

## Delegate briefing

### Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Meeting of the European Symposium on Calcified Tissues and the International Bone and Mineral Society

#### Arriving in Athens

If you are an EU citizen, you must either present a passport or an ID card valid for the duration of your stay in order to enter Greece for tourist visits of up to three months. Citizens of other countries must have a valid passport. Some non-EU citizens are required to produce a visa. Please contact your travel agent or the nearest Greek diplomatic post for further information. Should you need a letter of invitation to register to obtain an Entry Visa, please contact MCI. Please note that we cannot enter into correspondence with the Greek Authorities on your behalf and an invitation letter does not imply any financial liability on our part. For more information, please go to: <http://greece.visahq.com/>

#### Travelling from Athens International Airport to the city centre

##### METRO

Delegates can use line 3 of the Attiko metro. This direct journey to the city centre departs every 5 minutes and for a single journey costs EUR 8.00.

<http://www.amel.gr/index.php?id=375&L=1#c672>

For further information including a timetable and route maps, please visit:

<http://www.urbanrail.net/eu/ath/athens.htm> or

<http://www.amel.gr/index.php?id=22&L=1>

##### TAXIS

On arrival at the airport delegates can call and book a taxi with **Athens TAXI**

<http://www.athens-taxi.gr/eng/index.htm>

#### Travelling from Athens International Airport to the Megaron

ECTS/IBMS 2011 will be held at:

Megaron, Athens International Conference Centre

Vass.Sophias & Kokkali, Athens 115, Greece

[www.megaron.gr](http://www.megaron.gr)

##### METRO

Line 3 of the Attiko metro connects the Megaron to the Airport. It is just two minutes from the metro station to the door of the Megaron.

##### TAXIS

The Megaron is part of the Athens Concert Hall which is situated at the corner of Vas. Sofias Avenue and Kokkali St. This is a location most people know and you'll find it easy to get to. If you travel by taxi, tell the driver you want the Megaron. He won't need any further directions!

##### BUS

From the airport you can take bus X95

#### Travelling from Athens city centre to the Megaron

You can also travel to the Megaron by public transport from any part of Athens:

- Buses E14, X14, A5 and 550 all stop right in front of the Megaron
- Electrically driven buses 3, 8, 10 and 13 all stop right in front of the Megaron
- From the railway station, it's just 30 minutes to the Megaron metro station
- From Piraeus it's just a few minutes ride on the metro
- If you come by car you can park in the Megaron's new three-level parking facility, which has spaces for 750 cars

## Travelling around the city

### METRO

The urban rail, includes metro, rail and tram in the city of Athens. Services operate from 05.30am to 00.30pm (Monday-Saturday) and 02.00 on Fridays and Saturdays. Metro runs every 6-8 minutes and all trains stop at all stations. A flat fare applies to any one journey on the subway; adult single tickets are currently priced at EUR 1.40. For full information on times, fares, frequency and tickets please visit:

<http://www.amel.gr/index.php?id=376&L=1>

### BUS

Athens Transit will help you to travel around the city of Athens. For further information on First Bus services in Athens, including fares, routes & timetables, please visit: <http://www.athenstransit.com/>

## Registration

Report to the registration desk to receive your delegate bag which will include the Abstract CD-ROM and Abstract Book if purchased (you will receive a voucher to either get the abstract book or CD-ROM at the Congress bags/Abstract Book/CD ROM desk). You will also find in your bag the Programme Book, the CME evaluation form, tickets booked for social events and other flyers. Prior to the meeting all registered delegates will receive an e-mail, with a personal bar code. This will allow you to get your badge directly from the Self Check-in Stations. This Speedy Badge Printing service will avoid any queuing. The badge must be worn at all times to allow access into the Megaron Congress Centre.

## Programme, Abstracts & On-line Itinerary Planner

You will receive in your delegate bag the abstracts on CD ROM. Please note that if your laptop does not have a CD ROM drive we advise you to use the [on-line itinerary planner](#) to organise your time ahead of the congress. As a registered delegate, you will receive prior to the meeting an email with a password to enable you to access the planner. Use it to browse through the programme and abstracts, select sessions that you want to attend and create your own personal itinerary. When you have finished you can print or download a PDF of your plan and the abstracts which you are interested in. You can return and change your plan at any time. You can also purchase a copy of the abstract book at the meeting for EUR 38 from Monday 9 May.

## Meet the Professor Sessions

A number of Meet the Professor Sessions will be held during the lunch break on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Numbers will be limited to 50 per session. Entry will be by ticket only, to be collected on a first-come first-served basis from the registration desk on the day of the session. Boxed lunches may be collected for consumption during the sessions in the Foyer close to the session rooms.

### **IBMS/ECTS New Investigator Career Workshops**

These workshops will include short presentations from three speakers each with a different testimonial about life as a postdoc. A podium panel discussion will end the workshops, allowing informal interaction between the audience and the presenters. Numbers will be limited to 100 per session. Entry will be by ticket only, to be collected on a first-come first-served basis from the registration desk on the day of the session. Boxed lunches may be collected for consumption during the sessions in the Foyer close to the session rooms.

### **ECTS/IBMS Training Course**

Delegates booked on the ECTS/IBMS Training Course: Joints; formation, function and failure with a focus on osteoarthritis, are advised to use the on-line itinerary planner ahead of the course to browse and download the lecture outlines. A programme book will NOT be provided on the day.

### **CME Certificates**

If you require a CME certificate you MUST fill in the evaluation form which you will find in the delegate bag. Please hand this in to the registration staff before you leave the meeting in exchange for your certificate of attendance.

### **Information for Presenters**

If you are speaking or presenting a poster please read the presenters guidelines which can be found in the [download section](#) of the conference website.

### **Social Events**

Using the [on-line registration form](#), reserve a place for the Welcome Reception, Football Tournament and Cultural Event / Party – act quickly as tickets are selling out fast!

### **Commercial Exhibition**

ECTS/IBMS are extremely grateful to all sponsors and exhibitors who are supporting the conference. Visit the [virtual exhibition plan](#) to find out which companies will be in attendance and check the meeting website for more information about [satellite symposia programmes](#). The ECTS introduced the scientific booth concept in Glasgow and as the initiative was a great success, we will be offering it again in Athens. Companies, who have submitted research abstracts to the congress, will have company scientists present in a non-commercial setting to discuss their data and to answer any questions. Delegates are invited to attend these booths to find out more. These booths are located in the poster area.

### **Internet Access**

Wifi connection is available in all areas of the Megaron. No password is needed.

## Disclaimer

We kindly ask that you read the information listed in the [disclaimer section](#) of the congress website.

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