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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

13th Annual Congress

of the Hellenic Spine Society

& 43rd Symposium

“N. GIANNISTRAS – P. SMYRNIS”

Spine Section of the Hellenic Association
of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology

& Joint Meeting with the Serbian Spine Society

31 October
3 November
2019 Ioannina, Greece, Hotel Du Lac

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues

This year the idea of having a joint meeting, bringing Balkan Spine Societies together at the same time and place, originates from the need of lifelong learning and interactive education on spine pathology and surgery.

The program of this meeting is multi-thematic and emphasis is given on controversial issues in spinal surgery as well as on new aspects such as tissue engineering and spinal technology advances. This unique collaborative meeting between Balkan countries will give an exceptional opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences.

We are certain that this three-day program will provide new insights that you can apply to your practice as we will review the latest in spine surgery techniques and research, discuss our most complicated cases and debate clinical and surgical problems.

It is my honor and pleasure to invite you all to participate in the 13th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society & 43rd Symposium "N. Giannestras – P. Smyrnis" with international attendance.

I welcome you to the city of Ioannina, the city of Medicine, hoping that you will enjoy your visit through its unique culture, picturesque sights and traditional gastronomy.

My best regards,

Ioannis D. Gelalis MD, PhD

President of the Hellenic Spine Society.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Category	Early Until July 1st 2019	Late From July 2nd 2019
Members of the Hellenic Spine Society*	120,00 €	
Specialists Non - Members	150,00 €	200,00 €
Residents	20,00 €	30,00 €
Other Specialists	70,00 €	100,00 €
Nurses/Students	Free	

European VAT Rules apply

Above registration fees include:

- Access to the scientific sessions
- Access to the exhibition area
- Congress Material, including final program

* Applies to financially updated members only of the Hellenic Spine Society

** Students are required to present their student identification card to the congress secretariat upon registration

Registration Procedure

Please visit the official website www.concopco.com/spine2019 to proceed with your online registration (complete all mandatory fields and click Submit), otherwise, please complete the registration form at the end of the present document (editable fields) and send it via e-mail to the congress secretariat congress@concopco.com.

Means of Payment

1. Online via the payment system at the following link

www.concopco.com/spine2019.

Please select the **Buy Now** button and the system will guide you through the payment via credit card

2. Via bank transfer:

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Notes

- Please quote your name and the name of the congress upon making payment by bank transfer.
- Upon completing the payment by bank transfer, please send a copy of the proof of transfer to the congress secretariat at (congress@concopco.com).
- Confirmation of the registration will be sent only after receipt of the full payment amount

Cancelation Policy

Cancellations must be submitted via e-mail to the congress secretariat Conco Meetings and Events at:
congress@concopco.com

For cancellations submitted:

- Until 14 June 2019, 50% of the total participation amount will be withheld as cancellation fees
- From 15 June until 12 August 2019, 80% of the total participation amount will be withheld as cancellation fees
- No refunds will be made after 13 August 2019

Name Changes

Name changes must be submitted via e-mail to the congress secretariat Conco Meetings & Events at:
congress@concopco.com

For name changes submitted:

- Until 14 June 2019, no extra charge will apply
- From 15 June until 12 August 2019, a name change fee of 30€ per name change will apply
- No name changes are possible after 13 August 2019

CME CREDITS

An application has been made to EACCME/UEMS for accreditation of the 13th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Opening of On-Line Registration	30 April 2019
Opening of On-Line Abstract Submission	30 April 2019
Early Registration Deadline	1 July 2019
Abstract Submission Deadline	2 September 2019

WEBSITE

Visit the official website www.concopco.com/spine2019 for all congress related information.

VENUE

Du Lac Hotel, Ioannina



Elegance and architecture join forces to offer a dreamy experience. The Du Lac Congress & Spa is the ideal choice for organizing conferences and events, with multifunctional halls that can be adjusted to the needs of any event. The rooms have a unique view of the of the Pamvotida Lake.

Accommodation

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Synthesis Group also undertakes:

Air-tickets and Boat tickets

Transfers from/to the airport

Transfers from/to the hotel

Please inform us about your accommodation requirements, by **August 30th** at the latest.

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AWARDS

Two awards will be given to the best oral presentations.

One for the best oral presentation

One for the best oral presentation in which the main author is a young specialist or a consultant

(those wishing to be considered for this category, should send an e-mail to congress@concopco.com, after submitting their abstract on-line.)

GENERAL ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

- Abstract Submission is only possible through the official congress website
- www.concopco.com/spine2019
- Abstract Submission Deadline: 2 September 2019

ABSTRACT PREPARATION GUIDELINES

Abstracts should be sent in word format (.docx file), in Arial font, 10 pt, single space and single spacing, they should not exceed 250 words and the abstract layout is the following:

1. In the first row mention the full title of the abstract (in capital letters - UPPERCASE)

2. Leave one (1) row and continue with the author(s) names as follows:

Papadopoulos N.¹, Dimopoulos N.² and so on.

3. Leave one (1) row and continue with the institutions/hospitals in lowercase as follows:

¹ Plastic Surgery Clinic, Gennimatas General Hospital

² Microbiological Department, Gennimatas General Hospital

⁴ The name of the presenting author should be underlined and **bold**.

⁵ The presenting author should be one of the authors of the abstract.

⁶ Leave two (2) rows and continue with the abstract text as follows:

Objective

Material - Method

Results

Conclusions

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submitters are requested to submit their abstracts until 2 September 2019 at the latest. As soon as submitters are notified, they should submit their abstract using the instructions mentioned on the congress website www.concopco.com/spine2019.

Please note that the file you will be requested to upload during abstract submission will be the file which will be included in the Abstracts CD. You are strongly advised to have it updated and correctly formatted. In case you would like to withdraw your abstract, please notify the congress secretariat at: congress@concopco.com.

CONDITIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

1. In order for an abstract to be accepted, at least two (2) of the authors should have paid their registration (no student registration).
2. Abstracts should not exceed 250 words
3. All data should be included (Title, Authors, Institution/Hospital, Abstract Layout)
4. Abstracts should be prepared according to the abstract preparation guidelines
5. Abstracts should be submitted on time

Abstracts that do not meet the above conditions will not be accepted.

Authors will be notified via e-mail regarding abstract evaluation results and presentation method (oral or poster), until 28 September 2019.

Approved abstracts will be published in the Abstracts CD and in the congress final program.