

# 3<sup>rd</sup> GRECO-ISRAELI HEMATOLOGY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2020  
PORTO PALACE HOTEL, THESSALONIKI, GREECE

**Joint effort opens  
new horizons in Hematology**



Thessaloniki from underground to the top



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## Invitation

Dear colleagues,

It's a privilege to announce the 3rd Greco-Israeli Hematology Meeting, which will be held in Thessaloniki, 10-12 September 2020.

After two successful meetings, in Thessaloniki 2018 and Tel Aviv 2019, we are convinced that this meeting, which has been organized as International Congress will be even more productive. New data in the most important topics of Hematology will be presented in the scientific program. We also continue the successful sessions of Working Groups, which are active, offering the participants the opportunity to discuss their work and research.

In this meeting, we have the pleasure to welcome our colleagues from Cyprus, expanding the borders in the field of collaboration.

We invite you all to join the meeting, because "Joint effort opens new horizons in Hematology".

We are looking forward to welcome you in Thessaloniki in September 2020!

Co-Chairmen

**Damianos Sotiropoulos**

G. Papanikolaou Hospital, Thessaloniki

**Benjamin Brenner**

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## Preliminary Program

### Thursday, September 10, 2020

09:00 - 10:00 **Working Group Meetings**

10:00 - 11:00 **Working Group Meetings**

11:00 - 11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 - 12:30 **Multiple Myeloma**

*Chairs: I. Avivi/TBA*

**Can MRD be the treatment endpoint for newly diagnosed Myeloma patients? (Debate)**

**Yes**

E. Terpos

**No**

N. Lavi

**An update on biology and treatment of AL Amyloidosis**

M. Michael

12:30 - 13:30 **Acute Myeloid Leukemia**

*Chairs: P. Panayiotidis/JM Rowe*

**What level of evidence are required when selecting a therapy for a leukemia patient?**

Y. Ofran

**Allogeneic SCT for AML - How to prevent relapse**

T. Zuckerman

13:30 - 14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 - 15:30 **Satellite Symposium**   
**Bringing the evolving wealth of knowledge into perspective**

*Chairs: G. Kaiafa, E. Katodritou*

**Reviewing contemporary evidence in ITP: what not to miss?**

G. Vassilopoulos

**How to maximize the benefit of new developments in Multiple Myeloma? Improving our strategy after failure to IMiDs**

M. Gavriatopoulou

### Thursday, September 10, 2020

15:30 - 17:30 **Thrombosis & Hemostasis**

*Chairs: M. Antoniadou, B. Brenner*

**V.T.E Management of Thrombosis in pregnancy**

E. Papadakis

**Management of Thrombosis in Cancer Patients**

B. Brenner

**Multiple Myeloma, Hypercoagulability and Thrombosis: insights into an intriguing relationship**

G. Gerotziafas

**Gene Therapy for patients with Hemophilia**

G. Kenet

17:30 - 18:00 **Satellite Lecture**   
**Wealth of choices in CML therapy. Treatment options in second line and beyond**

*Chair: A. Symeonidis*

G. Kaiafa

18:00 **Opening Ceremony**

**Welcome addresses**

**Invited Speaker**

**Welcome Reception**

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## Friday, September 11, 2020

08:30 - 09:30 **Working Group Meetings**

09:30 - 11:00 **Hemoglobinopathies**

*Chairs: E. Vlachaki/TBA*

**Gene Therapy: the changing landscape in the treatment of Hemoglobinopathies**

E. Yannaki

**Extracellular Vesicles in  $\beta$ -Thalassemia**

C. Levin

**New treatment approaches in sickle cell anemia**

TBA Speaker

11:00 - 11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 - 12:00 **Satellite Lecture** 

*Chair: G. Vassilopoulos*

**Low intensity approaches for newly diagnosed AML: Real World Evidence.**

O. Wolach

12:00 - 13:00 **Bone Marrow Transplantation**

*Chairs: A. Spyridonidis/T. Zuckerman*

**New treatment options for GVHD**

R. Zeiser

**Haploidentical stem cell transplantation: Immunobiology and outcome**

I. Baltadakis

## Friday, September 11, 2020

13:00 - 14:00 **Non Hodgkin Lymphoma**

*Chairs: G. Pangalis/S. Harlev*

**How I treat previously untreated DLBCL in the front line**  
T. Vassilakopoulos

**Non Hodgkin Lymphoma diagnosed during pregnancy: A co-incidence or true clinical association?**

N. Horowitz

14:00 - 15:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

15:00 - 15:30 **Satellite Lecture** 

*Chair: V. Perifanis*

**Filgrastim: Long and short acting GSF in every day practice in chemo-treated patients**

E. Spanoudakis

15:30 - 16:30 **COVID - 19**

*Chairs: B. Brenner, A. Pouli*

**Guidelines for the management of patients with Covid and risk for thrombosis**

G. Gerotziafas

**Confronting COVID-19 pandemic in Greece**

N. Sypsas

16:30 - 17:30 **Satellite Symposium** 

**Severe infections may end our effort**

*Chair: I. Sakellari*

**A lethal weapon in the battle against the MDR gram-negative bacteria D**

D. Sotiropoulos

**Fighting Aspergillus and Mucor**

G. Kaiafa

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- 18:00 - 19:00 **Satellite Symposium**  **NOVARTIS**  
**A step forward: Optimizing therapeutic approaches in PV and ITP**  
*Chair: D. Sotiropoulos*  
**Managing patients with PV: When to Move from Hydroxyurea to Second Line Therapy**  
D. Sotiropoulos  
**Is there still a dilemma after corticosteroids in resistant ITP?**  
G. Kaiafa
- 19:00 - 20:00 **Myeloproliferative Neoplasms**  
*Chairs: M. Ellis/P. Tsigotis*  
**Mastocytosis**  
**Diagnostic dilemmas and Treatment Options**  
D. Sotiropoulos  
**The Greek Registry**  
M. Pagoni  
**Microhomology deletions in the early evolution of MPNs**  
L. Shlush

## Saturday, September 12, 2020

- 08:30 - 09:30 **Working Group Meeting**
- 09:30 - 10:00 **CLL**  
*Chair: A. Anagnostopoulos*  
**Risk-adapted treatment decisions in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: where do we stand now?**  
K. Stamatopoulos
- 10:00 - 10:30 **B-regulatory cells**  
*Chair: G. Vassilopoulos*  
**B-regulatory cells in Hematology - pathogenic and therapeutic role**  
E. Toubi
- 10:30 - 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Satellite Symposium**  **astellas**  
**The latest advances in treating FLT3-mutated relapsed/refractory AML**  
*Chair: I. Sakellari*  
**How are the challenges of AML management being addressed?**  
G. Vassilopoulos  
**How are outcomes improving for FLT3-mutated R/R AML patients?**  
I. Kotsianidis
- 12:00 - 13:00 **Myelodysplastic Syndromes**  
*Chair: A. Symeonidis*  
**Challenges in MDS treatment in 2020**  
M. Mittelman  
**Immunomodulatory mechanisms of epigenetic agents**  
I. Kotsianidis
- 13:00 - 13:30 **Satellite Lecture**  **abbvie**  
*Chair: I. Kotsianidis*  
**Changing the 1st line treatment paradigm in CLL with the contribution of fixed treatment duration novel agents**  
A. Banti
- 13:30 - 14:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

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14:30 - 15:00 **CART T-cells**

Chair: **I. Sakellari**

CART-cell therapy in DLBCL  
I. Avivi

15:00 - 15:30 **Satellite Lecture**  Bristol Myers Squibb

Chair: **C. Lalagianni**

Emerging treatment options for patients with B-thalassemia  
A. Kourakli

15:30 - 16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00 - 17:00 **Plenary Sessions - Awards**

Chairs: **B. Brenner, D. Sotiropoulos**

**\* The Working Group Meetings are open to all registered delegates. Those interested in participating, may either enroll or join them directly**

**All days: Poster Presentations**

## Faculty

- Anagnostopoulos Achilles** *Director and Head, Hematology Department -BMT Unit- Gene and Cell Therapy Centre – Public Cord Blood Bank, “G. Papanicolaou” Hospital, Thessaloniki-Greece*
- Antoniades Marios** *Hematologist, Hematology Department, Nicosia General Hospital, Nicosia-Cyprus*
- Avivi Irit** *Director, Department of Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center; Professor Sackler School of Medicine Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv-Israel*
- Baltadakis Ioannis** *Hematologist, Director Department of Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit Evangelismos Hospital, Athens-Greece*
- Banti Anastasia** *Consultant Hematologist, Department of Hematology, Papageorgiou Hospital, Thessaloniki-Greece*
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- Ellis Martin** *Professor, Head, Hematology Institute and Blood Bank Meir Medical Center Kfar Saba Sackler School of Medicine Tel Aviv University Tel Aviv-Israel*
- Gavriatopoulou Maria** *Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Therapeutics, Alexandra General Hospital, Medical School, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens-Greece*
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- Harlev Shimrit** *Director of Lymphoma Service Department of Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Rambam Health Care Campus Haifa- Israel*
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<b>Zuckerman Tsila</b>	<i>Director, Hematology Institute and Bone Marrow Transplantation, Head of Leukemia Research Lab, CRIR Institute, Rambam Health Care Campus, Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa-Israel</i>

## General information

### ► Venue

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Greco-Israeli Hematology Meeting will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece, at the Porto Palace Hotel, September 10-12, 2020.

**The meeting will be hybrid, so there will be Live Streaming Access to all registered delegates.**

### ► Participation Eligibility

Delegates are entitled to participate only if they have registered.

### ► Language

The official language of the Congress will be English.

### ► Congress Secretariat

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### ► Registration Fee

Registration Fee in Euro*	
<b>Doctors</b>	€ 100
<b>Resident Doctors, Postdoctoral fellows</b>	€ 50
<b>Biologists, Biochemists and other professionals</b>	€ 60
<b>Nurses and Technologists</b>	€ 30
<b>Undergraduate students</b>	€ 10

Registration includes

- Congress bag (program/abstract book)
- Congress attendance
- Coffee breaks /light lunches
- Welcome reception
- Certificate of Attendance

### ► Hotel Accommodation

HOTEL PORTO PALACE*****		
Standard Room*	SINGLE	DOUBLE
	€ 150	€ 150

\*Prices are per night. Breakfast and all taxes are included

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Categories	Fee
<b>Doctors</b>	€ 100
<b>Resident Doctors, Postdoctoral fellows</b>	€ 50
<b>Biologists, Biochemists and other professionals</b>	€ 60
<b>Nurses and Technologists</b>	€ 30
<b>Undergraduate students</b>	€ 10

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