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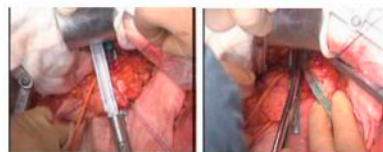
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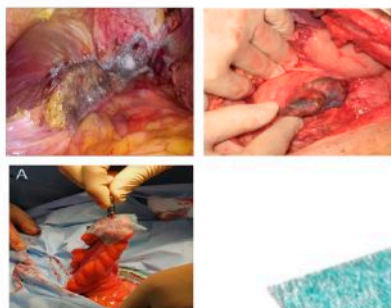
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WELCOME MSG

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you all to our Innovation in Surgery & Oncology Conference 2024! Following the success of the UK Surgical Travelers Meeting 2022 in Thessaloniki, which brought together surgeons from Great Britain and Greece, we aim to organize a face-to-face European Surgical Forum with a focus on Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary, Gastrointestinal Oncological Surgery & Sarcoma.

This year we are excited about our partnership with Professor Nikolaos Vassos and the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) who have graciously endorsed this conference. Our efforts have been focused to put together a high-quality scientific program with the participation of experts in each field, with speakers from Greece and abroad, including from major institutions such as Imperial College/Royal Marsden and University of Milan. With our attention to the younger audience the program includes an ESSO round table dedicated to the guidance and development opportunities for young doctors. We have also collaborated with the Junior Doctors' Association as well as the Scientific Society of Hellenic Medical Students and organized special sessions of interest both to doctors & nurses.

We are also very happy to announce the launch of a travel grant for a Greek medical student to spend an educational month at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London with all expenses generously sponsored by Prince Pavlos.

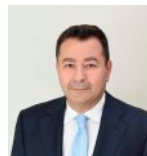
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Looking forward to welcoming you to Thessaloniki in November 2024!

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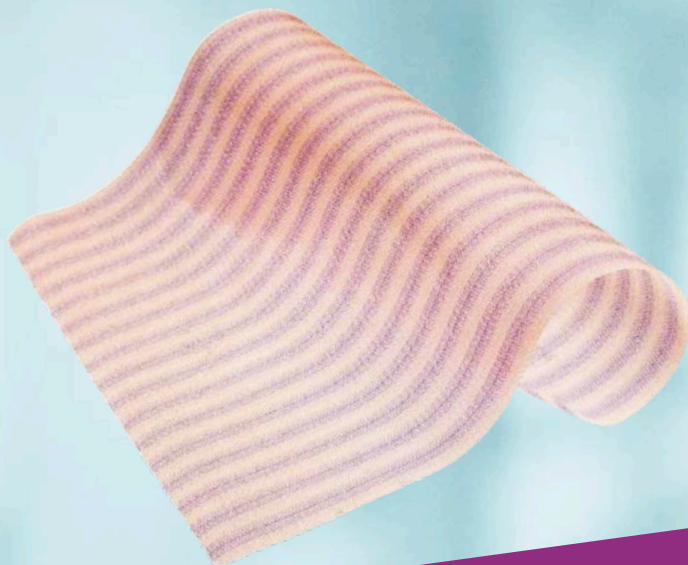
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- Accelerated degradation in the presence of bacteria may lead to mesh failure/higher recurrence rate^{5,6}
- Some biologics may be difficult to fixate and handle²

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Organization

The Congress is organized by the Medical Society of Thessaloniki in collaboration with the Fifth Department of Surgery of the European Interbalkan Medical Center and the Department of Surgical Oncology of Athens Medical Center

Congress Language

The official languages of the congress are Greek and English. No simultaneous translation will be provided

Registration

Free Registration for all participants

Registration includes: *Congress Registration, Admission to scientific sessions and exhibition area, Congress material*

Accommodation

A number of rooms have been provisionally reserved at Mediterranean Palace Hotel for Congress participants. For information about accommodation, please contact the Congress Secretariat

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A barcode system will be implemented during the Congress in order to register all delegates' attendance time

Accreditation

The Congress has been accredited with 16 CME-CPD credits by the Panhellenic Medical Association

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Thursday 7th November 2024

08:30–09:00 **Registrations**

09:00–09:15 **Introduction – Welcome**

09:15–10:30 **Session 1: Colorectal Cancer & Metastatic Liver Disease**

Chair: **I. Galanis, A. Michalopoulos, A. Boutis**

Minimally Invasive Surgery in Colorectal Cancer
M.G. Pramateftakis

Surgical Treatment of Liver Metastases
I. Hatzaras

Systemic and Evolving Therapies in CRLM
C. Emmanouilides

Comments: **C. Spanos**

10:30–11:00 **Session 2: Pancreas—Invited Speaker**

Chair: **D. Zacharoulis, A. Giakoustidis**

Robotic & Laparoscopic Surgery of the Pancreas
Long Jiao

11:00–11:30 **Session 3: Oesophagus—Invited Speaker**

Chair: **V. Papadopoulos, A. Giakoustidis**

Surgery of Oesophageal Cancer
Luigi Bonavina

11:30–12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00–12:30 **Medical Students Session**

Chair: **Long Jiao, C. Spanos**

3 Presentations of medical students for travel grant

12:30–13:00 **Session 5: Pancreas**

Chair: **D. Chatzopoulos, D. Paramythiotis**

Cystic neoplasms of the pancreas
A. Giakoustidis

Comment: **G. Hatzinakos, D. Karahalios**



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13:00–14:00

Session 6: **Retroperitoneal Sarcoma**

Chair: **N. Vassos, P. Makrantonakis**

Histopathological Classification

D. Papachristou

Surgical Approach of Retroperitoneal Sarcomas

N. Vassos

Role of Radiotherapy

G. Iliadis

Systemic Treatment of RPS

A. Kyriazoglou

Comment: **S. Mudan**

14:00–14:20

Light Lunch

14:20–14:30

Session 7: **Hernia**

Chair: **G. Christodoulidis, I. Mantzoros**

Surgical treatment of complex abdominal wall hernias

G. Chatzimavroudis

14:30–15:30

Session 8: **Liver**

Chair: **N. Touroutoglou, I. Goulis**

Immunotherapy and Hepatocellular Carcinoma

E. Sinakos

TACE and Radioembolization for HCC

I. Dedes

Laparoscopic Liver Surgery for HCC

D. Giakoustidis

Comments: **G. Tsoulfas**

15:30–16:00

Session 9: **Minimally Invasive Surgery and Cancer**

Chair: **N. Timotheadou**

Oncologic benefits of minimally invasive surgery in liver, pancreas & the gastrointestinal tract

A. Giakoustidis

Early recovery and adjuvant treatment in oncological patients

K. Botsolis

Comment: **I. Moschos**



Thursday 7th November 2024

16:00–18:00

From Classroom to Cutting Edge: Training Future Innovators in Surgery and Oncology

Chair: **S. Miliaras, D. Giannakidis, D. – P. Tseligkas**

Research from Home: First Steps as a Medical Student and a Junior Doctor – Society of Junior Doctors

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Enhancing Surgical and Oncological Training: How Can Medical Associations Contribute?

K. Lallas

Bridging the Gap: SSHMS's Role in Enhancing Surgical and Oncological Education for Medical Students

M. Ntenisioti

Medical Registries and the Future of Personalized Medicine in Oncology

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Cancer Care Training and Research from Greece to Europe

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Global Surgery Research: education and perspectives for young surgeons

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Beyond Borders: Advancing Surgical Oncology Education through International Pathways

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Overcoming challenges: Addressing the current problems in surgical oncology education

A. Varytimidou

Transforming Surgical Oncology Education: The Impact of AI and VR Technologies

E. Pavlidou

Research as a Core Component of the Surgical Specialty Curriculum in Greece

V. Meimaridis

Enhancing final year medical students' responsibility in surgical training: A logbook of Entrusted Professional Activities inspired by the German model

M. Foti

Incorporating academic work during residency in surgery and the work–life equilibrium

M. Papakonstantinou

Comments: **A. Kaprinis, S. Papakatsika, P. Hatzikomnitsa**

18:00–19:00

Day 1 conclusions



Friday 8th November 2024

09:00–09:15 **Welcome**

09:15–10:30 **Session 10: Pancreas**

Chair: **E. Akriviadis, D. Chourmouzi**

Radiologic Evaluation of PDAC resectability

S. Papaioannou

Contribution of EUS and RFA to Diagnostics and Therapy

L. Papalavrentios

Neo–adjuvant chemotherapy in borderline and locally advanced PDAC

K. Efthimiadis

Targeting epigenetic mutations and Vaccines in PDAC

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The limits of Surgical Treatment of PDAC

D. Giakoustidis

Comments: **S. Mudan, D. Kapetanios**

10:30–11:30 **Session 11: ESSO Invited Lectures**

Chair: **N. Vassos, S. Stättner**

Oligometastatic oesophagogastric cancer (OMEC–4)

D. D'Ugo

Advanced Gastric Cancer & HIPEC

A. Brandl

Main indications for robotic liver resections

S. Stättner

11:30–11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45–13:15 **Session 12: ESSO & EYSAC Joint Round Table**

Chair: **D. D'Ugo, N. Vassos**

ESSO & EYSAC: Vision and mission, values and goals

N. Santrac (Serbia)

Surgical Oncology Specialization in Europe and Core Curriculum

D. D'Ugo (Italy)

Surgical Training, certification and fellowships via ESSO

S. Stättner (Austria)

Research Strategy and activities within ESSO

A. Brandl (Germany)



Friday 8th November 2024

13:15–13:30

Lecture

Chair: **E. Demiri**

Surgical Prevention and Treatment of Cancer Related Lymphedema
D. Dionysiou

13:30–14:15

Light Lunch

14:15–14:45

Session 13: **Hernia**

Chair: **B. Loufopoulos, P. Bangeas**

Vertical Fascial Traction for hernia repair and management of open abdomen
O. Ioannidis

The use of n-butyl–2–cyanoacrylate fixation device and reduction of postoperative pain after abdominal wall hernia repairs
A. Zatagias

14:45–15:45

Session 14: **Biliary Tree**

Chair: **K. Tsalis, V. Christakidis, I. Kesisoglou**

Radiologic Evaluation of Biliary Tree Neoplasms
L. Kalogeropoulou

Hepatectomy with vascular resection
G. Glantzounis

Chemotherapy, Targeted & Gene Therapy of Cholangiocarcinoma
K. Psianou

Comments: **K. Tepetes, C. Kosmidis**

15:45–17:00

Session 15: **Oesophagus**

Chair: **K. Ballas, E. Diamantidou**

Endoscopic Management of Surgical Complications
I. Pachiadiakis

Chemotherapy & Immunotherapy
D. Karahalios

ERAS protocols in oesophageal surgery
D. Raptis

Comment: **V. Papaziogas**

P R O G R A M

17:00–19:00

Educational Session for Doctors & Nurses: Management of oncological patient

Chair: A. Kostas, A. Diamantidou, S. Masoura

Advances in systemic therapy in gastrointestinal cancer

O. Zarali

The importance of Guidelines in Cancer Care

E. Louri

Surgery of the Gynaecological Oncological Patient: What is New?

I. Kalogiannidis

Psychological Oncology Support

T. Sizopoulou

Clinical Challenges & Support of the Oncological Patient

M. Papadopoulou

Comments: **S. Psomas**

19:00–21:00

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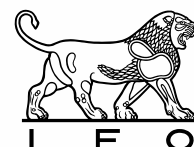


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