessaloniki, Greece)***Stylios Karatapanis***(Rhodes, Greece)***08:00-09:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS****OP19-OP27** *Hall ACHILLEAS***HEPATOLOGY -  
GASTROENTEROLOGY -  
METABOLIC SYNDROME***Chairpersons:***Konstantinos Mimidis***(Alexandroupolis, Greece)***Dimitrios Samonakis***(Heraklion, Greece)**Hall OLYMPOS***09:30-10:30 SYMPOSIUM****Prostate disease in 2016***Chairperson:***Stavros Gravas** *(Larissa, Greece)*

Is there a link between benign prostate hyperplasia, prostate cancer and inflammation?

**Dionysios Mitropoulos***(Athens, Greece)*

Benign prostatic hyperplasia and metabolic syndrome

**Mauro Gacci** *(Florence, Italy)***10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

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

**Advances in Therapeutic  
Strategies for HBV and HCV**

*Hellenic Association  
for the Study of the Liver*

*Chairpersons:*

**Rafael Esteban** (*Barcelona, Spain*)

**George N. Dalekos**  
(*Larissa, Greece*)

Is HBsAg loss an achievable target  
for therapy?

**Spilios Manolakopoulos**  
(*Athens, Greece*)

Difficult to treat patients with HBV  
infection

**George Papatheodoridis**  
(*Athens, Greece*)

Current challenges in non-HCV-1  
genotype therapy

**Markus Cornberg**  
(*Hannover, Germany*)

Cost effectiveness, barriers and  
access to HCV treatment in Europe

**Maria Buti** (*Barcelona, Spain*)

Future treatment options in failures  
to any antiviral therapy

**Rafael Esteban** (*Barcelona, Spain*)

**13:00-14:00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

**Chronic Hepatitis C: managing  
“special” populations**

*Sponsored by Abbvie Pharmaceuticals SA*

**14:00-15:30 E-POSTER PRESENTATIONS****(Screen A) e-PP01 - e-PP13***Hall ALKISTIS - THETIDA***CARDIOVASCULAR  
MEDICINE - METABOLIC  
SYNDROME***Chairpersons:***Dimitrios Papazoglou***(Alexandroupolis, Greece)***Vasileios Tsimihodimos***(Ioannina, Greece)***(Screen B) e-PP14 - e-PP26***Hall ALKISTIS - THETIDA***HEPATOLOGY -  
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GASTROENTEROLOGY***Chairpersons:***Christos Triantos***(Patras, Greece)***Vasileios Sevastianos***(Athens, Greece)***(Screen D) e-PP40 - e-PP52** *Hall NEFELI***GERIATRIC MEDICINE -  
IMMUNOLOGY -  
RHEUMATOLOGY***Chairpersons:***Panagiotis Skendros***(Alexandroupolis, Greece)***Irene Rapti** *(Athens, Greece)*



15:30-16:00 Leisure time

Hall OLYMPOS

16:00-17:30 **ROUND TABLE**

**Resistant Hypertension**

*Chairpersons:*

**Dimitrios Vlahakos**

*(Athens, Greece)*

**Konstantinos Tsioufis**

*(Athens, Greece)*

Diagnosis and evaluation

**Konstantinos Makaritsis**

*(Larissa, Greece)*

Medical management

**Michel Burnier**

*(Lausanne, Switzerland)*

New invasive treatment modalities

**Konstantinos Tsioufis**

*(Athens, Greece)*

Long term effects of invasive therapy - Hints for the future

**Roland Schmieder**

*(Nuremberg, Germany)*

17:30-18:15 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

**The role of echinocandins in clinical practice**

*Sponsored by Astellas Pharmaceuticals Hellas*

18:15-18:45 **Coffee Break**

**18:45-20:15 ROUND TABLE****Intestinal microbiota and metabolic disorders**

*Chairpersons:*

**Apostolos Hatzitolios**

*(Thessaloniki, Greece)*

**Alexandros Tselepis**

*(Ioannina, Greece)*

Microbiota patterns and risk of glucometabolic disease

**Peter Nilsson** *(Malmo, Sweden)*

Intestinal microbiota lipid metabolism and atherosclerosis

**Alexandros Tselepis**

*(Ioannina, Greece)*

Insights into the role of the microbiota in the natural history of obesity

**Dimitrios Papazoglou**

*(Alexandroupolis, Greece)*

**20:15-21:00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM****Recent advances targeting cardiovascular risk reduction and treatment of symptomatic peripheral artery disease**

*Sponsored by Winmedica*

PARALLEL SESSIONS

**07:45-09:00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**OP28-OP34** *Hall OLYMPOS*

**IMMUNOLOGY - ONCOLOGY - HAEMATOLOGY**

*Chairpersons:*

**Matthaios Speletas**

*(Larissa, Greece)*

**Christos Tolis** *(Ioannina, Greece)*

**07:45-09:00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**OP35-OP41** *Hall ACHILLEAS*

**GERIATRIC MEDICINE - INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

*Chairpersons:*

**Efthimia Petinaki**

*(Larissa, Greece)*

**Christos Savopoulos**

*(Thessaloniki, Greece)*

*Hall OLYMPOS*

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

**Advances in autoimmune hepatitis (AIH)**

*Chairpersons:*

**Diego Vergani** *(London, UK)*

**George N. Dalekos**

*(Larissa, Greece)*

Advances in genetics of AIH

**Ynto de Boer**

*(Amsterdam, The Netherlands)*

EASL CPG guidelines on AIH

**Harald Hofer** *(Vienna, Austria)*

AIH in special conditions

**Michael Heneghan** *(London, UK)*

AIH in the pediatric population

**Giorgina Mieli-Vergani**

*(London, UK)*

**10:30-11:00 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE***Chairperson:***George K. Koukoulis***(Larissa, Greece)*

The role of laboratory in the diagnosis and follow-up of autoimmune liver diseases

**Diego Vergani** *(London, UK)***11:00-11:30 Coffee Break****11:30-13:00 ROUND TABLE****Rheumatoid arthritis and the cardiovascular system***Chairpersons:***George D. Kitas** *(Dudley, UK)***Petros P. Sfikakis** *(Athens, Greece)*

Cardiovascular disease in rheumatoid arthritis: Causes, consequences and open questions

**George D. Kitas** *(Dudley, UK)*

High grade inflammation and the lipid paradox: implications for treatment

**Anne Grete Semb** *(Oslo, Norway)*

Non-invasive assessment of accelerated atherosclerosis in chronic inflammatory conditions

**Athanasios Protogerou***(Athens, Greece)*

Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging in rheumatoid arthritis: promising or misleading?

**Sophie Mavrogeni** *(Athens, Greece)*

**13:00-13:30 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE**

*Chairperson:*

**John Koskinas** (Athens, Greece)

Acute-on-chronic liver failure

**Rajiv Jalan** (London, UK)

**13:30-14:15 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

**The Role of Sofosbuvir/  
Ledipasvir in HCV Cure**

*Sponsored by Gilead Sciences Hellas*

**14:15-15:45 E-POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**(Screen A) e-PP53 - e-PP65**

*Hall ALKISTIS - THETIDA*

**HAEMATOLOGY - ONCOLOGY**

*Chairpersons:*

**Georgia Kaiafa**

(Thessaloniki, Greece)

**Eleni Bouronikou**

(Larissa, Greece)

**(Screen B) e-PP66 - e-PP78**

*Hall ALKISTIS - THETIDA*

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

*Chairpersons:*

**Periklis Panagopoulos**

(Alexandroupolis, Greece)

**Efthimia Giannitsioti**

(Athens, Greece)

**(Screen C) e-PP79 - e-PP91** *Hall CHRISALIDA*

**ONCOLOGY - INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES - MISCELLANEOUS**

*Chairpersons:*

**Maria Ioannou** (Larissa, Greece)

**Dimitra Dimitropoulou**

(Patras, Greece)

15:45-16:00 Leisure time

Hall OLYMPOS

16:00-17:30 **ROUND TABLE**

**Invasive fungal infections (IFI)**

*Chairperson: George Petrikos  
(Athens, Greece)*

Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation in Patients with Prior Invasive Aspergillosis

**Nikolai Klimko**

*(Saint Petersburg, Russia)*

Invasive fungal infections in Solid Organ Transplants

**Emmanuel Roilides**

*(Thessaloniki, Greece)*

Newer Guidelines for the treatment of invasive Candidiasis in non-neutropenic patients

**Sarah Georgiadou** *(Larissa, Greece)*

Newer (ECIL and ESCMID/ECMM) Guidelines in the treatment of IFI in leukemic patients

**Anna Skiada** *(Athens, Greece)*

**17:30-19:00 ROUND TABLE**  
**Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and the liver**

*Chairpersons:*

**Alessio Aghemo** (Milan, Italy)

**Joost P.H. Drenth**

(Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

Management of viral hepatitis in patients with IBD

**Alessio Aghemo** (Milan, Italy)

Primary sclerosing cholangitis

**Tom Hemming Karlsen**

(Oslo, Norway)

Liver enzyme elevations as a result from IBD therapy

**Joost P.H. Drenth**

(Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

Reasons for ALT elevation in IBD: autoimmune liver disease?

**Eric Tjwa**

(Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

**19:00 - 19:30 Coffee Break**

**19:30-21:00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  
**Chronic hepatitis C treatment management: From clinical trials to clinical practice!**

*Sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb*

**21:00 Farewell Reception**

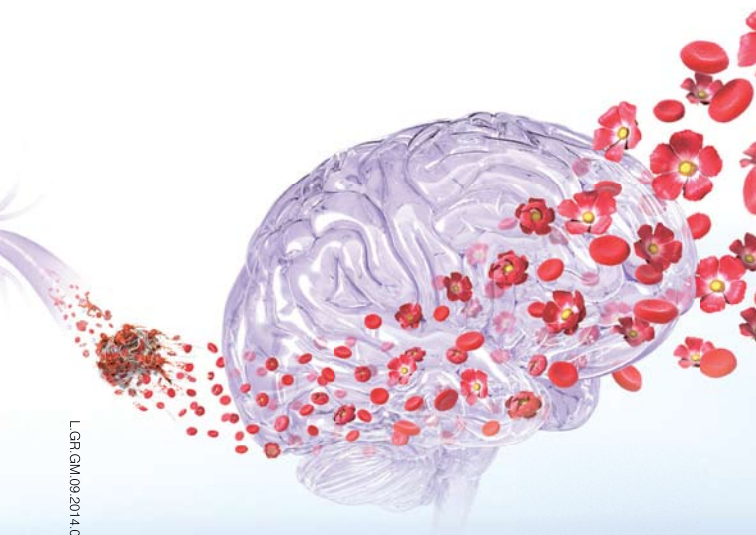
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