

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow members of ESCI, colleagues and friends of ESCI,

In my last year as president of our Society it is my privilege to send to all of you my best wishes for the year 2005 and those of the entire Council.

We again concluded a very successful year. The European Society for Clinical Investigation has an established ear within the European scientific community that we plan to build further on a strong basis. Members of the Council were asked to participate in several European taskforces.

Highlight of the last year was a very successful Annual Scientific Meeting in Utrecht, organized by Jo Marx and his group. Within the setting of the University of Utrecht we experienced a great number of workshops of high scientific standards and enjoyed discussions with Nobel Prize winners. Jo set the scene for a unique setting of a lively interaction among young and established scientists that is so typical for our understanding in ESCI.

The European Journal of Clinical Investigation is developing well and remains to be an important asset for our Society. I would like to encourage you to use this voice of ESCI for your prestigious publications.

Further, the shape of the ESCI Council has changed during the time of my presidency. A number of renowned scientists joined the board while others left. However, any time we are coming together to discuss matters of the Society we can feel deep European spirit among all members that is so important for our Society.

Furthermore, it is a great pleasure for me to invite you to the next Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Investigation to be held in Athens, Greece, 6–9 April 2005. Professor George Chrousos and Professor Antonis Makrigiannakis of the local organizing committee have prepared an outstanding program. The workshops will be presented by scientists well-known in their field and I do hope, we will have the time to see you there, where you present your scientific work within the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting of ESCI.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me about ESCI. I received a number of comments that were really important and fostered our discussions in the Council.

Prof. Heinrich M. Schulte
President of ESCI

ANNOUNCEMENT

40th Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Investigation

Prague, Czech Republic, 15 – 18 March 2006



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee it is my great pleasure to invite you to join the 40th Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Society for Clinical Investigation (ESCI) that will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, 15–18 March 2006. Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, built up over the centuries by the greatest architects, artists and craftsmen of their time, largely untouched by the wars of the 20th century, reclaimed and refurbished after 40 years of communism, on the eve of entry into the European Union, is now a splendid mosaic, a harmonious mix of the past, present and future that must be seen to be believed.

The European Society for Clinical Investigation was established in 1967 as Society to provide a unique multidisciplinary platform for scientists engaged in basic research as well as clinical research. Through the organization of the annual meetings the Society undoubtedly contributed not only to better communication and understanding between scientists from basic and clinical research, but also to the remarkable advances in both fields of science. The organizers hope that the scientific program together with the beauty of Prague will make this meeting an exciting and memorable event for all participants.

Prof. Karel Mašek
President of the Local Organizing Committee

THE ESCI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL SCIENCE 2005



Lars Fugger, MD, PhD, DrMSc
winner of the 2005 ESCI Award for Excellence in Clinical Science

The selection of this year's winner of the ESCI Award for Excellence in Clinical Science was again difficult due to the scientific achievements and high quality of the nominated researchers. However, Professor Lars Fugger, MD, PhD, DrMSc, from the Department of Immunology, Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark, and from the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Oxford, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK, is awarded the ESCI Award for Excellence in Clinical Science for his innovative and promising research in the field of immunology.

Professor Lars Fugger was born in Denmark in 1960. He graduated from the Medical School, University of Copenhagen, in 1987. He obtained his PhD degree in medicine in 1990 and became DrMSc in 1993. He is trained as a clinical immunologist with clinical responsibilities both in Aarhus, Denmark, as head of tissue typing for organ grafts, responsibility for the bone marrow registry, and in Oxford, UK, with continuous responsibilities for immune deficiency patients in the clinic.

Major scientific achievements by Lars Fugger have been the creation of a triple transgenic mice model for multiple sclerosis that utilises both human class II (HLA DR2), human CD4 and T-Cell Receptor. This model seems to be the best model for multiple sclerosis ever created and thus mimics the clinical characteristics of multiple sclerosis in humans. In addition, he developed as the first a monoclonal antibody that recognises the DR-15 myelin basic protein complex along with the crystal structure of this complex. All these studies in multiple sclerosis have brought Lars Fugger to a leading position in understanding the immunological mechanisms behind the autoimmune response in MS.

In rheumatoid arthritis Lars Fugger has also a track record of developing immunological transgenic animal models (HLA-DR4, human CD4 molecules) resembling the disease especially regarding T-cells specific for collagen II. The experiments in rheumatoid arthritis have made it possible to analyse the role of human class II molecule in the mouse and the biological aspects of rheumatoid arthritis may now be studied in a humanised mouse model.

Lars Fugger's contributions to these different research achievements have been very clear leading the research teams responsible for the discoveries and successfully collaborating with a number of other research groups. His research has consistently been published in the most prestigious international journals covering immunology, and basic and clinical science, and he has been awarded prestigious international prizes for his research in immunology.

Altogether, the innovation and high quality of Professor Lars Fugger's research in the field of immunology, multiple

sclerosis, and rheumatoid arthritis made him an excellent laureate for the ESCI Award for Excellence in Clinical Science 2005. We are looking very much forward to the awardee's lecture to be scheduled at the next ESCI Annual Scientific Meeting in Athens, Greece, April 6–9, 2005.

Henning Grønbaek
Council member ESCI

NEW COUNCILLORS 2005

The upcoming Annual Business Meeting in April 2005 will be the last one for Prof. Heinrich Schulte as a member of the ESCI Council. Heinrich Schulte joined the ESCI Council in April 1993 followed by his vice-presidency from 1996–1997. He was ESCI's secretary-treasurer from 1997–2000. From April 2002–April 2005 Heinrich Schulte again joined the Council as the President of ESCI. In accordance with the bylaws he should now resign from the Council. Therefore, a new councillor should be appointed for Germany.

Prof. Jo Marx is invited to become the next president of ESCI. Jo Marx is an active ESCI member for many years now. He was treasurer from April 1987–April 1988. In April 1988 he became secretary-treasurer until April 1991. Jo Marx was editor-in-chief of the European Journal of Clinical Investigation from 1996–2002.

During the next Annual Business Meeting of ESCI, April 2005, both vice-presidents, Dr. Bruno Fouqueray and Prof. Juan Tamargo, will finish their offices. New vice-presidents should be appointed. You will find their names on the ballot paper.

Dr. Bruno Fouqueray will be invited to become secretary-treasurer from April 2005 for a term of 3 years. Dr. Robin Dullaart will end his office as secretary-treasurer in April 2005 after a legal term of 3 years.

Dr. Henning Grønbaek will resign from Council after a term of 3 years.

In conclusion, new councillors should be appointed for Denmark, Germany and Spain. Moreover, it is decided that another country will be represented in the Council, namely Greece.

The curricula vitae of the candidates nominated for councillorship, presidency and for the office of secretary-treasurer are listed below. As usual you can vote through the ballot paper. The ballot paper should be returned to the Central Office of ESCI as soon as possible. Exact instructions can be found on the ballot paper. A simple majority vote is decisive in each case.



Jo J.M. Marx, MD, PhD
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The Netherlands

Jo Marx was born in 1943 in Roermond, The Netherlands. He studied medicine in Utrecht and graduated in 1970. After

his military service he started his career in internal medicine and completed his residency at the University Hospital Utrecht in 1977. Combining medicine with science allowed him to obtain his PhD in 1976. After subspecialising in haematology he had the opportunity to work in 1980–1981 with Philip Aisen as a visiting associate professor of Biophysics in Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. Returning to Utrecht he became a staff member of both the Departments of Medicine and Haematology of Utrecht University Hospital. For several years he was vice-chairman of Haematology, but in 1992 he became professor of Internal Medicine and head of the University Policlinic for Internal Medicine and Dermatology. As he is familiar with both clinical and laboratory research he became vice-chairman of the Eijkman-Winkler Institute for Microbiology, Infectious Diseases and Inflammation in 1998. When he became manager research and education of the Division Laboratories and Pharmacy, and also director of the Eijkman Graduate School, he decided in 2001 to terminate all clinical activities. From 2002–2004 he was in addition acting chairman of the Department of Immunology. The present functions of Jo Marx, remaining professor of Medicine at Utrecht University, are Chairman of the Eijkman Graduate School and Director of the Catharijne Foundation for Medical Research. From January 2005 he will also be guest-professor of Iron Metabolism at the University of Nijmegen.

The scientific work of Jo Marx, resulting in more than 200 publications, concerns the pathophysiology of iron metabolism, in particular iron overload, mechanisms of iron transport and its role in host defence and tissue damage. From 1997–2005 he is coordinator of European (framework 4 and 5) consortia in iron research.

His first activity in ESCI was that of workshop organizer during the 18th ASM in Milan. Since then he participated in all following annual meetings and organized many more workshops. From 1987–1990 Jo Marx was treasurer/secretary of ESCI. From 1991–1996 he was scientific editor of the European Journal of Clinical Investigation, and from 1996–2002 he was its editor-in-chief. In 2004 he was local organizer of the 38th ASM of ESCI in Utrecht. Over the last 20 years he observed major changes in the attitude and needs of medical scientists and professionals regarding scientific and practical information in journals and during meetings. Pursuing idealistic goals, which were highly valid 40 and even 20 years ago, ESCI partly diverged from the actual needs of its members and potential customers. To regain its initial success and vitality, which is possible, ESCI must continue to reconsider its goals and activities.



Bruno Fouqueray, MD, PhD
Service d'Explorations Fonctionnelles
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France

Bruno Fouqueray is 48 years old and graduated as MD in 1980 from the University Pierre and Marie Curie in Paris. After a fellowship in nephrology and internal medicine (1982–1986), he was research fellow in immunology for 18 months

working on animal models of glomerulonephritis. He next became assistant professor of nephrology, then assistant professor of physiology. From 1991 until now he is associate professor of physiology in the renal and metabolic investigation unit at the University Hospital Tenon in Paris. Since 1989 he has been involved in basic research in renal physiology and pathophysiology pertaining to pro- and anti-inflammatory pathways in the kidney. After training in the laboratory of the division of nephrology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio where he was working on cytokines and chemokines (1993–1994), he got his PhD degree in 1996 on the glomerular production of TNF- α and its regulation.

His basic and clinical area of research is now focused on the progression of kidney diseases with (i) *in vitro* and *in vivo* basic projects studying the mediators and their signaling responsible for the control of inflammatory processes and fibrosis and (ii) prospective clinical trials to investigate the genetic and environmental determinants of the progression of nephropathies. He is (co-)author of about 50 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Fouqueray is a member of the Société de Physiologie, the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology and the European Society for Clinical Investigation. He was the ESCI councillor for France from 2001–2004. Fouqueray is in office as ESCI vice-president from 2004–2005.

Council candidates for Denmark



Kim Dalhoff, MD, PhD
Senior consultant
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Denmark

Kim Dalhoff is 46 years old. He graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Copenhagen in 1983. His clinical training concentrated on internal medicine, hepatology and clinical pharmacology and in 1997 he specialized in hepatology, in 2002 in clinical pharmacology. As a research fellow at the Department of Hepatology at Copenhagen University Hospital (Rigshospitalet), he studied the regulation of sulphation and glutathione conjugation of drugs in isolated rat hepatocytes. In 1996 he became Doctor of Medical Science with a thesis based on his publications within this field. In his further research he has extended this interest to a broad range of aspects of clinical pharmacology including epidemiological, immunological, toxicological and transplantation topics. He has published more than 60 papers in peer-reviewed journals. His interest in the clinical aspects of pharmacology led him to his current position as a Senior Consultant at the Department of Clinical Pharmacology at Copenhagen University Hospital (Rigshospitalet).

Along with his continued clinical research he is an active chairman of the Drug Committee for Copenhagen University Hospital (Rigshospitalet). He is a member of the Danish Society for the Study of the Liver of which he was a board member 1996–2000. He is a member of the board of the Danish Association for Clinical Pharmacology (DSKF) and the European Association of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeu-

tics (EACPT). As a member of the National Advisory Board, he took part in organizing the 5th Congress of the European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Odense 2001. As a member of the International Advisory Board he is presently taking part in organizing the 7th Congress of the European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, which takes place in Poland 2005.



Erik Feldager Hansen, MD, PhD

Dept. of Gastroenterology
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Denmark

Erik Feldager Hansen is 46 years old. He graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Copenhagen in 1987. He has had a number of clinical training positions in various hospitals in Denmark focusing on internal medicine, hepatology and gastroenterology. During the last 10 years he has been affiliated to the Gastro-unit at the University Hospital of Copenhagen. During a three years research fellowship from 1996 to 1999 he prepared his PhD-dissertation on the use of endoscopic Doppler ultrasound in the evaluation of patients with portal hypertension.

Feldager Hansen has published 18 papers in peer-reviewed journals mainly focusing on the treatment of the complications to liver cirrhosis. He is a specialist in gastroenterology and is now finishing his training as specialist of internal medicine.

Last year he was awarded the Ferring Liver prize.

Council candidate for Germany



Michael Ludwig, MD, PhD

Endokrinologikum Hamburg
Centre for Hormone and Metabolic
Diseases, Gynaecologic
Endocrinology and Reproductive
Medicine
Hamburg
Germany

Michael Ludwig was born in 1968 in Dortmund, Germany, and graduated from the University of Lübeck, Germany, in 1994. He studied medicine and specialized thereafter in gynaecology and obstetrics. His special interest was focused from the very beginning on reproductive medicine and gynaecologic endocrinology. At the University of Lübeck he became the head of the division of reproductive medicine and gynaecologic endocrinology in 2000. In 2003 he moved to Hamburg to join the Endokrinologikum Hamburg as a co-director. The Endokrinologikum is a private centre that is specialized in endocrinology, reproductive medicine and metabolic diseases.

In reproductive medicine and gynaecologic endocrinology Michael Ludwig has worked in nearly each category of this specialization. He has written more than 100 publications in national and international journals as well as more than 30 book chapters. He has already published two books. His

field of expertise in research are the possible long-term problems of assisted reproduction like complications in pregnancy, born malformations in children as well as the long term follow up of these offspring.

Michael Ludwig is member of different national and international clinical societies.

Council candidate for Spain



Javier Díez Martínez, MD, PhD

Area of Cardiovascular Pathophysiology
Centre for Applied Medical Research
and University Clinic School of Medicine
University of Navarra
Pamplona, Spain

Javier Díez was born in 1953 in Logroño, Spain. He graduated from medical school in Madrid in 1976. He was then a resident in nephrology and internal medicine at the University Clinic of the University of Navarra, in Pamplona, Spain. He next became a research fellow at the Necker Hospital, Paris, from 1982 to 1984, and at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, from 1984 to 1985, where he trained in cardiovascular biology. On his return to Pamplona, he obtained a tenured position at the University Clinic and soon became head of a research unit at the Centre for Applied Medical Research. In 2002 he was appointed as a full professor of vascular medicine at the University of Navarra. At present, he is head of a department of about 40 employees focusing on cardiovascular translational research.

Dr. Díez's main research area is mechanisms of myocardial remodeling involved in hypertensive heart disease and heart failure. In addition, his work is also aimed to identify circulating biomarkers of myocardial remodeling potentially useful in the cardiac assessment of hypertensive patients. His current interest extends also to the genetic basis of oxidative stress that made patients with arterial hypertension prone to develop atherosclerosis.

Dr. Díez is author of more than 115 scientific papers in leading international journals as well as book chapters. He is a member of the Editorial Board of several journals including Hypertension, Journal of Hypertension and Cardiovascular Research. He is also a member of various national and international clinical and scientific societies.

Council candidates for Greece



George P. Chrousos, MD, FACP, MACE

University of Athens
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Greece

George Chrousos is Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics at the Athens University Medical School. He has focused his research on the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis and has extensively studied the neuroendocrine alterations associated with mood disorders, sleep, pain perception, and

immune function. His laboratory is recognized worldwide for its work on the glucocorticoid signaling system, diseases of the HPA axis, such as Cushing's syndrome, and the physiologic and molecular mechanisms of stress.

Dr. Chrousos has contributed immensely to the biomedical literature and his work has provided new insights into a variety of chronic complex disorders. He has written over 900 scientific papers and his work has been cited in over 30,000 other scientific articles, an irrefutable testimony to the importance and influence of his research. His work has educated a broad community of physicians and scientists around the world. He has received numerous national and international awards for his work, including election to membership in the prestigious American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians.

As a mentor, he has helped to develop the careers of many young physicians and scientists, several of whom are now professors and chairpersons. As an excellent teacher, he has had a number of visiting professorships and has given prestigious lectures all over the world.



Antonis S. Makrigiannakis, MD, PhD
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Heraklion, Crete
Greece

Antonis Makrigiannakis was born in 1964 in Rhodes, Greece. He is married, has two children and currently lives in Heraklion Crete, Greece. He obtained his medical degree from Athens University, Greece, in 1988. He completed his PhD thesis and postdoctoral studies on molecular pharmacology of hormones and neuropeptides at the Medical School of the University of Crete, Heraklion, Greece, in 1997. At that time he also completed his specialization in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University Hospital of Heraklion. He was further trained and specialized in Infertility and Reproductive Medicine at the Division of Human Reproduction, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA. In 1999 he moved to London where he worked at the Imperial College School of Science and Medicine, at the Hammersmith Hospital as a Senior Scientist in the IVF Unit and the Centre of Reproductive Medicine. He now holds the position of Professor in Reproductive Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Crete.

He is a member of the American Association advancing the Science, the American Society for Reproductive Gynecology and Infertility and the European Society of Reproductive Medicine. He also is one of the founding members of the Mediterranean Society of Reproductive Medicine.

Dr. Makrigiannakis' research is focused on the molecular mechanisms of implantation and has produced numerous publications in international journals (62 papers in Medline). Particularly, he has investigated the biological role of corticotropin releasing factor in human endometrium, highlighting its involvement in blastocyst implantation and maternal immunotolerance of the fetus.

39TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF ESCI

Athens, Greece
6 – 9 April 2005

A Warm Welcome to Athens!

The 2005 scientific meeting of ESCI will take place at the Hilton Hotel in Athens, Greece. One year after the Olympic Games will have returned to their place of birth, the Society will hold its 39th Annual Meeting in the city that is also the fountain of all European history.

Following the longstanding tradition of ESCI, the meeting will combine all areas of clinical investigation and provide a forum of scientific discussion to strengthen the European ties in basic and clinical research. The meeting will especially focus on the field of endocrinology and, thus, extend the successful tradition of the 1989 ESCI meeting in Athens to the cutting edge research of the new millennium.

In recent years, the city of Athens has successfully merged its well-preserved ancient charme with the ingredients of a modern 'metropolis', where art and science are once again flourishing. It is in this place where scientists overlook the more than two thousand years old splendor of the Acropolis from laboratories equipped with the most advanced technology.

On behalf of the local organizing committee and the President and Council of ESCI, we cordially invite you to this exciting meeting!

Prof. George Chrousos, meeting president
Prof. Antonis Makrigiannakis, president local organizing committee

SUMMARY PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

■ Wednesday 6 April 2005

15.00 – 19.00 **registration** at the registration desk of the meeting at the Athens Hilton Hotel

19.30 – 19.40 **opening ceremony**

19.40 – 20.30 plenary opening lecture

'Roles of estrogen receptor'

by Elwood V. Jensen, Cincinnati, OH, USA

20.30 – 21.30 **welcome reception**

■ Thursday 7 April 2005

08.30 – 13.00 **workshops**

10.30 – 11.15 **plenary lecture**

'Roles of CRH in physiology and pathophysiology'

by Wylie W. Vale, La Jolla, CA, USA

workshops:

- 01 Phagocyte biology: from gene to function
*P. Coffe (Utrecht, The Netherlands),
D. Roos (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)*
- 03 Immunopharmacology and immunotherapy today
*K. Masek (Prague, Czech Republic),
J.W. Hadden (New York, USA)*
- 07 Dual endothelin receptor antagonism in pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)
W. Kirch (Dresden, Germany), D. Pittrow (Dresden, Germany)
- 09 Maternal-fetal interface: from bench to bedside
*A. Makrigiannakis (Heraklion, Greece),
A.M. Bamberger (Hamburg, Germany),
H.M. Schulte (Hamburg, Germany)*
- 18 New insights on gynaecological cancer
*E. Paraskevaidis (Ioannina, Greece),
T. Panoskaltsis (Ioannina, Greece)*
- 24 Stress-related mechanisms of disease
G. Mastorakos (Athens, Greece)

13.00 – 14.00 **lunch / poster viewing / exhibition**

14.00 – 14.45 **plenary lecture**

'Integrin signaling in leukocyte trafficking'
by Mark H. Ginsberg, San Diego, CA, USA

15.00 – 18.00 **workshops**

- 01 Phagocyte biology: from gene to function
*P. Coffe (Utrecht, The Netherlands),
D. Roos (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)*
- 05 Advances in autoimmunity
*A.G. Tzioufas (Athens, Greece),
D.T. Boumpas (Heraklion, Greece)*
- 06 Biologic therapies for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis
G. Panayi (London, UK), H.M. Moutsopoulos (Athens, Greece)
- 08 Hormones and aging
*A. Gravanis (Heraklion, Greece),
C. Bamberger (Hamburg, Germany),
H.M. Schulte (Hamburg, Germany)*
- 14 Pathophysiology of inflammatory bowel disease
C. Pothoulakis (Boston, MA, USA)
- 19 Prevention and management of multiple pregnancy
A. Antsaklis (Athens, Greece)

■ Friday 8 April 2005

08.30 – 13.00 **workshops**

10.30 – 11.15 **plenary lecture 'Stem cells'**

by Roger A. Pedersen, Cambridge, UK

workshops:

- 01 Phagocyte biology: from gene to function
*P. Coffe (Utrecht, The Netherlands),
D. Roos (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)*
- 02 Metabolism and toxicity of iron in normal subjects and patients with haemochromatosis
*Z.I. Cabantchik (Jerusalem, Israel),
J.J.M. Marx (Utrecht, The Netherlands)*
- 10 Hormone therapy: new insights on the management of postmenopausal and premenopausal women
*S.N. Kalantaridou (Ioannina, Greece),
K.A. Calis (Bethesda, Maryland, USA)*
- 12 New trends in polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)
I.E. Messinis (Larissa, Greece)
- 13 Recurrent pregnancy loss
P.D. Drakakis (Athens, Greece)
- 16 Sexual dysfunction
G. Tolis (Athens, Greece), D. Hadjichristou (Thessaloniki, Greece)

13.00 – 14.00 **lunch / poster viewing / exhibition**

14.00 – 14.45 **plenary lecture winner ESCI Award 2005:
Lars Fugger (Oxford, UK)**

Title: *'Multiple sclerosis. From basic science to clinical medicine'*
See laudation in this Newsletter.

15.00 – 16.00 chaired discussion of subspecialty posters

16.30 – 18.00 general oral session of selected subspecialty posters followed by

Poster Awards 2005

Subspecialty poster sessions:

Cardiovascular Medicine
Endocrinology, Diabetology and Metabolism
Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Haematology and Oncology
Immunology and Rheumatology
Lipids
Nephrology and Hypertension
Neurology and Neurobiology
Respiratory Medicine
Thrombosis and Haemostasis

■ Saturday 9 April 2005

08.30 – 13.00 **workshops**

10.30 – 11.15 **plenary lecture**

'Genetics in PCOS'

by Jerome Strauss, Philadelphia, PA, USA

workshops:

- 01 Phagocyte biology: from gene to function
*P. Coffe (Utrecht, The Netherlands),
D. Roos (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)*
- 02 Metabolism and toxicity of iron in normal subjects and patients with haemochromatosis
*Z.I. Cabantchik (Jerusalem, Israel),
J.J.M. Marx (Utrecht, The Netherlands)*
- 04 Thrombophilia and pregnancy
G. Farmakides (Athens, Greece)
- 15 Nutritional antioxidants and cancer
E. Castanas (Heraklion, Greece)
- 17 Prostate cancer - Diagnosis, genomics, genetics, therapy
G. Tolis (Athens, Greece), O. Iliopoulos (Boston, MA, USA)
- 20 Stem cells: promise and prospects for clinical therapy
A. Gavalis (Athens, Greece), E. Remboutsika (Athens, Greece)

13.00 – 14.00 **lunch / poster viewing / exhibition**

14.00 – 17.00 **workshops**

- 02 Metabolism and toxicity of iron in normal subjects and patients with haemochromatosis
*Z.I. Cabantchik (Jerusalem, Israel),
J.J.M. Marx (Utrecht, The Netherlands)*
- 10 Hormone therapy: new insights on the management of postmenopausal and premenopausal women
*S.N. Kalantaridou (Ioannina, Greece),
K.A. Calis (Bethesda, Maryland, USA)*
- 11 Osteoporosis: new insights and treatments
A. Margioris (Heraklion, Greece), G. Trovas (Athens, Greece)
- 21 The family of stress-related peptides: from transgenic models to human disease
K.P. Karalis (Athens, Greece)
- 22 Molecular targeted therapies optimization: the clinical challenges
N. Pavlidis (Ioannina, Greece), E. Briasoulis (Ioannina, Greece)
- 23 Preimplantation genetic diagnosis
G.B. Maroulis (Alexandroupolis, Greece)

■ Important addresses

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An update of the **programme schedule** of the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting of ESCI can be found on the ESCI website: <http://www.esci.eu.com/> where a registration form is available.

FUTURE SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2006, March 15 – 18

Prague, Czech Republic
(see announcement in this letter)

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