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# ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course **Endemic and Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Mediterranean Countries**

Limassol, Cyprus **23 - 24 MARCH 2013**

Mediterranean Beach Hotel



## Programme



## **Course Coordinators**

**Maria Alexandrou**, Limassol, Cyprus

**George Daikos**, Athens, Greece

**George Petrikkos**, Athens, Greece

## **Course Objectives**

- To increase awareness of infectious diseases endemic in the Mediterranean region
- To increase knowledge about the epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment of these endemic and emerging infections
- To describe the problem of resistance and antibiotic usage in this area and to compare the differences between the European and non-European countries

## **Target Audience**

Up to 50 - 90 epidemiologists, infectious diseases specialists, microbiologists, internal medicine doctors, pediatricians and PhD students.

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# Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to invite you to attend the **ESCMID Postgraduate Education Course: “Endemic and Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Mediterranean Countries”**, which will be held in Limassol, Cyprus, from the **23<sup>rd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, 2013 at the MEDITERRANEAN BEACH HOTEL**.

The Postgraduate Education Course is organized by the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) in collaboration with the 4<sup>th</sup> Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School, National Kapodistrian University of Athens, The Cyprus Society of Chemotherapy and Infectious Diseases and the Mediterranean Society of Chemotherapy.

The target audience is epidemiologists, infectious disease specialists, microbiologists, internal medicine doctors and PhD students.

With the certainty that your presence and your active participation will be the best asset for the meeting's success, we are looking forward to seeing you in Limassol, Cyprus, in March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "G. Petrikos", is written over a thin horizontal line.

**Professor George Petrikos**

Co-ordinator of the ESCMID Postgraduate  
Education Course

# Scientific Programme

Saturday, 23 March 2013

- 09:00 - 11:00** **Bacterial resistance in the Mediterranean countries**  
Chairpersons: **G. Daikos, Y. Carmeli**
- Antibiotic policies and resistance in the Mediterranean countries, **Atef M. Shibl**
  - Gram-positive resistance (MRSA, VRE, S. pneumoniae R), **Stefania Stefani**
  - Changing epidemiology of ESBLs producing Enterobacteriaceae, **Maria Souli**
  - Screening for carriage of carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae. Why? Whom to screen? And how to screen? **Yehuda Carmeli**
  - MDR and therapeutic options, **George Daikos**
- 11:00 - 11:30** **Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 12:00** **Special lecture**  
Chairperson: **G. Petrikkos**
- MDR tuberculosis, **George Daikos**
- 12:00 - 14:00** **Zoonoses**  
Chairpersons: **D. Rault, G. Petrikkos**
- Brucellosis, **Anna Skiada**
  - Rickettsiosis, **Didier Rault**
  - New therapies for visceral leishmaniasis, **Anna Skiada**
  - Leptospirosis, **Diamandis Plachouras**
  - Lyme's disease, **Souha Kanj**
- 14:00 - 15:00** **Lunch break**
- 15:00 - 17:00** **Viral infections**  
Chairpersons: **S. Declich, S. Tsiodras**
- Epidemiology of West Nile fever in the Mediterranean basin, **Sotiris Tsiodras**
  - Crimean - Congo Haemorrhagic Fever, **Diamantis Plachouras**
  - Chikungunya, Dengue and West Nile fever. The Italian situation, **Silvia Declich**
  - Lessons from the 2009 influenza pandemic, **Sotiris Tsiodras**
  - Viral hepatitis in the Mediterranean countries, **George Potamitis**

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

17:30 - 19:00 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

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**The problems of resistance in Greece  
and the national plan "Prokroustis"**

Chairpersons: **G. Petrikkos, Th. Papadimitriou**

- Epidemiology of MDR Gram negatives (K. pneumoniae, P. aeruginosa, A. baumannii), **Sotiris Tsiodras**
- How to face the problem, **George Daikos**

*Comments:* **Y. Carmelli**

## Sunday, 24 March 2013

10:00 - 10:30 **Special lecture**

Chairperson: **D. Plachouras**

- PK-PD of antimicrobial drugs used in the endemic and emerging Mediterranean infections, **Andrea Novelli**

10:30 - 11:30 **Emerging fungal infections**

Chairpersons: **S. Kanj, M. Alexandrou**

- Mucormycosis, **George Petrikkos**
- Fusariosis, **Anna Skiada**

11:30 - 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 - 13:00 **Parasitoses**

Chairpersons: **G. Potamitis, S. Kanj**

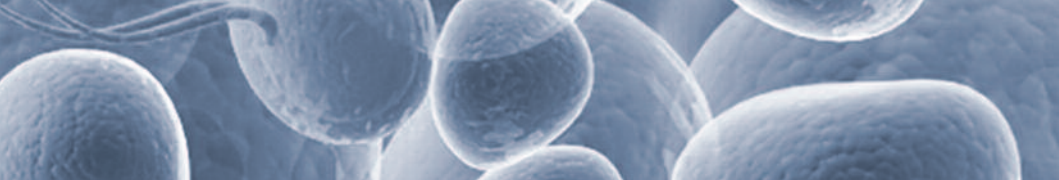
- Malaria, **Sotiros Tsiodras**
- Hydatidosis in the Mediterranean countries, **Allal Dakkak**

13:00 - 13:30 **Special lecture**

Chairperson: **G. Petrikkos**

- Paediatric infections endemic in the Mediterranean countries, **Maria Koliou**

13:30 **Closing remarks**  
**George Petrikkos**



## Faculty Members

**Maria Alexandrou**, Limassol, Cyprus

**Yehuda Carmeli**, Tel-Aviv, Israel

**George L. Daikos**, Athens, Greece

**Allal Dakkak**, Rabat, Morocco

**Silvia Declich**, Rome, Italy

**Souha Kanj**, Beirut, Lebanon

**Maria Koliou**, Nicosia, Cyprus

**Andrea Novelli**, Florence, Italy

**Theodoros Papadimitriou**, Athens, Greece

**George Petrikkos**, Athens, Greece

**Diamantis Plachouras**, Athens, Greece

**George Potamitis**, Nicosia, Cyprus

**Didier Rault**, Marseille, France

**Atef M. Shibl**, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**Anna Skiada**, Athens, Greece

**Maria Souli**, Athens, Greece

**Stefania Stefani**, Catania, Italy

**Sotiris Tsiodras**, Athens, Greece

## General Information

### DATE:

From **Saturday, 23 March 2013 to Sunday, 24 March 2013**

### CONGRESS VENUE:

#### **Mediterranean Beach Hotel**

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4533 Agios Tychonas  
Limassol, Cyprus  
Phone: + 357 25 55 9999  
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### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE CONGRESS:

The official language of the congress is **English**.

### REGISTRATION FEE:

**EUR 750** for ESCMID and CSCID members  
**EUR 850** for all others

### The fee includes:

- 2 Nights accommodation at the Mediterranean Beach Hotel
- Coffee breaks and lunche at the course venue
- Congress material
- Attendance to lectures
- Certificate of attendance with **9 CME credits** recognized by EACCME - UEMS

### Administrative Secretariat



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