

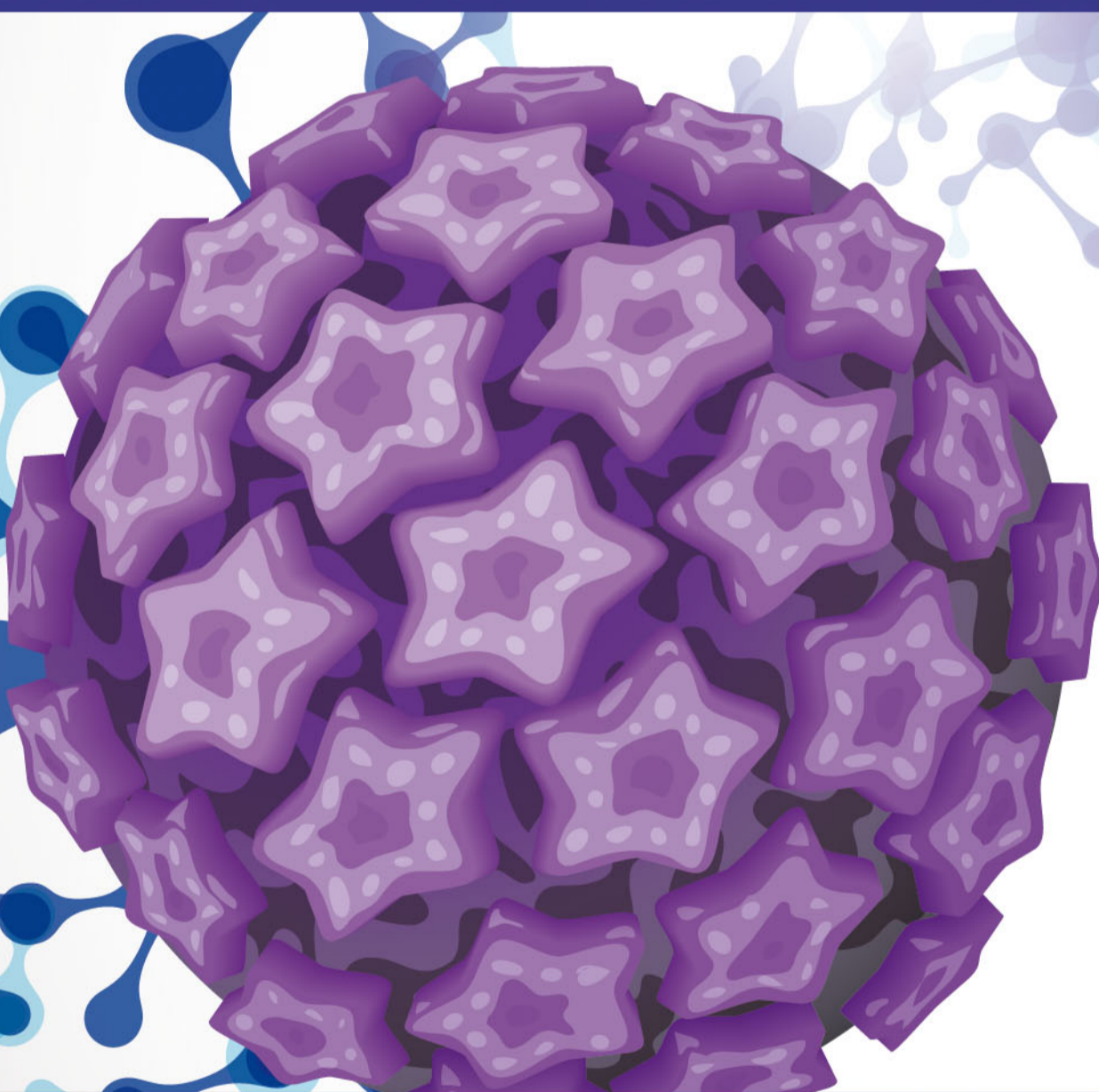
# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Sexually Transmitted Viral Infections: Current Diagnostic and Therapeutic Approaches

# 15-16-17 November 2013

(Registrations / Welcome Ceremony at 17:00 pm on 15.11.2013)

Alexander Beach Hotel & Convention Center, Alexandroupolis, Greece



### Keynote Speakers:

- C. Fraefel, Switzerland
- S. Howie, United Kingdom
- P. Jansen-Duerr, Austria
- A. Kaufmann, Germany
- R. Manservigi, Italy

**FREE REGISTRATION**

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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

### **Friday 15 November**

17:00pm-19:00pm                      *Registration & Welcome Refreshments*

#### **Opening session**

Moderator: Aikaterini Alexiou-Chatzaki

19:00pm-19:20pm                      **Welcome Addresses**

19:20pm-19:50pm                      **Presentation of the region and its customs**  
Angeliki Giannakidou (Ethnological Museum of Thrace)

20:00pm-21:00pm                      *Welcome reception*



## **Saturday 16 November**


### **Session 1 - Epidemiology and Pathology of Sexually Transmitted Viral Infections**

Moderator: Vasilios Lyberis

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| 09:00am-09:30am | <b>Disease burden of sexually transmitted viral infections</b><br>Theodore Constantinidis (Democritus University of Thrace)   |
| 09:30am-10:00am | <b>Economic aspects of HIV infected patients in Greece</b><br>Nadia Boubouchairopoulou (National School of Public Health, Athens)   |
| 10:00am-10:20am | <b>HPV prevalence in high-grade cervical lesions and cervical cancer in Bulgaria</b><br>Evelina Shikova (National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, Sofia, Bulgaria) |
| 10:20am-10:40am | <b>HPV prevalence in Greece</b><br>Theodore Agorastos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)  |
| 10:40am-11:00am | <b>How viral infections affect fertility in women</b><br>George Galazios (Democritus University of Thrace)  |
| 11:00am-11:20am | <b>STVIs and fertility treatment</b><br>Mara Simopoulou (National Kapodistrian University of Athens)  |
| 11:20am-12:00pm | <i>Coffee break</i>   |



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## **Session 2 - New Technologies in Human Papilloma Virus Diagnosis and Control**

Moderators: Theodore Agorastos, Katerina Chlichlia

12:00pm-12:40pm

**HPV E7 oncoproteins as new markers for detection of cervical cancer and precancer**

Pidder Jansen-Duerr (University of Innsbruck, Austria)

12:40pm-13:20pm

**Immune responses to prophylactic and therapeutic HPV vaccines**

Andreas Kaufmann (Charité-Universitätsmedizin, Berlin, Germany)

13:30pm-15:30pm

*Lunch break*



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### **Session 3 - Human Papilloma Virus and Cancer**

Moderators: Maria Koffa, Jeni Staykova

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| 15:30pm-16:10pm | <b>Biomarkers of oncogenic HPV infection causing significant cervical disease in Scottish women</b><br>Sarah Howie (MRC Centre for Inflammation Research, University of Edinburgh, UK)  |
| 16:10pm-16:30pm | <b>Sexually transmitted viruses and cancer</b><br>Nicola Vassilev (Military Medical Academy, Sofia, Bulgaria)   |
| 16:30pm-16:50pm | <b>Detection of HPV and other sexually transmitted virus infections in cervical specimens from women in Kardzhali region</b><br>Jeni Staykova (Regional Health Inspectorate, Kardzhali, Bulgaria)                                   |
| 16:50pm-17:10pm | <b>Comparison between cytology and HPV DNA testing in primary screening for cervical cancer prevention: preliminary results from a multicentric study in Greece</b><br>Taxiarchis Katsamagis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) |
| 17:10pm-17:30pm | <b>HPV and upper aerodigestive tract cancers</b><br>Maria Riga (Democritus University of Thrace)  |
| 17:30pm-18:00pm | <i>Coffee break</i>   |



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## **Session 4 - Herpes Simplex Virus: Current and Future Perspectives**

Moderator: Penelope Mavromara

18:00pm-18:40pm

### **The two faces of HSV: An enemy or a friend?**

Roberto Manservigi (University of Ferrara, Italy)

18:40pm-19:20pm

### **Herpes simplex virus: From infectious pathogen to gene therapy vector**

Cornel Fraefel (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

20:00pm-22:00pm

*Dinner at Alexander Beach Hotel Restaurant*





## **Sunday 17 November**

### **Session 5 - Other STVIs: Key Issues**

Moderator: George Sourvinos

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| 10:00am-10:30am | <b>Human Cytomegalovirus: from pathogenesis to novel insights of antiviral therapy through epigenetic and miRNA regulation</b><br>George Sourvinos (University of Crete)                        |
| 10:30am-10:50am | <b>HIV: The past, the present and the future</b><br>Periklis Panagopoulos (Democritus University of Thrace)   |
| 10:50am-11:20am | <b>New insights into the molecular biology of HCV: The role of core protein(s) in hepatocarcinogenesis</b><br>Penelope Mavromara (Democritus University of Thrace & Hellenic Pasteur Institute) |
| 11:20am-11:40am | <b>Hepatitis B virus: clinical spectrum and treatment</b><br>Constantinos Mimidis (Democritus University of Thrace)   |
| 11:40am-12:00pm | <b>HBV</b><br>Ioannis Koskinas (National Kapodistrian University of Athens)   |
| 12:00pm-12:30pm | <i>Coffee break</i>   |



**Session 6 - Prevention and Molecular Diagnostics of STVIs: Applications and Quality Management**

Moderator: Sotiria Boukouvala

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| 12:30pm-13:00pm | <b>HPV vaccination: An ideal weapon against a steady growing threat</b><br>Theodore Agorastos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) |
| 13:00pm-13:30pm | <b>Quality management systems in molecular diagnostics</b><br>Photini Karababa (TÜV HELLAS)  |
| 13:30pm-13:50pm | <b>Molecular detection of HPV</b><br>Theocharis Constantinidis (Regional Laboratory of Public Health, Alexandroupolis)               |
| 13:50pm-14:10pm | <b>Company presentation</b>  |
| 14:10pm-14:20pm | <b>Concluding Remarks / End of Meeting</b>   |