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Myths & misconceptions versus evidence on contraception

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Introduction

Dear colleagues and friends,

We warmly invite you to Athens for the 12th Congress of the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health (20-23 June 2012).

The title of the congress “Myths and misconceptions versus evidence on contraception” reflects that despite dissemination of information, the availability of contraceptives and the achievements in the fields of reproductive health, there are still misconceptions, bordering even to obsession. These misconceptions greatly affect the will of couples to rely on contraception therefore limiting its use.

Studies have shown that where contraceptive use is inaccessible or of low quality, there are harmful consequences on people’s reproductive health, especially to the younger age groups. Furthermore, well conducted studies have demonstrated great deficiencies in the knowledge of contraception and the existence of misconceptions even among medical doctors, including gynaecologists.

Presentations based on the results of evidence based studies should reveal the truth about contraception and dispel the common myths and misconceptions. We have the ambition and the decisiveness to contribute to the achievement of this goal with the organisation of the 12th ESC Congress.

The format of the congress will be similar to the successful 11th Congress in The Hague with a wide variety of topics and sessions. A considerable proportion of the scientific programme will be interactive, including meet the expert sessions and workshops.

There is no better place in Europe to discuss these topics than the beautiful city of Athens. Athens is a unique city, combining the splendour of its ancient past with the radiance of modern, living capital. Innumerable cultural venues, leading museums and sites of immense archaeological importance make Athens a city of unsurpassed cultural heritage. All in one Athens offers a visitor experience that is second to none.

June marks the first summer month in Greece so it is ideal to tag a short holiday on to your stay: unique destinations and today’s beauties await to impress you: historic and cultural heritage, wonderful beaches, night life, picturesque villages...

So join us in Athens in 2012!

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Athens

Athens is recognised as the birthplace of civilisation. The source of many of the West’s intellectual and artistic conceptions, reminders are present throughout the city. The most famous of these is the Parthenon, which dominates the Athenian landscape and is unsurpassed in its beauty, architectural splendor and historic importance. The city’s many classical remains can be discovered in the excellent museums, including the newly renovated National Archaeological Museum and New Museum of Acropolis with their respective superb collections of Greek antiquities.

Bathed in light and drenched in sunshine for 300 days of the year, the vibrant city streets and squares are full of cafés and an astonishing number of restaurants of all styles. Here you can sate your senses with a cuisine recognised as one of the healthiest and tastiest in the world, in restaurants overlooking the moonlit Acropolis or Tavernas next to the sparkling Aegean Sea.

Archaeological attractions in Athens

• The Acropolis Hill of Athens, is the most important landmark of the city and, as a World Heritage Monument, constitutes one of the most recognisable monuments on Earth. The first habitable remains on the Acropolis date from the Neolithic period.

• The New Acropolis Museum is a purpose built museum by the architect Bernard Tschumi to house the archaeological findings related to the Acropolis Hill.

• The National Archaeological Museum of Athens is the largest, most important archaeological museum in Greece and among the richest in the world for Ancient Greek art.

Historical sites, cultural attractions and sight seeing

• Lycabettus Hill rises 1,000 feet into the Athenian sky offering a unique vantage point to the city.

• The Zappeion Exhibition Hall is one of the outstanding examples of late Athenian Classicism and an archetype of Greek public architecture.

• The Parliament Building (Old Palace) is a representative sample of the early period of Neoclassicism in Greece.
Practical information

How to get to the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre?

The Megaron Athens International Conference Centre is located at the junction of Vassilissis Sofias Avenue and Kokkali Street in the centre of Athens. Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport is Athens’ main airport.

From the airport you can reach the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre (approx. 30 minutes):

• By Metro (line 3): The Megaron AICC is accessible by underground railway. The metro stop is “Megaron Mousikis” (Music Megaron).

• By Bus (OASA X95): Buses are available at the arrivals level, between exit 4&5. Buses leave every 10-15 minutes. Bus stop Megaron Mousikis.

• By Taxi: Taxis are available at the designated Taxi waiting area located at exit 3 at arrivals level.

• By Car: Take Attiki Odos Avenue. Continue to Mesogeion Avenue and at the end turn right into Vassilissis Sofias Avenue. Follow the road for 0.6 miles and the Megaron AICC is on the right-hand side. The Megaron AICC has an underground parking facility.

Lunches

Participants who register on site for a Meet the Expert session or an Expert Group meeting will have a lunch box provided.

Passports & visas

Greece is a member of the Schengen Agreement nations. Participants are requested to check with the Greece consulate or embassy in their home country or with their travel agency for visa requirements (http://www.mfa.gr/www.mfa.gr/en-US/Services/Visas/Visas+for+Foreigners+travelling+to+Greece/). The Congress Secretariat will be glad to assist you in this matter.
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The currency in Greece is the Euro (€). All congress fees and rates are charged in Euro. No other currency will be accepted during the Congress.

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Social programme

Wednesday, 20 June 2012

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception - Alexandra Trianti Hall

All participants are warmly invited to join us for the Opening Ceremony. It will be an entertaining and eventful introduction to the congress. During the ceremony, the ESC Medal will be awarded for the fifth time. After the Opening Ceremony, we invite our delegates to attend the Welcome Reception. Attendance at the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception are complimentary.

Friday, 22 June 2012

Congress Dinner

The 12th ESC Congress will not only be about science, but also about having a good time. Sign up for this event and enjoy a fantastic evening in the company of your friends and colleagues. We will offer an exquisite blend of excellent food and entertainment.

Saturday, 23 June 2012

Closing and Award Ceremony

The Closing and Award Ceremony will be held after the last session of the congress. During this Ceremony, presentations will be made to the winners of the 2012 ESC Poster Award, the Public Poster Award, the Best Free Communication Award as well as the winner of the Young Scientist Award. At the end of the Ceremony we will say goodbye to Athens and welcome the countries hosting the next congresses: Denmark and Portugal.
Scientific programme

Wednesday, 20 June 2012

Alexandra Trianti Hall
18:00 Opening Session
19:00 Opening Reception

Thursday, 21 June 2012

08:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall
08:30 - 10:00 Keynote session 1: Myths and misconceptions
Chair: P. Patroclou (Cyprus) - P.G. Crosignani (Italy)
08:30 Every doctor is a contraception specialist
J. Bitzer (Switzerland)
09:00 Abortion: facts and fiction
K. Gemzell-Danielsson (Sweden)
09:30 Myths about sexuality
R. van Lunsen (the Netherlands)

10:00 Break and poster viewing

10:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall
10:30 - 12:00 Sponsored symposium

Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall
10:30 - 12:00 Congress session 1: Barrier methods and NFP
Chair: B. Pinter (Slovenia)
10:30 Female barrier methods
C. Mauck (USA)
10:50 Male condom
M. Lech (Poland)
11:10 Spermicides
J. Ramalho-Santos (Portugal)
11:30 Natural family planning
P. Frank-Hermann (Germany)
11:50 Free communication
Nikos Skalkotas Hall
10:30 - 12:00  Workshop 1: How to write a paper  
   J.-J. Amy (Belgium) - M. Berer (UK)

MC 3 room
10:30 - 11:10  Society Session: Spanish Society of Contraception  
   Are the myths and erroneous ideas globalized?  
   The hormonal contraception situation in Spain and possible solutions  
   Chair: E. de la Viuda Garcia (Spain)
10:30  Are the myths and erroneous ideas globalized?  
   The hormonal contraception situation in Spain and possible solutions  
   J.L. Dueñas Diez (Spain)
10:45  Debate  
   E. López Arregui (Spain) - M. Quesada (Spain) - E. Pérez Campos (Spain)
11:05  Q & A

11:20 - 12:00  Society Session: Swiss Society of Contraception:  
   Important aspects of contraception in adolescents  
   Chair: G. Merki-Feld (Switzerland) - S. Tschudin (Switzerland)
11:20  Different dosages of contraceptives - Recommendations for adolescents  
   R. Drahts (Switzerland)
11:40  Contraception after medical abortion  
   A. Godinho Lourenco (Switzerland)

MC 2 room
10:30 - 11:10  Society Session: International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

12:00
12:00 - 14:00  Lunch
12:30 - 13:30  Meet the Expert sessions

- Side effects of progestogen only contraception (POC)  
  G. Merki-Feld (Switzerland) - T. Bombas (Portugal)
- Communicating sexual education  
  O. Loeber (the Netherlands) - E. Deligeoroglou (Greece)
- The Pleasure Principle in sexual health - S. Slack (UK) - L. Wilson (UK)
- Sexual health of people living with HIV - C. Noestlinger (Belgium) - I. Klint (Belgium)
- Practical aspects of PCO and metabolic syndrome  
  S. Skouby (Denmark) - M. Fanta (Czech Rep.)
- Critical reading - I. Lete Lasa (Spain) - A. Webb (UK)
- Contraception in cancer survivors - D. Cibula (Czech Rep.) - M. Kishen (UK)
- Emergency contraception - B. Frey Tirri (Switzerland) - K. Sedlecky (Serbia)
- What about boys - D. Apter (Finland) - O. Kapella (Austria)
- Medical abortion - K. Gemzell - Danielsson (Sweden) - C. Fiala (Austria)
14:00

**Alexandra Trianti Hall**
14:00 - 15:30  Sponsored symposium

**Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall**
14:00 - 14:40  Society Session: Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
14:50 - 15:30  Society Session: World Association for Sexual Health
   Playing in the interface between sexual and reproductive health
   *Chair: K. Wylie (UK)*
   Sexual aspects of contraception
   *J. Bitzer (Switzerland)*
   Sexual variety as contraception
   *K. Wylie (UK)*
   Sexual aspects of not conceiving
   *W. Gianotten (the Netherlands)*

**Nikos Skalkotas Hall**
14:00 - 15:30  Workshop 2: STD
   *P. Horner (UK), B. Frey-Tirri (Switzerland), J. Paavonen (Finland), G. Donders (Belgium)*

**MC 3 room**
14:00 - 15:30  Free communication session

**MC 2 room**
14:00 - 15:30  Interactive workshop: Hands on (IUD, implants)
   *R. Beerthuizen (The Netherlands) - P. Panagopoulos (Greece)*

15:30  Break and poster viewing

16:00

**Alexandra Trianti Hall**
16:00 - 16:30  Keynote lecture 1: Myths and misconceptions about contraception
   *Chair: A. Volpe (Italy) M. Kishen (UK)*

16:30

**Alexandra Trianti Hall**
16:30 - 18:00  Congress session 2: New concepts in hormonal contraception
   *Chair: G. Merki (Switzerland) - S. Skouby (Denmark)*
16:30  Hormonal contraception in the future: Extended cycle regimens?
16:50  S. Skouby (Denmark)  
Combined pills with estradiol: Risks and benefits

17:10  G. Merki (Switzerland)  
Estetrol in oral contraception

17:30  R. Dubey (USA)  
Emergency contraception with Ulipristal

17:50  S. Cameron (UK)  
Free communication

**Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall**  
16:30 - 18:00  Free communication session

**Nikos Skalkotas Hall**  
16:30 - 17:15  Late breaking news

17:15 - 18:00  Information sharing session for non-medics:  
Insurance issue, IUD insertion allowed…  
*Chair: S. Mehigan (UK)*

**MC 3 room**  
16:30 - 18:00  Free communication session

**MC 2 room**  
16:30 - 17:10  Society Session: Society of Family Planning (USA)

**18:00**  
General Assembly
Friday, 22 June 2012

08:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall
08:30 - 10:00 Keynote session 2: Contraception in Europe
Chair: H. Missey-Kolb (France) - T. Rabe (Germany)
08:30 Availability and accessibility
B. Pinter (Slovenia)
09:00 Policies and monitoring
G. Lazdane (WHO)
09:30 Clinical practice: who, what and how?
C. Zätterström (Sweden)

10:00 Break and poster viewing

10:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall
10:30 - 12:00 Sponsored symposium

Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall
10:30 - 12:00 Congress session 3: Contraception, sexual health and STI
Chair: P. Weiss (Czech Rep.) - C. McNicholas (Ireland)
10:30 Adolescent sexuality
G. Creatsas (Greece)
10:50 Contraceptive hormones and female sexuality
J. Bitzer (Switzerland)
11:10 The “big five”. Learning from the Dutch Sexual Health Promotion Program
W. Gianotten (the Netherlands)
11:30 Family planning care and STI prevention
B. Frey Tirri (Switzerland)
11:50 Free Communication

Nikos Skalkotas Hall
10:30 - 12:00 Workshop 3: Contraception during the reproductive life cycle
T. Bombas (Portugal) - B. Pinter (Slovenia)

MC 3 room
10:30 - 11:10 Society Session: Greek Family Planning Association
Family Planning: new prospectives
Chair: D. Botsis (Greece) - V. Karagiannis (Greece)
G. Galazios (Greece) - P. Panagopoulos (Greece) - N. Salakos (Greece) - M. Liasidis (Cyprus) - P. Patroclou (Cyprus)
11:20 - 12:00  Society Session: European Society of Gynecology

12:00

12:00 - 13:30  Lunch

12:15 - 13:15  Expert group on sexual and reproductive health and education
Forum: Communication on sexuality: a matter of fun or fear
O. Loeber (the Netherlands)

12:15 - 13:15  Expert group on STI

12:15 - 13:15  Expert group on Abortion
Abortion in Europe: Myths and Facts
12:15  Europe far from united, current regulations, data and developments
12:30  Huge regional variations in access to abortion methods: how can we over-
come obstacles?
12:45  Contraception after abortion: what do women want?
13:00  Discussion

12:15 - 13:15  Expert group on Hormonal contraception
Non-oral versus oral contraception: Myths and Facts
Chair: D. Serfaty (France) - J. Bitzer (Switzerland)
Vaginal hormonal contraception combined with new microbicids: a giant’s
step or a myth?
R. Sitruk-Ware (Population Council)
Oral estradiol versus ethinyl-estradiol: risks and benefits
S.O. Skouby (Denmark)
Intrauterine progestin delivery: local versus systemic effects
I. Milsom (Sweden)

Myths and misconceptions about natural family planning
Chairman: I. Batár (Hungary) - Moderator: G. Freundl (Germany)

12:15 - 13:15  Museum of Contraception and Abortion
Moderator: C. Fiala (Austria)
Myths: from the past to present
Self-determination of women vs paternalistic attitudes
IUD development: considerations and obstacles
Abortion then and now
13:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall
13:30 - 14:00 Keynote lecture 2: Demography and contraception: facts and fiction
Chair: G. Bartfai (Hungary) - V. Yaglov (Russia)
C. d’Arcangues (WHO)

14:00

Alexandra Trianti Hall
14:00 - 15:30 Sponsored symposium

Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall
14:00 - 15:30 Congress session 4: Long acting reversible methods
Chair: M. Kishen (UK) - D. Serfaty (France)
14:00 Why use long acting reversible contraception (LARC)?
D. Serfaty (France)
14:20 Dispelling myths around intrauterine contraception
A. Glasier (WHO)
14:40 How long is it safe to use Depo-Provera?
C. d’Arcangues (WHO)
15:00 European experience with Implanon
D. Mansour (UK)
15:20 Free Communication

Nikos Skalkotas Hall
14:00 - 15:30 Best poster session

MC 3 room
14:00 - 15:30 Free communication session

15:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall
15:30 - 16:00 Keynote lecture 3: Contraception and women’s health
Chair: A. Ber (Israel) - I. Blidaru (Romania)
P. Hannaford (UK)

16:00 Break and poster viewing

16:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall
16:30 - 18:00 Congress session 5: Permanent contraception
Chair: S. Weyers (Belgium) - I. Llete Lasa (Spain)

16:30 Epidemiology of permanent contraception
P. Lobo (Spain)

16:50 Non contraceptive benefits of permanent contraception
L. Shulman (USA)

17:10 How permanent is permanent sterilisation?
Pregnancies after sterilisation.
S. Weyers (Belgium)

17:30 Male sterilisation
D. Michielsen (Belgium)

17:50 Free communication

Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall
16:30 - 18:00 Workshop 4: Counselling
J. Bitzer (Switzerland) - K. Sedlecky (Serbia)

Nikos Skalkotas Hall
16:30 - 17:10 Society Session: Francophone Society of Contraception
Session will be held in French
Sous réserve d’accord des orateurs et des modérateurs sollicités
Les points forts en contraception en 2012
Chair: M. Bouzekrini (Algérie), H. Chelli (Tunisie), D. Serfaty (France), M. Yacoubi (Maroc)
Contraception d’urgence: Ulipristal acétate (Ellaone® ou lévonorgestrel (Norlevo®)?
D. Serfaty (France)
Le regret post-stérilisation féminine ou/et masculine: comment l’évaluer?
comment le prévenir?
E. Guilbert (Canada)
Contraception du futur: l’ère de la protéomique et de la génomique?:
R. Sitruk-Ware (Population Council)
Discutants: J. Ch. Moreau (Sénégal), R. X. Perrin (Bénin), J. F. Meyé (Gabon),
B. T. Bonane (Burkina Faso), R. Dreyfus (France), J. Bitzer (Suisse), U. Gaspard (Belgique), N. Homasson (France)

17:20 - 18:00 Society Session: The Russian Society of Contraception -
The Russian Association for Population and Development

MC 3 room
16:30 - 17:10 Society Session: Italian Society of Contraception

17:20 - 18:00 Society Session: International Federation of Professional Abortion and Contraception Associates (FIAPAC)
Myths in abortion care
Chair: K. Gemzell Danielsson (Sweden) - S. Rowlands (UK)

17:20 Is there a lower gestational limit for abortion?
C. Fiala (Austria)
17:25 Medical abortion in non-hospital settings  
*E. Aubény (France)*

17:35 Restrictions in access to abortion: the Italian situation  
*M. Parachini (Italy)*

17:50 Is a follow-up needed after abortion?  
*S. Cameron (UK)*
Saturday, 23 June 2012

08:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall

08:30 - 10:00  Keynote session 3: Research in contraception and SRH  
Chair: I. Viberga (Latvia) - I. Sivin (USA)
08:30  Methodology of studies  
J.-J. Amy (Belgium)
09:00  Postmarketing studies  
J. Dinger (Germany)
09:30  Gaps and limits of evidence  
C. Westhoff (USA)
  Discussion

10:00  Break and poster viewing

10:30

Alexandra Trianti Hall

10:30 - 12:00  Congress session 6: Contraception as therapy and in medical conditions  
Chair: D. Cibula (Czech Rep.) - S Skouby (Denmark)
10:30  The role of contraception in the treatment of heavy menstrual bleeding (HMB)  
I. Milsom (Sweden)
10:50  Hormonal contraception: The challenge of obesity and diabetes  
S. Skouby (Denmark)
11:10  Breast disorders and hormonal contraception  
D. Lazaris (Greece)
11:30  Contraception in cancer prevention  
D. Cibula (Czech Republic)
11:50  Free communication

12:00  Closing session
12:30  Congress adjourn
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- Athens City Tour with tour of the Acropolis & Acropolis Museum
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- Santorini
- Mykonos
- One day cruise to 3 islands of Aegina Poros Hydra
- Poros
Call for abstracts

Abstract submission deadline 15 January 2012

The Organising and Scientific Committee invite all those involved in any aspect of contraception, sexual and reproductive health care to actively participate by submitting abstracts, either for oral or poster presentation. All abstracts will be peer reviewed and those accepted will be published in a Supplement of the European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health Care. As only a limited number of oral communications can be accepted, authors are asked to indicate on their form whether they wish their abstract to be considered ONLY for oral or poster presentation or for either option.

Oral Communications

The best oral communication abstracts will be selected for presentation either in the free communication sessions or integrated in a congress session. Authors will need to indicate their preference for an oral presentation on the online form. Instructions for oral communications will be given at the time of notification of acceptance.

Young Scientist Session

A Young Scientist session will provide a special platform for oral presentations by young scientists (below 35 years of age). Each presenter in this session will compete for the ESC Young Scientist Award. Abstracts submitted for the Young Scientist session must be written and presented by a first author who is less than 35 years old on 20 June 2012. Authors, who wish to be included in this session, should indicate this on the online form.

Poster presentations

Poster presentations will carry equivalent scientific status to oral communications in the programme. Instructions for poster preparation will be given at the time of notification of acceptance. A selection of the best posters will be presented in the ‘Best Poster’ session. From this session, the candidate for the Best Poster Award will be chosen. Authors need to indicate on their form whether they wish to be considered for this session and should prepare two slides in case they are selected to present their work. The Congress participants will be given an opportunity to vote for what they consider to be the best ‘Public’ poster award.
Awards

The Best Poster Award, the Best Free Communication Award, the Young Scientist Award and the Public Poster Award will be awarded during the Closing Ceremony on Saturday.

Topics for Free Communications and Posters

Authors must select one topic from the list which best describes the content of their submitted abstract:

- Abortion
- Barrier methods
- Contraception in adolescence
- Contraception in medical conditions and physical handicap
- Contraception in premenopausal women (perimenopausal)
- Contraception in socially disadvantaged groups
- Cultural influences on contraceptive decisions/practice
- Delivery of sexual and reproductive health care
- Diversity and sexual/reproductive health (SRH) in Europe
- Dual protection
- Education and training for family planning professionals
- Emergency contraception
- Gender issues in sexual and reproductive health
- Hormonal contraception
- Intrauterine contraception
- Long-acting reversible contraceptive methods
- Male contraception
- New contraceptive methods
- Natural family planning methods
- Non-contraceptive benefits of contraceptive methods
- Postpartum contraception
- Permanent contraception
- Role of non-doctors in contraception provision
- Sexual and contraceptive behaviour
- Sexual dysfunction
- Sexual health education
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Side effects and risks of contraceptives
- Tailor made bleeding patterns in contraception
Procedure and general policy

- Original scientific material is welcome and should not have been previously published. Abstracts presented at local, regional or national meetings may be submitted.
- Abstracts must reach the online system not later than 15 January 2012. Receipt of the abstract will be confirmed.
- Any person submitting an abstract can only be the first author for two abstracts.
- Authors will need to indicate their preference on the online form: oral communication only, poster only, either oral or poster.
- Authors who wish their abstract to be considered for the best free communication or best poster award or/and for presentation during the Young Scientist session, should indicate this on the online submission form.
- Abstracts will be evaluated (blind) by at least two referees.
- Confirmation of acceptance or rejection by the Scientific Committee will be mailed to the author. Detailed practical information regarding the presentation will be included in the confirmation.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts of the Congress, Supplement of the European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health Care.
- Presenting authors, whose abstracts are accepted for presentation, must register for the congress and pay the (early) registration fee. In the case of ‘no show’ at the time of the congress, the author may be blacklisted for the next congress.

How to submit an abstract?

1. Abstracts can only be submitted electronically through the online system at www.escrh.eu
   Hard copy abstracts (sent by fax, email or post) will NOT be considered.
2. As a first step, you need to register as a first time user. The system will ask you to enter your name and contact details and to create a personal password.
3. Log in to the submission system. To log in, enter your email address and the password you chose when you first registered with the system (see 2).
4. When you click the “log in” button you will be taken to a screen from which the submission process starts. Please read the instructions on this screen carefully. If you have not yet submitted an abstract to the system you should click the link that says “Click here to submit a new abstract”.
5. Should you want to submit several abstracts, you have to login each time you want to submit an abstract.
6. Please contact the administrator by email (nancy.habils@escrh.eu) if you have any problem with this process.
Typing and other instructions

• Abstracts must be written in English (English, not American spelling).
• The abstract must fit into the abstract frame (max. 400 words)
• Type the title of the abstract in the first textbox.
• Do not enter names of authors or affiliations in the abstract template as your abstract needs to remain unidentified (blinded) to the reviewers. As you will need to enter this information elsewhere online, the system will make the correct link between your name etc. and your abstract.
• Preferably do not include references.
• The text of the abstract should briefly state:
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  b. Design & Methods: include the setting for the study, the subjects (number and type), the diagnosis or intervention, and statistical analysis.
  c. Results: present as clearly as possible the outcome of the study and statistical significance if appropriate.
  d. Conclusions: briefly discuss the data and emphasise the significance of the results.
• Type the text of the abstract using the full width of the document.
• Avoid the use of symbols.
• Standard abbreviations are accepted in the text. Unusual ones should be in brackets after the word first appears. Do not use abbreviations in the title.
• Please ensure that your abstract does not contain any errors in spelling, grammar or scientific facts.
• You will be asked to declare any conflict of interest.

Questions

Still have questions? Contact : Ms. Nancy Habils - nancy.habils@escrh.eu
Registration

Participants are encouraged to register through the **online system**, available at **www.escrh.eu** (events section). Completed forms together with the appropriate payment should be sent to the Congress Secretariat. Each registration form is for one participant only. Please contact the congress secretariat for group registrations.

Registration fees

All amounts are payable in euro. Registration fees include 23% Greek VAT

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Registration package

The registration package for the participants includes:
• admission to the scientific sessions and the exhibition area
• access to the opening ceremony
• abstract book
• final programme
• certificate of attendance
• coffee and tea during breaks
• welcome cocktail
• lunch box (if registered on site for one of the activities during lunch time)

Cancellation policy

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Confirmation

Upon receipt of the registration form(s) with the appropriate fees, confirmation will be sent together with a receipt of payment. Once registered, registrations cannot be changed to another fee category.

On-site registrations

While it will be possible to register on site, we do suggest that participants take advantage of the lower fee (pre-registrations) and of the convenience of registering in advance.
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