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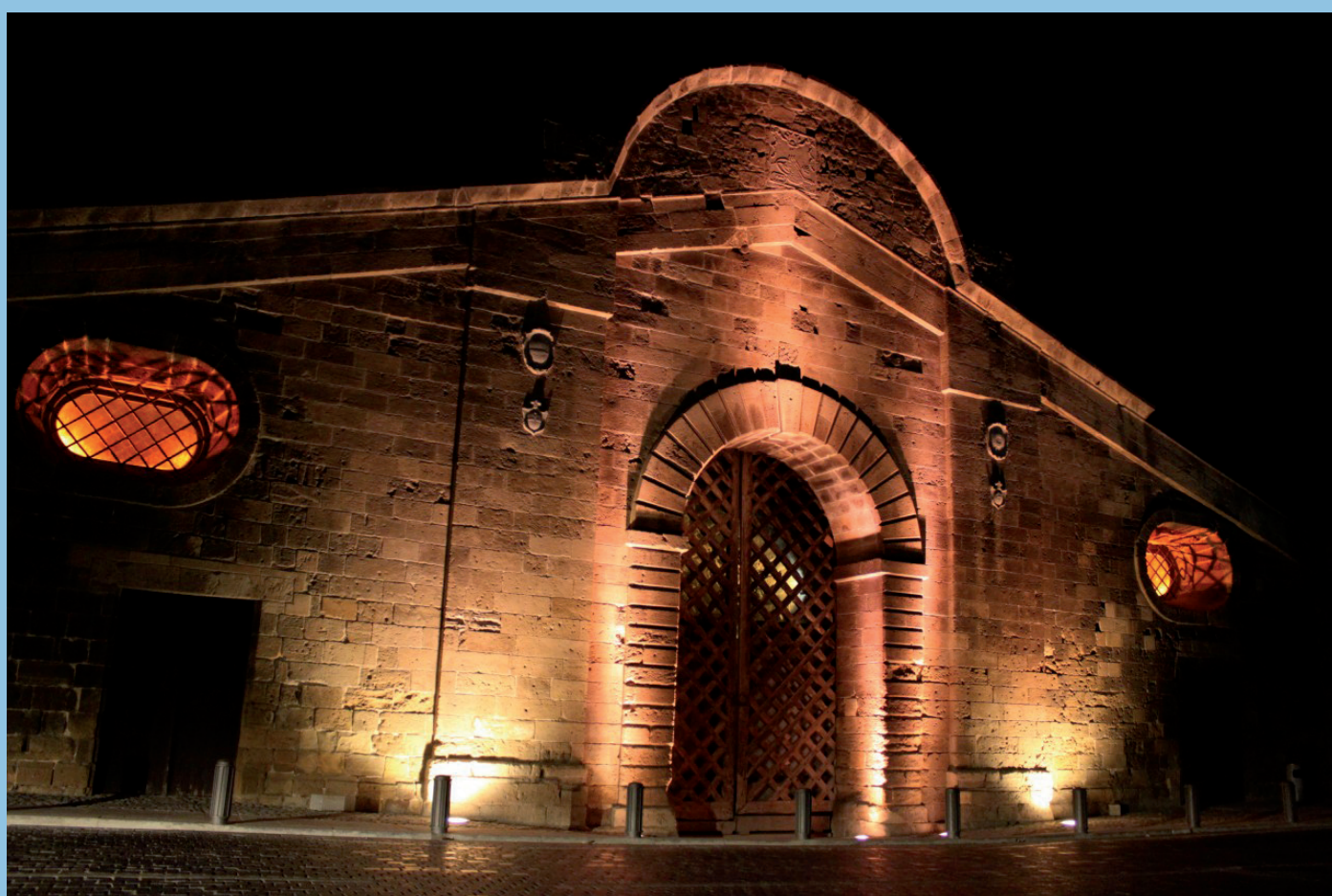
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Dear colleagues and friends,

The XXVIIIth International Workshop on Helicobacter and Microbiota in Inflammation and Cancer is being held in Nicosia, the beautiful and historic capital of Cyprus, on 24 - 26th September 2015.

On behalf of the local host Dr. G. Potamitis and the members of EHMSG we welcome you to this event.

The meeting will focus in particular on the role of Helicobacter and other components of the gut microbiota in health and disease. It is preceded by the EHMSG/ESPHGAN postgraduate course entitled "An update on *H. pylori* infection".

During these events, new epidemiological aspects, novel pathogenic mechanisms, host-bacteria interactions and updated diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines will be covered by the world's leading scientists.

I hope that you will have a stimulating and fruitful meeting and that you will enjoy Cyprus, the island of Aphrodite.

Welcome to Nicosia!

Theodore Rokkas, MD, PhD, FACP, AGAF, FEBG
President of the European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group

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- 2015 Heidi-Ingrid Maaroos, Tartu, Estonia
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- 2012 Richard Hunt, Hamilton, ON, Canada
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- 2008 Timo Kosunen, Helsinki, Finland
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- 2006 Barry Marshall, Perth, Australia &
Stanislav Konturek, Cracow, Poland

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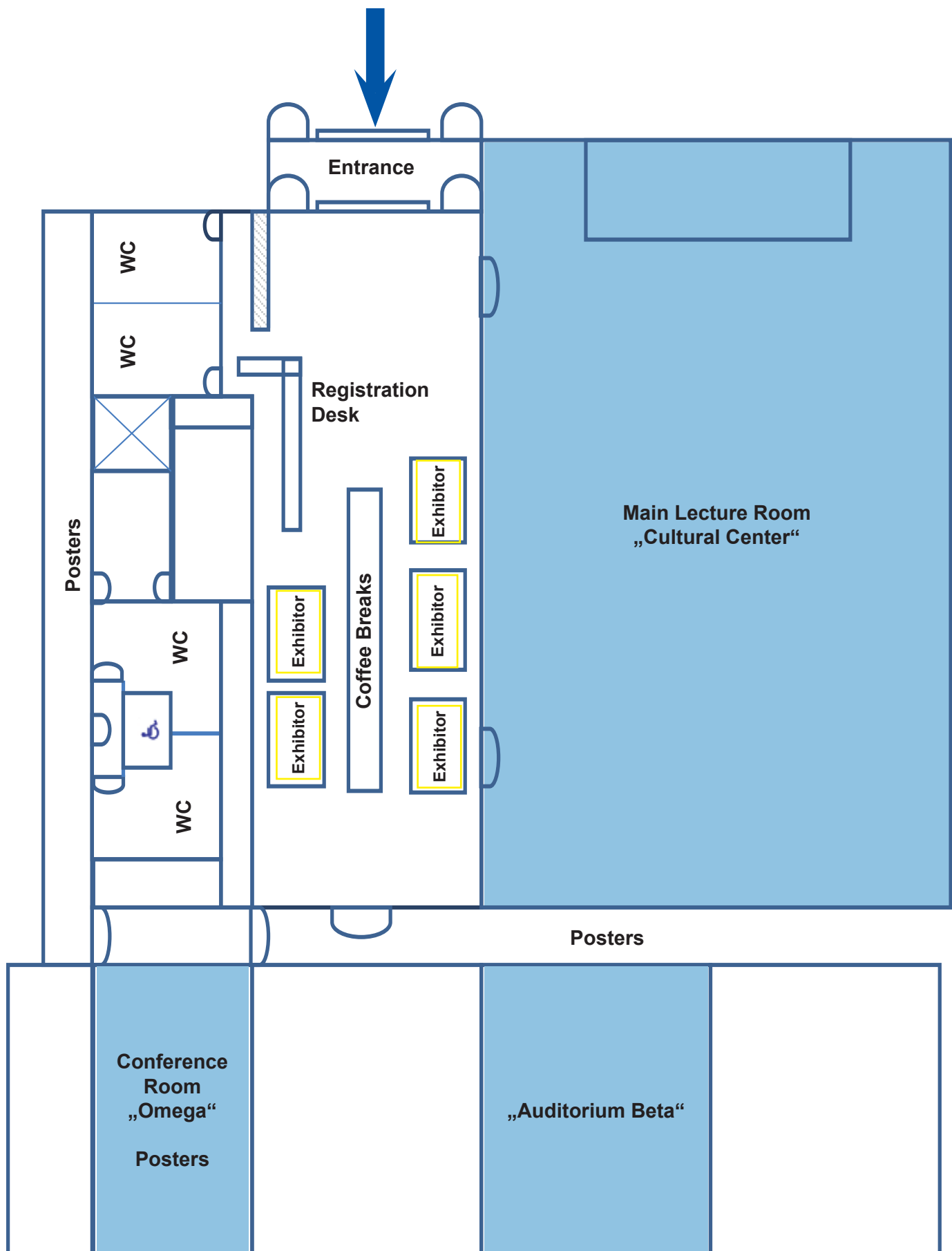
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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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Thursday, September 24, 2015

16.00 - 18.00 hrs	Korean-EHMSG Symposium <i>Cultural Center</i>
1. Historical perspective of <i>H. pylori</i> treatment in Europe, <i>Theodore Rokkas, Greece - President of the EHMSG</i> Historical perspective of <i>H. pylori</i> treatment in Korea, <i>Il Ju Choi, Republic of Korea</i> 2. Current strategies for eradication of <i>H. pylori</i> in Europe, <i>Colm O'Morain, Ireland - former President of UEG</i> Current strategies for eradication of <i>H. pylori</i> in Korea, <i>Ki-Nam Shim, Republic of Korea</i>	
18.30 hrs	Opening Ceremony <i>Cultural Center</i>
Keynote Lecture: Christou Demos "Overall picture of the Cyprus culture heritage throughout the centuries" Performance by the Cyprus Opera Organization	
19.30 hrs	EHMSG Networking Mixer

Friday, September 25, 2015

08.30 - 10.10	Opening Conferences <i>Cultural Center</i>		
<i>H. pylori</i> associated diseases. What can be learned from animal models? <i>J. Fox, USA</i> <i>H. pylori</i> and extradigestive diseases, <i>J. Kountouras, Greece</i> The European registry for <i>H. pylori</i> treatment, <i>J. Gisbert, Spain</i> The Korean registry for <i>H. pylori</i> treatment, <i>Jae G. Kim, Republic of Korea</i>			
10.10 – 10.40 hrs		<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.40 - 12.00 hrs	Parallel Workshops 1 – 2		
W1 treatment of Helicobacter infection <i>Cultural Center</i>		W2 Virulence Factors and pathogenesis <i>Auditorium Beta</i>	
12.00 - 13.00		Lunch Break	
13.00–14.30 hrs	Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts		
Group 1 - Diagnosis of Helicobacter infection		Group 4 - Epidemiology	
Group 2 - Treatment of <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> infection 1		Group 5 - Gut microbiota	
Group 3 - Treatment of <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> infection 2			
14.30–16.00 hrs	Symposium: Epidemiology of <i>H. pylori</i> infection and PUD <i>Cultural Center</i>		
Epidemiology of <i>H. pylori</i> infection in Israel, <i>K. Muhsen, Israel</i> Probiotics used as adjuvants for the eradication of <i>H. pylori</i> . Experience in the Middle East, <i>A.L. Dajani, Dubai</i> Evolution of PUD along the years, <i>T. Axon, United Kingdom</i>			
16.00–16.30 hrs		<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.30–18.00 hrs	Parallel Workshops 3 – 4		
W3 Microbiota <i>Cultural Center</i>		W4 Epidemiology & Diagnosis <i>Auditorium Beta</i>	
19.00 hrs	EHMSG Networking Dinner (Ticket required - Bus departure 18.15hrs)		

Saturday, September 26, 2015

08.30–10.00 hrs	Symposium: Gastric Carcinogenesis Cultural Center	
	EBV in gastric cancer, <i>M.C. Camargo, USA</i> Oncogenic signal transduction by <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> , <i>S. Backert, Germany</i> Novel human gastric primary cell culture system, <i>T. Meyer, Germany</i> Consequence of <i>H. pylori</i> on mitochondria and their genome, <i>E. Touati, France</i>	
10.00–10.30 hrs	Coffee break	
10.30–12.00 hrs	Parallel Workshops 5 – 6	
	W5 Gastric Cancer Cultural Center	W6 Helicobacter and Extradigestive Disease Auditorium Beta
12.00–13.00 hrs	Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts	
	Group 6 - Drug resistance and clinical issues Group 7 - Gastric cancer and cancerogenesis Group 8 - Virulence factors and pathogenesis of <i>Helicobacter</i> infection Group 9 - Inflammation, immunity, vaccines and host interaction	Group 10 - Microbiology and genomics of <i>Helicobacter</i> Group 11 - <i>Helicobacter</i> and extragastrroduodenal disease Group 12 - Paediatrics
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14.00 - 15.30 hrs	Symposium: What do we need to know about gut microbiota? Cultural Center	
	How to study gut microbiota? <i>L. Engstrand, Sweden</i> Composition of gut microbiota according to anatomical site, <i>G. Perez-Perez, New York, NY</i> Establishment of gut microbiota and change over time, <i>Tamar Ringel-Kulka, USA</i> Modulation of gut microbiota, <i>A. Gasbarrini, Italy</i>	
15.30–16.00 hrs	Coffee break	
16.00–17.30 hrs	Symposium: Why is gut microbiota important? Cultural Center	
	Gut microbiota and Cancer, <i>G. Hold, United Kingdom</i> Gut microbiota and IBD, <i>F. Scaldaferri, Italy</i> Gut microbiota and nutrient sensor pathway, <i>H. Tilg, Austria</i> Gut microbiota, obesity and metabolic dysfunction, <i>H. Tilg, Austria</i>	
17.45–18.00 hrs	Awarding of the Marshall and Warren Medal to Heidi-Ingrid Maaroo EHMSG Presentation and Poster Awards Presentation of the next EHMS Meeting in Magdeburg, Germany Closing remarks	

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Friday, May 22, 2016
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next Workshop!

PROGRAMME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

16.00 - 18.00 hrs
Room:

Korean-EHMSG Symposium
Cultural Center

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Chair:

Jae J. Kim,
Francis Mégraud

Speaking Time:

25' + 5'

- 1. Historical perspective

Historical perspective of *H. pylori* treatment in Europe
Theodore Rokkas, Greece - President of the EHMSG

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- **Historical perspective of *H. pylori* treatment in Korea**
Il Ju Choi, Republic of Korea

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- 2. Current strategies

Current strategies for eradication of *H. pylori* in Europe
Colm O'Morain, Ireland - former President of UEG

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- **Current strategies for eradication of *H. pylori* in Korea**
Ki-Nam Shim, Republic of Korea

18.30 hrs

Opening Ceremony

Keynote Lecture: Christou Demos
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Performance by the Cyprus Opera Organization

19.30 hrs

EHMSG Networking Mixer

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PROGRAMME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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08:30 - 10:10 hrs **Opening Conferences**
Room: **Cultural Center**

Chairpersons: G. Potamitis
 T. Rokkas
 S.W. Lee

Speaking Time: 25' + 5'

- ***H. pylori* associated diseases. What can be learned from animal models?**
J. Fox, USA

- ***H. pylori* and extradigestive diseases**
J. Kountouras, Greece

- **The European registry for *H. pylori* treatment**
J. Gisbert, Spain

- **The Korean registry for *H. pylori* treatment**
Jae G. Kim, Republic of Korea

10:10 - 10:40 hrs **Coffee break**

10:40 - 12:00 hrs **Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts**

Room: **Workshop 1 - Treatment of Helicobacter infection**
Cultural Center

Chairpersons: D. Graham
 J. Gisbert

Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

- **W1.1 - Treating refractory *Helicobacter pylori* infection in patients with a history of penicillin allergy: the role of immunological testing.**
Peter Katelaris, Sydney, Australia

- ~~**W1.2 - The effect of CYP2C19 polymorphisms on concomitant therapy with different proton pump inhibitors for *Helicobacter pylori* eradication**~~
~~*Junbo Hong, Nanchang, China (Withdrawn)*~~

- **W1.3 - A novel adjuvanted controlled delivery system for oral vaccination against *Helicobacter pylori* infection.**
Vincenzo Aversa, Dublin, Ireland

- **W1.4 - Structure, function, and inhibitors of the acid-gated *Helicobacter pylori* urea channel, an essential component for acid survival and chronic infection**
Hartmut Luecke, Irvine, United States

- **W1.5 - High eradication rate of Levofloxacin-Dexlansoprazole based quadruple therapy for *Helicobacter pylori* treatment in Thailand**
Ratha-korn Vilaichone, Bangkok, Thailand

- **W1.6 - 14-day triple (clarithromycin, metronidazole, or fluoroquinolone) or concomitant therapies plus bismuth for population-based *H. pylori* eradication programs**
David Graham, Houston, United States

10:40 - 12:00 hrs Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts

Room: Workshop 2 - Virulence Factors and pathogenesis
Auditorium Beta

Chairpersons: D. Sgouras
S. Backert

Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

• **W2.1 - Evaluation of the clinical relevance of cagL gene polymorphisms of *Helicobacter pylori***

Carlo-Federico Zambon, Padua, Italy

• **W2.2 - *H. pylori* CagA protein may be involved in the induction of epithelial to mesenchymal transition in experimentally in vitro infected gastric epithelial cells**

Dionyssios Sgouras, Athens, Greece

• **W2.3 - The boundless and bountiful: genome dynamics & survival mechanisms in *H. pylori***

Niyaz Ahmed, Hyderabad, India

• **W2.4 - Long non-coding RNA THRIL regulates *Helicobacter pylori* cagA induced-inflammation by inhibition of NF-κB translocation**

Na Keum Lee, Seoul, Republic of Korea

• **~~W2.5 - Cross talk between flagellar assembly and virulence in gastric cell-adhered *Helicobacter pylori*~~**

~~Rukhsana Chowdhury, Kolkata, India (Withdrawn)~~

• **W2.6 - Disulfide bond formation in gastric pathogen *Helicobacter pylori*: an Achilles' heel for secretion of pro-inflammatory virulence proteins.**

Carole Creuzenet, London, Canada

12:00 - 13:30 hrs Lunch

13:00 - 14:30 hrs Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts

Group 1 - Diagnosis of *Helicobacter* infection

Chairpersons: P. Kasapidis, B. Tepes

Group 2 - Treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection 1

Chairpersons: S. Georgopoulos, L.V. Coelho

Group 3 - Treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection 2

Chairpersons: C. Tzathas, C. O'Morain

Group 4 - Epidemiology

Chairpersons: D. Kalli, K. Muhsen

Group 5 - Gut microbiota

Chairpersons: G. Hold, L. Engstrand

PROGRAMME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

14 **14:30 - 16:00 hrs** **Symposium: Epidemiology of *H. pylori* infection and PUD**
Room: **Cultural Center**

Thursday Chairpersons: A. Lanas
P. Malfertheiner

Speaking Time: 25' + 5'

- **Epidemiology of *H. pylori* infection in Israel**
K. Muhsen, Israel

- **Probiotics used as adjuvants for the eradication of *H. pylori*. Experience in the Middle East**
A.L. Dajani, Dubai

- **Evolution of PUD along the years**
T. Axon, United Kingdom

Friday

Saturday

16:00 - 16:30 hrs **Coffee break**

16:30 - 18:00 hrs **Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts**

Room: **Workshop 3 - Microbiota**
Cultural Center

Chairpersons: T. Demetriou
B. Flahou

Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

- **W3.1 - Detection, isolation and characterization of a highly prevalent new *Fusobacterium* species colonizing the stomach of pigs**
Bram Flahou, Merelbeke, Belgium

- **W3.2 - An innovative nonlinear multivariate analysis reveals proton-pump-inhibitor and *Helicobacter pylori* related patterns in gastric metagenomic data**
Carlo Cannistraci, Dresden, Germany

- **W3.3 - Rifaximin Treatment Increases *Lactobacillus* Abundance in Patients with Different Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases**
Francesca Romana Ponziani, Rome, Italy

- **W3.4 - Involvement of the *Helicobacter heilmannii* locus encoding the Hof outer membrane proteins in binding to the gastric mucosa**
Annemieke Smet, Merelbeke, Belgium

- **W3.5 - Fecal microbiota transplantation for recurrent *C. difficile* infection: a 2-year experience from a European referral centre**
Giovanni Cammarota, Rome, Italy

- **W3.6 - Changes in Gut Microbiota Composition According to Nutritional Status in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis**
Silvia Pecere, Rome, Italy

PROGRAMME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

16:30 - 18:00 hrs
Room: **Workshop 4 - Epidemiology & Diagnosis**
Auditorium Beta

Chairpersons: A. Mentis
F. Bazzoli

Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

• **W4.1 - The risk of peptic ulcer bleeding is highest in *H. pylori* positive patients on combined antiplatelet therapy**
Marino Venerito, Magdeburg, Germany

• **W4.2 - Reinfection twelve years after successful eradication of *Helicobacter pylori* in Alaska**
Michael Bruce, Anchorage, United States

• **W4.3 - The incidence of *Helicobacter pylori* infection with increasing age.**
Marion Rowland, Dublin, Ireland

• **W4.4 - The difference of *cagA* genotype of *Helicobacter pylori* alone cannot explain the geographic differences in gastric cancer incidence in Mongolia**
Yoshio Yamaoka, Yufu, Japan

• **W4.5 - The accuracy of a new ¹³C urea breath test meal (Refex®) for *Helicobacter pylori* in patients taking proton pump inhibitors**
Bojan Tepes, Rogaška Slatina, Slovenia

• **W4.6 - Preneoplastic conditions are frequent in patients with peptic gastric ulcer**
Marino Venerito, Magdeburg, Germany

19.00 hrs **EHMSG Networking Dinner**

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PROGRAMME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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08:30 - 10:00 hrs
Room: **Symposium: Gastric Carcinogenesis**
Cultural Center

Thursday

Chairpersons: M. Leja
J.C. Machado
Speaking Time: 25' + 5'

Friday

- **EBV in gastric cancer**
M.C. Camargo, USA
- **Oncogenic signal transduction by *Helicobacter pylori***
S. Backert, Germany
- **Novel human gastric primary cell culture system**
T. Meyer, Germany
- **Consequence of *H. pylori* on mitochondria and their genome**
E. Touati, France

Saturday

10:00 - 10:30 hrs **Coffee break**

10:30 - 12:00 hrs **Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts**

Room: **Workshop 5 - Gastric Cancer**
Cultural Center

Chairpersons: T. Rokkas
M. C. Camargo

Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

- **W5.1 - *Helicobacter* species identified in captive sooty mangabey (*Cercocebus atys*) with gastric adenocarcinoma**
J Fox, Cambridge, United States
- **W5.2 - Role of *Helicobacter pylori* in expression of cancer and metastasis related genes on human adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells -An invitro study**
Sadegh Lotf Alah Moradi, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
- **W5.3 - *Helicobacter pylori* induces epithelial-mesenchymal transition of gastric epithelial cell through Akt pathway**
Wenting Xu, Nanchang, China
- **W5.4 - Analysis of deregulated microRNAs and their target genes in gastric cancer**
Juozas Kupcinskas, Kaunas, Lithuania
- **W5.5 - Reproducibility of Volatile Marker Tests in Gastric Cancer and the Analysis of Confounding Factors, in Particular - Gut Microbiota upon the Test Results**
Marcis Leja, Riga, Latvia
- **W5.6 - Recovery of Gastric Function After Acetium® Administration: A 2 Year Study in Patients with Chronic, Atrophic, Body Gastritis**
Francesco Di Mario, Parma, Italy

PROGRAMME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:30 - 12:00 hrs
Room:

Workshop 6 - Helicobacter and Extradigestive Disease
Auditorium Beta

Chairpersons: G. Potamitis
F. Franceschi
Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

- **W6.1 - Influence of the stomach-brain axis in relation to an experimental *Helicobacter suis* infection in mice**
Caroline Blaecher, Merelbeke, Belgium
- **W6.2 - *Helicobacter pylori* infection aggravates diet-induced insulin resistance in association with gut microbiota of mice: causal or casual?**
Cong He, Nanchang, China
- **W6.3 - *Helicobacter pylori* infection is a consistent protective factor against inflammatory bowel diseases**
Hazel Mitchell, Sydney, Australia
- **W6.4 - A potential role of *Helicobacter pylori* infection in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease**
Christos Zavos, Thessaloniki, Greece
- **W6.5 - Prevalence of *Helicobacter pylori* infection in Crohn's disease**
Nikos Viazis, Athens, Greece
- **W6.6 - Challenges in the evaluation of Helicobacter species and biliary tract cancer**
Jill Koshiol, Rockville, United States

12:00 - 13:00 hrs

Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts

Group 6 - Drug resistance and clinical issues
Chairpersons: G. Petrikos, A.L. Dajani

Group 7 - Gastric cancer and cancerogenesis
Chairpersons: K. Christoforou, M. C. Camargo

Group 8 - Virulence factors and pathogenesis of Helicobacter infection
Chairpersons: J. Karagiannis, E. Touati

Group 9 - Inflammation, immunity, vaccines and host interaction
Chairpersons: J. Kaimakliotis, T. Meyer

Group 10 - Microbiology and genomics of Helicobacter
Chairpersons: C. Klonis, N. Ahmed

Group 11 - Helicobacter and extragastrroduodenal disease
Chairpersons: L. Loizou, J. Kountouras

Group 12 - Paediatrics
Chairpersons: E. Roma, S. Koletzko

13:00 - 14:00 hrs

Lunch Break

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PROGRAMME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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14:00 - 15:30 hrs

Room:

Chairpersons:

Symposium: What do we need to know about gut microbiota?

Cultural Center

L. Andersen, H. Tilg

Speaking Time:

25' + 5'

• **How to study gut microbiota?**

L. Engstrand, Sweden

• **Composition of gut microbiota according to anatomical site**

G. Perez-Perez, New York, NY

• **Establishment of gut microbiota and change over time**

Tamar Ringel-Kulka, USA

• **Modulation of gut microbiota**

A. Gasbarrini, Italy

15:30 - 16:00 hrs

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30 hrs

Room:

Chairpersons:

M. Trifonos

G. Gasbarrini

Speaking Time:

25' + 5'

• **Gut microbiota and Cancer**

G. Hold, United Kingdom

• **Gut microbiota and IBD**

F. Scaldaferri, Italy

• **Gut microbiota and nutrient sensor pathway**

H. Tilg, Austria

• **Gut microbiota, obesity and metabolic dysfunction**

H. Tilg, Austria

17:30 - 18:30 hrs

Awarding of the Marshall and Warren Medal to Heidi-Ingrid Maaros

EHMSG Presentation and Poster Awards

Presentation of the next EHMSG Meeting in Magdeburg 2016, Germany

Closing remarks

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The presence at the poster of *one* of the authors is mandatory during the following times:

Friday, September 25, 2013, 13.00 - 14.30 hrs

- Group 1 - Diagnosis of Helicobacter infection
- Group 2 - Treatment of Helicobacter pylori infection 1
- Group 3 - Treatment of Helicobacter pylori infection 2
- Group 4 - Epidemiology
- Group 5 - Gastric & Gut microbiota

**Mounting of the posters in Rounds 1-5 is possible on Friday, September 25, 2015 from 8.00 - 10.10 hrs .
Removal on Friday, September 25, 2015, from 16.30-18.00 hrs.**

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, POSTER SCHEDULE (CONT.)

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Saturday, September 26, 2015, 12.00 – 13.00 hrs

- Group 6 - Drug resistance and clinical issues
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- Group 8 - Virulence factors and pathogenesis of Helicobacter infection
- Group 9 - Inflammation, immunity, vaccines and host interaction
- Group 10 - Microbiology and genomics of Helicobacter
- Group 11 - Helicobacter and extragastrroduodenal disease
- Group 12 - Paediatrics

Mounting of the posters in Rounds 6-12 is possible on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 8.00 - 10.00 hrs

Removal on Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 16.00-18.00 hrs.

Please note that posters not removed by the indicated times, will be taken down by the staff of the conference centre and will not be stored or sent to the authors after the meeting.

Format

The usable surface on the poster board is 90 cm width x 150 cm height (portrait format). Adhesive material will be made available.

In alphabetical order.

Badges

Participants should collect name badges from the conference registration desk. As only registered participants will be permitted to attend the Scientific Sessions, the Exhibition and poster areas, you are kindly asked to wear your badge when entering the congress venue.

Cancellations and Refunds

Notice of cancellation had to be made in writing by email or fax to the Congress Office.

The policy for refunding registration fees is as follows:

Written cancellation received:

- Before August 17, 2015: 75% refund

- After August 17, 2015: no refund

The date of the email or fax ID is the basis for considering refunds. Refunds will be made after the congress.

Certificate of Attendance

Confirmations of attendance will be issued at the registration desk.

Cash Dispensers

ATMs are widely available in Nicosia. Local currency (Euro) can also be obtained from banks and exchange bureaus.

CME Credits

The "XXVIIIth International Workshop on Helicobacter and Related Bacteria in Chronic Digestive Inflammation and Gastric Cancer" was granted **15 European CME credits** (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Coffee Breaks and Lunch

During the session breaks refreshments (coffee, tea, and water) will be served free of charge to participants wearing name badges.

Lunch tickets for Friday and Saturday had to be pre-ordered and cannot be purchased on site. Price per day: EUR 10.-.

Lunch tickets are not refundable.

Congress Venue

European University Cyprus
6, Diogenis Str., Engomi,
1516 Nicosia-Cyprus

How to reach the Venue

Nearest Bus Routes: 100, 115, 119, 127, 214, 215, 250

Currency

The official currency of Cyprus is the Euro (EUR).

1 EUR = 1,13 USD = 0,73 GBP = 136 JPY = 1,09 CHF = 9,33 SEK = 7,45 DKK = 1,59 AUD

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Electricity Supply

230V - 50Hz; G, F plugs type. Connectors can be obtained from your hotel reception or electronic stores.

GSM cell phone roaming

GSM cell/mobile phone roaming is available without any problems for all major international providers. It is advisable to inquire at your provider which roaming company in Cyprus offers the cheapest tariffs.

Internet

You will find Internet cafés throughout the city. WIFI is available, please ask for a code at the registration desk.

Language

The official language of the congress is English (no simultaneous translation).

Liability

In registering for the EHMSG 2015 participants agree that neither the organising committee nor the congress office assume any liability whatsoever. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements in respect of health and travel. Furthermore, the organisers cannot assume any liability for changes in the programme due to external or unforeseen circumstances and force majeure.

Opening hours of the registration desk at the Congress Centre

Thursday, September 24, 2015: 13.00 – 18.00 hrs

Friday, September 25, 2015: 08.00 – 18.00 hrs

Saturday, September 26, 2015: 08.30 – 18.00 hrs

Poster Removal

The organisers cannot assume any liability for loss or damage of posters displayed in the poster area. Posters that were not removed after the end of the respective day of display, will be removed and will not be kept nor mailed to the author after the meeting.

Presentations

All presenters should hand in their electronic presentation to the technician of the according lecture room in a break at least 1 hour before your talk either via USB-Memory Stick or CD-Rom (30 minutes for talks in the first morning sessions).

Due to EACCME regulations, authors are requested to disclose possible conflicts of interest on the first slide.

A conflict of interest is any situation in which a speaker or immediate family members have interests, and those may cause a conflict with the current presentation. Conflicts of interest do not preclude the delivery of the talk, but should be explicitly declared. These may include financial interests (e.g. owning stocks of a related company, having received honoraria, consultancy fees), research interests (research support by grants or otherwise), organisational interests and gifts.

If you have nothing to disclose, please state “I have no commercial disclosure” instead of the table.

Safety - Crime

Visitor safety is generally adequate, like in any other major European city. You can walk everywhere using common sense. Pick pocketing in heavily visited tourist zones or in public transport lines might be a concern.

Unfortunately experience has shown that some basic precautionary measures should always be kept in mind in any city:

- Do not carry important items like flight tickets, passports etc. with you when visiting the conference or strolling through the city, leave them in the hotel safe during your stay. Rather carry a Xerox copy of your passport or an identity card with you.

- Try not to carry all documents, money, credit cards and other essential items and valuables in one bag. If it is lost or stolen, everything will be gone and might be difficult to replace on short notice, especially passports and visa to return to your country of residence.

- Take off your name badge when leaving the conference venue, it will make you easily identifiable as a tourist.

Smoking Policy

The EHMSG 2015 Workshop is a “No-smoking-Conference”.

Staff

If you should have any questions, the congress staff will be pleased to help you.

Weather

September in Cyprus

- Average high: 26°C / 79°F
- Average low: 19°C / 66°F
- Average rainfall: 10 mm / 1 in

Registration Fees

Payment received	Before July 15, 2015	After July 15, 2015 & on site
Regular Participants	EUR 300.–	EUR 400.–
Young Scientists (<35 years)	EUR 150.–	EUR 200.–
Students (< 30 years)	EUR 100.–	EUR 100.–
Company Representatives	EUR 450.–	EUR 550.–
EHMSG / ESPGHAN Postgraduate Course on September 23, 2015	EUR 150.–	EUR 150.–
Combined Fee EHMSG 2015 & ESPGHAN Postgraduate Course - Regular Participants	EUR 400.–	EUR 500.–
Combined Fee EHMSG 2015 & ESPGHAN Postgraduate Course - Young Scientists under 35	EUR 250.–	EUR 300.–
Day Ticket	-	EUR 200.–
Networking Evening	EUR 50.–	EUR 50.–

Payment of Registration fees may be made either cash in Euro or by Credit Card (Diners Club, Mastercard and Visa).

Please note

The reduced registration fee was only applicable, **if it has been credited to the congress account before the deadline**. Registering before July 15, 2015 without performing an actual payment was not sufficient to benefit from the reduction.

What is covered by the registration fee?

- Admission to all scientific sessions and the exhibition
- Admission to the networking mixer
- Programme book
- 1 copy of "Year in Helicobacter 2015"
- Refreshments during coffee breaks

Cancellations

Notice of cancellation must have been made in writing by email or fax to the Congress Office. The date of the email/fax ID was the basis for considering refunds.

Registration fees may be refunded after the workshop as follows. Cancellation received:

- before August 17, 2015: 75% refund
- after August 17, 2015: no refund

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday, September 24, 2015, 19.30 hrs

EHMSG Networking Mixer

Metohion Kykkou Gardens

Saint Prokopios, Nicosia, 1304

Free for registered participants, however registration for this event is mandatory.

Friday, September 25, 2015, 19.00 hrs

EHMSG Networking Evening at the Restaurant Galu - Bus transfer from the venue at 18.15 hrs

34 Mesopotamias Str, Oroklini, Larnaca 7041

Price: EUR 50.-

Ticket is required and will be checked at the entrance.

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