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Message from ESPCI 2011 President



On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 10th European Symposium on Paediatric Cochlear Implantation, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the historical city of Athens, Greece, the land of the Father of Medicine, Hippocrates. Since 1961 – the first single channel implantation – until today we have seen great changes and remarkable outcomes in paediatric cochlear implantation that nobody could have ever guessed. Therefore, it is a great opportunity to celebrate these 50 years and ponder upon what we have accomplished as well as plan together the future developments.

Delegates from all over Europe and around the world will give lectures, seminars, workshops, panel discussions, and presentations on the latest frontiers of research and achievements on paediatric cochlear implantation.

The multi-disciplinary approach will be emphasized and special workshops will focus on speech and language therapy and education. We will share the latest developments on surgery and technology but there will also be special days devoted to teachers for the deaf and speech pathologists whose contribution is so important.

Beyond the scientific activities, a visit in Athens will give you the opportunity to walk among the city's 2500 year old historical monuments such as the Acropolis, the Ancient Agora, and the Temple of Zeus as well as to admire the variety of exhibits in the archaeological museums. You will be able to feel the historical continuity from ancient times to the modern age and to be amazed by the light, flavours, places, the Islands of the Aegean Sea, the beautiful beaches, all these unique landscapes which blossom out in Greece in early summer as May promises. So, don't forget to spend at least a few hours to enjoy your stay in Greece as a cultural and tourist experience too.

Of course, we will have all the time we need to develop social and interpersonal relationships and friendships in order to promote cooperation in the field on an international level and to give the sensation that together we will walk towards the progress of the science.

Finally, please note that all accepted abstracts will be published in the International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology. Impact Factor: 1,2.

I wish all of you an unforgettable congress and a most enjoyable stay in Athens.

With cordial regards,

Thomas P. Nikolopoulos, MD, DM, PhD
President of the Congress



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Topics

The Scientific Program of the 10th European Symposium on Paediatric Cochlear Implantation consists of **plenary sessions, lectures, panels, round tables, workshops, debates, symposiums, how I do it sessions, instructional courses** plus the **free paper** sessions. The multidisciplinary approach will be emphasized and **special workshops** will focus on speech and language therapy and education. We will share the latest news on surgery and technology but there will also be special days devoted to teachers for the deaf and speech pathologists whose contribution is so important.

Main Topics

- Audiology
- Tuning
- Speech and language issues
- History
- Objective methods
- Diagnosis
- Diagnostic methods
- Diagnostic instruments
- Implantation in developing countries
- Ethics
- Neuroimaging
- Stem cells
- Cell regeneration
- Drug delivering techniques to the inner ear
- Neurotrophines
- Malformations
- Cochlear nerve dysplasia/aplasia
- Neuroplasticity
- Assessment methods and tools
- Sound coding
- Vestibular implants
- Device failures
- Future advances
- Full implantable devices



Teaching courses – How I do it

- How I assess hearing in a newborn?
- A newborn is deaf. Now what?
- How I assess progress in young deaf children?
- Multidisciplinary evaluation before and after implantation. Is it feasible?
- Surgery. How I do it?
- Challenging cases. How I deal with them?
- Do I need surgical experience? What is the learning curve?
- Modern imaging. Advances and limitations.
- (Re) habilitation – teaching. How much and how long?
- Speech and language therapy. How much and how long?
- How do I write a scientific paper on hearing loss and cochlear implantation?

Debates

- Posterior tympanotomy versus transcanal approach
- Unilateral implantation plus contralateral hearing aid versus bilateral implantation
- Implantation in the first months of life versus implantation in the first two years
- Cochlear implantation versus Brainstem implantation in special cases
- Cochlear implant companies' debate
- Do we need objective methods or not?
- Do we need a hearing aid trial or not?
- Do we need (re)habilitation in young implanted children or not?

CME CREDITS

CME Credits (UEMS) will be provided for participants regularly attending the sessions.



Special Workshops

SATURDAY MAY 14th, 2011

Surgical Workshop, Audiology Workshop, Hearing Aids Workshop

SUNDAY MAY 15th, 2011

Speech and Language Therapy Workshop, Educational Workshop

For more information regarding your participation to the Special Workshops contact the Congress Secretariat





Call for Abstracts

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

December 15, 2010



Abstracts Book

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Participants are requested to submit an abstract to the Secretariat **no later than December 15th, 2010** along with the registration form and fees. The Congress Organizing Committee welcomes the submission of abstracts on relevant topics. The committee will decide the form of presentation: oral or poster. Authors will be notified of the method of presentation, which will be decided by the Organizing Committee.

Poster Presentations

Posters will be displayed in an appropriate area of the congress venue during all Sessions. The required dimensions are 0,90m width by 1,20m height. On the top of the poster, please indicate: title of the paper, names of the authors and affiliation.

Oral Presentations

Only Power Point presentations will be admitted in all sessions. Authors will deliver their presentations to the slide preview room at least two hours before the beginning of the session or the day before, for early morning sessions. Time and length of the presentation will be indicated in the letter of acceptance.

Method of Submission

Abstracts must be submitted online through the online abstracts submission form in the **ESPCI 2011 web site** www.espci2011.com. The online system will guide you through the submission process. If you have no internet access please contact the Secretariat.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. The abstract should have the following structured format:
 - Aim
 - Material and methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
2. Abstracts should be structured.
3. Standard abbreviations may be used.
4. Inclusion in the Scientific Programme and Abstracts Book requires payment of registration fees.
5. Abstract length should not exceed 150 words.
6. Important note: A maximum of 3 abstracts per presenting author may be submitted.





Registration

Register on-line at www.espci2011.com

R E G I S T R A T I O N F E E S			
	Before June 30 th 2010	Before April 30 th 2011	After May 1 st 2011 and on-site
Participants	550 €	650 €	750 €
Residents, Teachers for the deaf, speech and language therapists	350 €	450 €	550 €
Acc. Persons	200 €	200 €	250 €
Students**	80 €	80 €	80 €
Eastern European Countries (which are not members of the EU) and Asia	Special price on request		

*** Students' registration form must be accompanied by a letter from the head of department confirming their status and/or a valid student card.*



The registration fee for delegates includes:

Admission to the meeting, welcome reception, program and abstracts book, certificate of attendance, lunches and coffee breaks.

The registration fee for accompanying persons includes:

Welcome reception, lunches and coffee breaks.

Accommodation

There are several selections of hotels blocked for the ESPCI 2011 participants close to the venue.

H o t e l L i s t & I n f o r m a t i o n						
Hotel	Category	Single Room	Double Room	Singe Room Executive	Double Room Executive	Distance From Venue
Divani Apollon Palace	*****	240 €	270 €			Congress Venue
VOULIAGMENI HOTELS						
The Margi	*****	220 €	240 €	280 €	300 €	5 minutes driving
The Westin Athens Astir Palace-Arion	*****	300 €	335 €			5 minutes driving
Classical Vouliagmeni Suites	*****	205 €	225 €			5 minutes driving
Amarilia	****	150 €	165 €	-	-	Next door
Plaza Vouliagmeni Strand	****	150 €	170 €	-	-	5 minutes driving
ATHENS HOTELS						
Athenaeum	*****	215 €	250 €			30 minutes driving dep. on traffic
Intercontinental						
Ledra Marriot	*****	215 €	250 €			30 minutes driving dep. on traffic
Metropolitan - Handris	*****	210 €	245 €			30 minutes driving dep. on traffic
GLYFADA HOTELS						
Emmantina Hotel	****	125 €	145 €			10 minutes driving
Best Western Fenix Hotel	****	132 €	152 €			10 minutes driving
Congo Palace Hotel	****	120 €	150 €			10 minutes driving
Glyfada Hotel	***	100 €	120 €			10 minutes driving

Above rates are per room, per night, include Buffet Breakfast, taxes and congress shuttle bus. Should the included taxes change, then above rates will be adjusted accordingly.

3 nights minimum stay per delegate is compulsory in all hotels

Reservations

- Please make on-line hotel reservations through the ESPCI 2011 website. If you run into any problems with on-line reservation, please contact the Congress Secretariat GOLDAIR Congress at info@espci2011.com
- Hotel assignments will be made on a first-come first-served basis. Prompt booking is very important to guarantee your room.
- The confirmation will be sent to you within 48 hours by the Congress Secretariat GOLDAIR Congress
- For group reservations please contact GOLDAIR Congress at info@espci2011.com



Social Events



Thursday, 12 May 2011 (Evening)

Welcome Cocktail by the pool of the Divani Apollon Palace Hotel



Friday, 13 May 2011 (Evening)

Special Greek dinner with traditional local dances



Saturday, 14 May 2011 (Evening)

Gala dinner by the sea

Information and booking form will be available at www.espci2011.com



General Information

Congress Venue

The 10th ESPCI will be held in the Divani Apollon Palace situated in the exclusive area of Vouliagmeni on the Athenian Riviera. Within 19 km from "Eleftherios Venizelos" International Airport and 20 km from Athens city centre, the Divani Apollon Palace & Spa is an ideal site to start exploring Athens. Glyfada, the most famous suburb in southern Athens for shopping and night life, is only 5 minutes away.



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Congress language

The official language of the Congress is English

Passport / Visa

E.U. citizens travelling inside the E.U. just need to display their police I.D. Card without the need of a passport. However, a passport is necessary for a number of other transactions, such as currency exchange, purchases, etc. Participants should check with their travel agents, Greek consulate offices or diplomatic missions in their own countries, whether or not visas are required or visit the web site of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.mfa.gr

Climate

May is the best month to visit Athens with average temperatures of 20 – 25 degrees Celsius

Time Zone

GMT +2 (GMT +3, from last Sunday in March till last Saturday in October)

Currency

The local currency in Greece is Euro

Electricity

Standard voltage in Greece is 220 volts

Insurance & Liability

The Organizing Committee does not accept liability for personal accidents, loss or damage private property of participants either during or indirectly arising the 10th European Symposium on Cochlear Implantation. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

Letter of invitation

The Congress secretariat can send letters of invitation upon written requests. The deadline for request is April 15, 2011.



Travel Information

Greece



Greece is much more than we were taught at school and than we have seen in the photos with beautiful sunsets and golden sandy beaches.

In Greece, you are in a crossroad of colors and cultures; you feel the strength of History and the warmth of the southern extremity of Europe and you discover the evolutionary course of thought, influence and experience. You are in a country with a uniquely affluent historical past, whose people,

however, do not rest on their laurels and are not stuck in that past. You are in a country that, though statistically small, is huge in its diversity. You see landscapes that have given thousands of postcard images but remain incredibly vivid and of unrivalled beauty.

Greece is a country of beautiful contradictions, a constant journey in time, from the present to the past and back again. Walk through the olive groves, through archaeological sites; move to clusters of islands, go through beaches and mountains and explore the breathtaking scenery. In Greece the succession of images is not just our imagination; it is a sheer reality.

Athens



Athens is the capital of Greece. The city of Socrates and Pericles took its name by its protector, Goddess Athena, daughter of Zeus, the goddess of wisdom and knowledge. The capital of Greece has been inhabited continuously for over 7,000 years. In the classical period of the 5th century BC its development into a city state and artistic centre reached its apotheosis,

with a flourish of art, architecture, literature and philosophy that has pervaded western culture ever since. It was a period where art became inseparable from life. During that period, numerous renowned monuments such as the Acropolis were built. Athens is considered to be the birthplace of "congress" and "symposium". The Athenians were the first to realise the immense cultural importance of the democratic discussion and the creative exchange of view and ideas.



Vouliagmeni

Vouliagmeni is a beautiful and picturesque peninsula, situated on the eastern edge of Athens (just 20 Km from the centre of Athens), known from the famous lake with the mineral water spa and an outstanding mild climate that makes all-year round holidays possible. The Vouliagmeni beaches are consistently awarded the coveted EU blue flags for environmental excellence. The triathlon competition for the 2004 Summer Olympics took place in this area.



How to reach Athens

The most important entry point by air in Greece is "Eleftherios Venizelos" International Airport in Athens. It is situated 33 km southeast of Athens and there is rapid access to the airport via the Attiki Odos, a central road artery connecting Athens with the Mesogeia (Mediterranean) region, as well as through dense scheduling of the Metro and Proastiako Suburban Systems.

How to reach Vouliagmeni

The easiest way to come from the "Eleftherios Venizelos" International Airport to Vouliagmeni is by taking a taxi at the arrival area of the airport. The journey from the airport takes around 25 minutes (21 Km).

Places of interest

- Vouliagmeni Lake: 3 km
- The Acropolis & the New Museum: 20 km
- Syntagma & Constitution Square: 20 km
- National Museum: 20km
- Museum of Cycladic Art: 20 km
- The Plaka: 20 km
- Ancient Agora: 20 km
- Lycabetus Hill: 20 km
- The National Garden: 20
- Megaron Concert Hall: 25 km
- Cape Sounion: 35 km
- Temple of Poseidon: 35 km





Optional Excursions

GOLDAIR Congress, the official agent for the ESPCI 2011 is in charge of sightseeing tours. English speaking guides will conduct each tour. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Early or on-site booking will be available. Book your tour on ESPCI 2011 web site at www.espci2011.com.

Athens Sightseeing

Duration: 5 hours

A good opportunity to see the center of the city. Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the National Library. Driving down Herod Atticus Street, you will see the Evzones in their picturesque uniform and the Presidential Palace. On your way to the Acropolis you will see the Hadrian's Arch, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus and you will make a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896. On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the monument that "puts order in the mind", the Parthenon.



Athens by night



Duration: 4 hours

Your evening will start with a drive to Piraeus and its natural harbors, such as lively Zea with its busy yacht marina and tiny Mikrolimano, one of the most picturesque corners of Piraeus. Then, return to Athens for dinner in Plaka, the old city, in a typical Greek tavern with folk music and dancers.

Cape Sounion in the afternoon



Duration: 3 hours

Drive along the coastal road, passing the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni & Varkiza to the most Southern point of Attica, Cape Sounion, where the white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon stand. On the way, you have a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf and the little islands offshore. After visiting the Temple of Poseidon, you have time to walk at leisure on the rocky promontory of Sounion.

One day Cruise to HYDRA - POROS - AEGINA

Duration: 10 hours

In the morning we take you by bus, from Athens to Piraeus for your embarkation to the cruise boat. At: 08.30 depart to Hydra, where we arrive at: 11.45. Here you have free time for a walk or a swim. At: 13.30 embarkation and sail for Aegina past through Poros and seashore of Peloponnese. The lunch will be served during the voyage. At: 15.30 we arrive at Aegina where you have time for a swim. Optional excursion, by bus, to the fine preserved Temple of Afea Athena. At: 18.00 embarkations for the voyage of return to the port. Arrive to Piraeus, late in the afternoon.



Delphi one day



Duration: 10 hours

Drive through the fertile plain of Beotia, crossing the towns of Thebes connected with the tragedy of King Oedipus – Levadia and Arachova (short stop on the way back). Arrive at Delphi, the center of Ancient World – the “Omphalos” (Navel of Earth) – whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the

Hellenic World. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. Visit the Treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo and the Museum containing such masterpieces of Ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias. Lunch in the modern village of Delphi, return to Athens by the same route.

Mycenae-Epidauros



Duration: 10 hours

Leave by the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea, (short stop). Drive to Mycenae, the Homeric city of Atreides, the city “rich in gold” of the ancient poets. Visit the Lion’s Gate, the Cyclopean Walls, and the Royal Tombs

e.t.c. Depart for Nafplion through the fertile plain of Argolis, the picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress (short photo stop), leave for Epidauros, to visit the Theatre (4th century B.C.) famous for its astonishing acoustics. Return to Athens by the National road connecting Epidauros with Corinth. Lunch in Mycenae.

Ancient Corinth half day

Duration: 5 hours

Leave Athens and drive South West until we reach the Corinth Canal which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea (short stop). Drive on and visit the ancient town of Corinth where St. Paul lived and preached for two years. The remains of the City, which include the Agora (market place) and Apollo’s Temple (6th century B.C.) clearly show how rich and important Corinth was in Ancient Times. A short stop at the Site of the Ancient Port of Cehries, where St. Paul disembarked, will conclude the visit. Return to Athens on time for lunch.





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