3rd Joint Meeting of the European Calcified Tissue Society & the International Bone and Mineral Society

ATHENS GREECE
7-11 May 2011

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Abstract deadline: 10 December 2010  Early registration deadline: 11 February 2011

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Invitation to attend

Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to invite you to the 3rd Joint Meeting of the European Calcified Tissue Society and the International Bone and Mineral Society, to be held in Athens, Greece, from 7-11 May 2011.

The 2011 meeting will offer a high quality and diverse scientific programme of interest to both clinical and basic scientists. We are expecting some 3,500 clinicians and researchers from around the world to join us in Athens.

We have composed a scientific programme of the highest standard and highlights will include the following:

- An exciting programme of invited speaker lectures featuring some of the world’s leading experts in the field
- Meet the professor sessions
- Dedicated events for new investigators
- Joint ECTS-ASBMR debate and session
- Allied Health Professionals session
- ECTS/IBMS Training Course ‘Joints: formation, function and failure, with a focus on osteoarthritis’
- Well-attended poster sessions with dedicated poster viewing time
- A busy exhibition area
- Company-supported satellite symposia highlighting some of the latest developments and research

We are delighted to be holding this joint meeting in the city of Athens. Modern Athens is a major European city, vibrant and safe, where history meets with comfort and fascination.

The Acropolis is one of the world’s most famous landmarks and Greece’s history and culture, combined with the nightlife, a wonderful climate, traditional cuisine and renowned Greek hospitality are just some of the attractions Athens has to offer. The scientific programme will be complemented by social events to reflect the true Greek hospitality and style.

We look forward to welcoming you to Athens in 2011.

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SYMPOSIUM 1:
Stem cells, bone and bone marrow
Relationships to malignancy
David Scadden (Boston, USA)
Stem cell regulation by the brain bone blood triad
Tsvee Lapidot (Rehovot, Israel)

SYMPOSIUM 2:
Cartilage development and engineering
The role of hox genes in limb development and bone formation
Stefan Mundlos (Berlin, Germany)
Chondrocyte differentiation and bioengineering
Rocky Tuan (Bethesda, USA)

SYMPOSIUM 3:
The musculo-skeletal unit: from development to ageing
In development
Elazar Zelzer (Rehovot, Israel)
Mister OS study
Eric Orwoll (Baltimore, USA)

SYMPOSIUM 4:
Advances in osteo-immunology
T and B cells and bone
Georg Schett (Erlangen, Germany)
Osteoclast regulation
Hiroshi Takayanagi (Tokyo, Japan)

SYMPOSIUM 5:
Hypoxia signaling
Oxygen sensors in bone development and pathology
Geert Carmeliet (Leuven, Belgium)
Hypoxia in development and differentiation
Ernestina Schipani (Boston, USA)

SYMPOSIUM 6:
Male osteoporosis
Guidelines for management of male osteoporosis
Richard Eastell (Sheffield, UK)
EU ageing male study
Dirk Vanderschueren (Leuven, Belgium)

SYMPOSIUM 7:
LRP5 and Wnt signaling in bone
LRP5 function in bone regulation
Gerard Karsenty (New York, USA)
LRP5 function within bone
Matthew Warman (Boston, USA)

WORKSHOP 1:
Three approaches to anti-resorptive treatment
Bisphosphonates
Socrates Papapoulos (Leiden, Netherlands)
Denosumab
Steven Cummings (San Francisco, USA)
Cathepsin K inhibitors
Mike McClung (Portland, USA)

WORKSHOP 2:
Genome-wide association studies in osteoporosis
Association studies
Andre Uitterlinden (Rotterdam, Netherlands)
Deep resequencing of promising osteoporosis loci from GWAS
Doug Kiel (Boston, USA)
Meta-analysis
John Ioannidis (Ioannina, Greece)

WORKSHOP 3:
Three approaches to anabolic treatment
PTH
Felicia Cosman (West Harverstraw, USA)
Calcilytics
Lorraine Fitzpatrick (King of Prussia, USA)
Sclerostin
Javier San Martin (Thousand Oaks, USA)

WORKSHOP 4:
Epigenetic regulation of gene transcription
Histone de-acetylases and epigenetic regulation
Olivier Pourquié (Strasbourg, France)
DNA methylation and epigenetic regulation in bone
Shigeaki Kato (Tokyo, Japan)
Clinical implications of epigenetics in bone diseases
Cyrus Cooper (Southampton/Oxford, UK)

WORKSHOP 5:
Cancers and bone
Myeloma bone disease
Toshio Matsumoto (Tokushima, Japan)
Mechanisms underlying the fatal attraction of prostate cancer to bone
Marco Cecchini (Bern, Switzerland)
Osteosarcoma
Carl Walkley (Melbourne, Australia)

WORKSHOP 6:
Fracture risk in childhood: Determinants and associations of fracture in children
Nick Bishop (Sheffield, UK)
Prevention and management of bone fragility in healthy children
Maria Luisa Bianchi (Milan, Italy)
Vertebral fractures in children: an under-recognized consequence of chronic illness
Leanne Ward (Ottawa, Canada)
ATHENS HIGHLIGHTS

There is too much to see and do in the buzzing city of Athens. Kick off at the starting point of it all, the Acropolis, with its 2,500 year old marble temples. Floodlit by night, the Acropolis is a rocky mound rising above Plaka. It is the birthplace of Athens, and is crowned by three ancient temples, the best known being the Parthenon. Its towering columns have withstood the elements for over 2,500 years. The Parthenon remains the international symbol of Ancient Greek architecture.

Continue your way to the pretty cobbled streets of Plaka. Sitting in the shadow of the Acropolis, the Plaka is mostly pedestrianised and one of Athens’ most pleasant neighbourhoods. Along with a jumble of restaurants, cafés and shops, it is home to archaeological sites, including the Tower of the Winds.

Southeast of the Acropolis you will find the temple of Olympian Zeus, also called the Olympieion. Though only a few columns remain of this temple, it does not take much imagination to realize that this was one monster of a building.

Move north across town to the world class National Archaeological Museum, packed with Ancient Greek marble statues, frescoes, jewellery and ceramics, near Victoria metro station. Alternatively, for a run through Greek artistic development from pre-history to the late 19th century, look in at the Benaki Museum, east of Syntagma.

These are just a few highlights of what this historical city has to offer. Come join us in Athens to explore this beautiful city together!

CME ACCREDITATION

Approval of the scientific programme for continuing medical education (CME) credits will be applied for with the European Accreditation Council for continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician’s Recognition Award (PRA).

CONGRESS VENUE
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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES
Abstract submission and registration opens
1 September 2010
Abstract deadline
10 December 2010
Abstract acceptance notification to authors
4 February 2011
Awards notification to authors
7 February 2011
Deadline for early registrations
11 February 2011
Late breaking abstract submission opens
4 March 2011
Deadline for cancellations
4 March 2011
Deadline for late breaking abstracts
14 March 2011
Final programme and abstracts published on meeting website
18 April 2011

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