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## Welcome to Greece

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Spandidos Publications, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Sparta for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Advances in Oncology and the 24<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Molecular Medicine. This conference will allow the communication of the latest advances in the fields of oncology and molecular medicine by internationally renowned scientists. It will further facilitate the active collaboration between different research groups worldwide.

We are proud to report that the past year has built on the success of previous years for Spandidos Publications as we continue to grow, with record numbers of papers published in our nine journals. The newly released Impact Factors (2018 Journal Citation Reports® Edition) revealed further increases for several of our journals, indicating that the papers we publish are continuing to be more highly read and cited.

The scientific program for 2019 comprises lectures, short oral presentations and poster presentations, the best of which will be recognized with Certificates of Achievement at our traditional, end of Congress Award Dinner to be held on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. In addition, we have organized six workshops. The first, pre-congress workshop, entitled 'SNP genotyping and rare mutation detection in cancer with molecular methods', is co-organized with TATAA Biocenter, Sweden, and will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October. This workshop, which is the fifth in a series of annual pre-congress workshops, will focus on methods for nucleic acid analysis in cancer covering SNP genotyping, rare mutation analysis, methylation, copy number analysis, gene expression analysis, splice variants, microRNA and exosome analysis. Second, third and fourth of the workshops, entitled 'Workshop on Tumor Immunology, Microenvironment and Therapy', 'Workshop on Polyamines' and 'Workshop on Inflammation: The Cornerstone of Chronic Disease' will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October and the fifth and sixth, entitled '5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Paediatric Virology' and 'Workshop on Immuno-Dermatology/Oncology: Updates in Skin Cancer Therapies', on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October.

In addition, while you are here in Sparta, we hope that you will be able to explore some of the cultural and historic landmarks of Greece. This year, our Congress tours will include excursions to Monemvasia and Mani-Diros Caves. Monemvasia or the 'Gibraltar of the East' as it is also known, is a castle-town with a 15 centuries-old history, where you can enjoy a fantastic trip into a labyrinth of old paths winding till the hilltop, spectacular churches and gorgeous remains of fortifications. Mani-Diros Caves, one of the most beautiful lake caves in the world, is a large underground network of caves full of impressively shaped rock formations. The combination of colors, the wild beauty of the scenery and the turquoise waters of the bay will make this experience unforgettable. This could be an excellent opportunity to reunite with old acquaintances and make new ones, whilst exploring the magnificent natural environment and historical monuments.

We thank you for contributing to the success of this Congress and wish you a very pleasant stay in Greece.

Demetrios A. Spandidos

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CONGRESS VENUE

Mysstras Grand Palace Resort, Sparta, Greece

### SECRETARIAT

The secretariat and the Registration Office:

Wednesday	9 October	14.30 - 19.00
Thursday	10 October	08.00 - 13.00 and 17.00 - 18.30
Friday	11 October	08.00 - 13.00 and 17.00 - 18.30
Saturday	12 October	08.00 - 13.00 and 17.00 - 18.30

### REGISTRATION FEE

Active participant	Euro 500
Accompanying person	Euro 250

The registration fee includes:

#### **Active participant:**

- Admittance to scientific sessions
- Congress kit
- Welcome dinner
- Greek dinner & dancing
- Award dinner

#### **Accompanying person:**

- Welcome dinner
- Greek dinner & dancing
- Award dinner

## BADGES

The name badges are required for admission to scientific sessions and social events

## LUNCHEON

Luncheon facility is available at Mystras Grand Palace Resort for all registered persons

## COFFEE BREAKS

Mid-morning and afternoon between sessions

## **SOCIAL PROGRAM**

### WELCOME DINNER

Thursday 10 October, 2019 at 20:30 hours

### GREEK DINNER & DANCING

Friday 11 October, 2019 at 20:30 hours

### AWARD DINNER

Saturday 12 October, 2019 at 20:30 hours

Check-out for accommodation, and registration fees at the Congress Reception.  
(at the hotel reception, only for personal extras)