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44th Symposium
"N. Giannestras - P. Smyrnis"

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Hellenic Spine Society and the Board of Directors, we would like to welcome you to the 14th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society and 44th Symposium “N. Giannestras - P. Smyrnis”. Our congress will be held at The Met Hotel in Thessaloniki from the 29th of October until the 1st of November 2020.

At the peak of a pandemic infection which has forced countries and people to self-isolation, the congress of our society brings the message of hope for reunion. The main reason our society was established was to unite people, to unite scientists, to bring together all physicians from different specialties who are caring and treating patients who are suffering from diseases of the spine.

The city of Thessaloniki was always a multi-cultural city where people from different cultures, different religions and different heritage lived together. 100 years ago, Greeks, Turks, Jews, Armenians, Slavs, people from all over the Balkans lived together in this city. Many varied religions were practiced, and many languages spoken. Every person in their very own individuality co-worked with the other communities, exchanged ideas, exchanged cultural elements and looked for prosperity.

So, in today's era of self-isolation, Thessaloniki is a symbol of reunion of people.

The program of this meeting is multi-thematic and emphasis is given on controversial issues in spinal surgery, complications, rehabilitation as well as on new aspects such as tissue engineering and spinal technology advances. A joint meeting with the Israel and Turkish Spine Societies will give an exceptional opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences.

It is my honor and pleasure to invite you all to participate in the 14th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society and 44th Symposium “N. Giannestras - P. Smyrnis”.

I welcome you to the city of Thessaloniki, hoping that you will enjoy your visit through its unique multiethnic heritage and culture, vivid nightlife and traditional gastronomy.

Ioannis Balogiannis

President of the Hellenic Spine Society

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COMMITTEES

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I. Balogiannis

Organizing Committee

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G. Makrygiannakis
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A. Ploumis

Scientific Committee

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I. Magras
E. Samoladas
K. Soultanis
A. Spiliotopoulos

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D. Kitridis
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N. Papadakis
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Category	Early until 1 July, 2020	Late as of 2 July, 2020
Members of the Hellenic Spine Society*	120, 00 €	
Specialists Non - Members	150,00 €	200,00 €
Residents	20,00 €	30,00 €
Other Specialties	70,00 €	100,00 €
Nurses/ Students**	Free	

European VAT Rules apply

* Applies only to financially up-to-date members of the Hellenic Spine Society

** All students are required to register on-line prior to the congress and to present their student identification card to the congress secretariat upon registration

Above registration fees include:

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

Registration Procedure

To proceed with your registration, choose one of the following:

- 1) Visit the **official website** at www.concopco.com/spine2020, go to the registration page, complete the form and click **Submit**. Then, you can select one of the means of payment mentioned below (on-line payment by credit card or bank transfer)
- 2) Complete the **registration form** you will find at the end of this document (the form has editable fields) and send it via e-mail to the congress secretariat at dnikolopoulou@concopco.com, along with a copy of the bank transfer or screenshot of the on-line payment.

Notes

In case the congress is postponed and takes place on new dates the registrations and any amount paid will be transferred to the new congress dates.

Means of Payment

- Online, via the payment system at the following link
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- For cancellations submitted **until 15 June 2020**, **50%** of the total participation amount will be withheld as cancellation fees
- For cancellations submitted **from 16 June until 12 August 2020**, **80%** of the total participation amount will be withheld as cancellation fees
- No refunds will be made **after 13 August 2020**

Name Changes

Name changes must be submitted via e-mail to the congress secretariat at dnikolopoulou@concopco.com

- For name changes submitted **until 15 June 2020**, no extra charge will apply
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For group registrations please contact the congress Secretariat at the following details:



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CME CREDITS

An application will be sent to EACCME/UEMS for accreditation of the 14th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society and 44th Symposium “N. Giannestras - P. Smyrnis”

AWARDS

Will be announced soon

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VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Venue

The Met Hotel

In the vibrant city of Thessaloniki, where history and art constantly inform a forward-thinking business culture, the Met Hotel, a distinguished member of Design Hotels, offers discerning corporate and leisure travelers a sophisticated and inspiring metropolitan experience.

Conveniently located in the new harbor area, one of the city's most lively quarters, and within easy reach of the monument-studded city center, the Met Hotel is an ideal choice featuring state of the art business conferencing facilities, comfortable accommodations and gourmet dining, all supported by outstanding services and meticulous attention to detail.



Accommodation Information

Cost per single per overnight with breakfast: 150,00 Euro
The above cost does not include city tax 4€ per room per overnight.

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Important Dates

Opening of On-Line Registration	30 April 2020
Opening of On-Line Abstracts Submission	30 April 2020
Early Registration Deadline	1 July 2020
Abstracts Submission Deadline	7 September 2020
Notification to Authors	14 September 2020

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND GUIDELINES

The scientific program of the congress will comprise oral presentations, round tables and e-posters. Especially residents and young specialists are welcome to present their research and field work in subjects like:

Spinal Surgical Techniques
Spinal Tissue Engineering
Navigation
Robotics
Spinal Trauma
Spinal Deformities
Scoliosis
Spondylolisthesis
Complications
Infections
Standard and Advanced Spinal Imaging
Spasticity
Spinal Pain
Spinal Tumors
Physiotherapy
Rehabilitation
Sports and Spine
Spinal Pathology

- Abstract Submission is only possible via e-mail, **provided that submitters have fully complied with the submission guidelines.**
- The abstract submission e-mail should include the following information, fully completed and without omissions (you can copy paste this list to the e-mail):
Email subject: Abstract Submission for the 14th Annual Congress of the Hellenic Spine Society and 44th Symposium “N. Giannestras - P. Smyrnis”

Abstract Details

Submitter's full name:

Submitter's e-mail address:

Submitter's mobile number:

Abstract title:

Topic:

Institution/Hospital:

Presenter's full name:

Authors:

Preferred presentation method (oral or poster):

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- Abstracts should be sent with the following **format**:
 - Word format (**only** .docx file)
 - Arial font, 10pt
 - Single space and single spacing
 - Not exceed 250 words
- Abstract text should follow the below **layout**:
 - In the first row mention the full title of the abstract (only in **CAPITAL** letters - **UPPERCASE**)
 - Leave one (1) row and continue with the author(s) name(s) (in lowercase) as follows:

Papadopoulos N.¹, Dimopoulos N.³ and so on
 - The name of the presenting author should be **bold** and **underlined**
 - Leave one (1) row and continue with the institution/hospitals, in lowercase as such:

¹Neurosurgical Department, Larissa University Hospital, Larissa, Greece
²Orthopaedic Department, G. Papanikolaou Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece
 - Leave two (2) rows and continue with the abstract text as follows:

Objective
Material - Method
Results
Conclusions
- At least two (2) of the authors should have registered and paid their registration, for the abstract to be accepted (no student registrations are allowed)
- Each submitted abstract (the word file you will submit) must include all information mentioned in the layout above (Title, Authors, Institution/Hospitals, Abstract Text)
- Deadline for abstract submission: **7 September 2020**

Notes

- The file you submitted during abstract submission will be the file included in the Abstracts CD. You are strongly advised to have it updated and correctly formatted
- Abstracts that do not meet the above criteria or have not followed the above guidelines will not be accepted
- Abstracts that have not been submitted on time will not be accepted

Notification to Authors

Authors will be notified via e-mail regarding the results of the abstract review process and the presentation method of their abstract, **until 14 September 2020**

Abstract Presentation

Approved abstracts will be published in the Abstracts CD which will be included in the delegates folder. The title, author and institutions of all approved abstracts will be included in the final printed program.

Click [here](#) to submit your abstract

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