Welcome

We are pleased to invite you to the 9th European Lupus Conference which will take place in Athens from April 23 - April 26, 2014.

Over the years, European Lupus Meetings have succeeded in serving as a major forum for all people interested in the disease: physicians from various disciplines, health professionals, regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical industry and patient representatives.

The 9th European Lupus Conference will continue the tradition of previous meetings, by bringing excellence in the field of basic and clinical research to the forefront. Saturday will be dedicated to a special patient event for the Greek audience of patients and carers, together with a joint session for all interested in learning about the disease: physicians from various disciplines, regulatory industry and patient representatives.

Athens in the spring time represents a unique destination for all, combining top basic and clinical science in Lupus together with the promise of an unparalleled philosophy (hospitality).

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Topics

- Epidemiology and outcomes
- Registries and cohorts
- Environmental exposures
- Genetics and genomics
- Biomarkers and imaging
- Innate and adaptive immunity
- Tissue injury and response to injury
- Diagnostic and classification criteria
- Specific organ involvement
- Management and recommendations
- Multidisciplinary, patient-oriented care
- Family planning, fertility and neonatal care
- New therapies
- Novel targets, outcome measures and regulatory issues
- Debates, controversies, new trends
- Difficult cases
- Reviews for patients
**General Information**

**Dates**
23 - 26 April 2014 (Wednesday through Saturday)

**Venue**
HILTON ATHENS HOTEL, Athens, Greece

**Language**
The official language is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

**Website**
The website for the conference is www.lupus2014.org, which will be updated with all the conference related information.

**Important Dates**

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<td>Opening of on-line registration and hotel booking system:</td>
<td>1st November 2013</td>
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<td>Notification to abstract submitters:</td>
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<td>Early registration deadline:</td>
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**CME Credits**
The conference will be accredited by the European Union of Medical Specialists (U.E.M.S) with CME credits of Continuing Medical Education.

**Exhibition**
During the conference, a commercial exhibition will be open to all delegates. The abstract poster presentation area will be close to the exhibition area.

**Registrations**

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* Trainees and Residents are required to attach a copy of their status and age to the organizing secretariat when submitting their registration. In case the organizing secretariat does not receive this documentation, the participant fee will be charged.

**The participant/trainee/resident fee includes:**
- Admission to the scientific sessions from Wednesday, 23 April to Saturday, 26 April 2014.
- Participation in the Welcome Reception (pre-registration is mandatory)
- Conference documents, including badge and conference bag
- Certificate of Attendance
- Access to the exhibition and poster area
- Free Internet access in designated areas
- Coffee breaks and lunches, as indicated in the program
- Final Program Book
- Unrestricted access to all accepted abstracts (book of abstracts)

**Organizing Secretariat:**
Registration, abstract handling, social events, excursions, transfers & company events, hotel reservations

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