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WELCOME LETTER

Dear colleagues,

During the last years the specialty of Pulmonology has been highlighted as of key importance and established in the consciousness of the medical world and society as a front-line specialty.

The Department of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Patras having extroverted orientation and following the legacy of the last 3 years, responds to the increased needs for scientific training & education by organizing the 4th consecutive hybrid Congress: "**Bridges of Pulmonology 2025**", which will be held on **May 29th - June 1st, 2025**, in **Patras**, at the **Conference and Cultural Center**, within the University Campus. Our conference will be for the first time not only under the auspice of our national Universities but also under the auspice of European University of Cyprus, further extending its international impact.

This year our conference will focus on a scientific journey through time where international speakers and several world-wide and national experts will present the milestone discoveries that shifted our diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic dial throughout the years. Most importantly our kick-off session will be related to the transformative impact of medicine on the society and will provide valuable feedback from healthcare professionals, patients and volunteers on their role in increasing awareness for chronic respiratory diseases including COPD, lung cancer and fibrosis. Patient advocacy groups will be actively involved testifying patient needs and priorities and providing insights that will help bridge the gap between health care providers and patients.

The Congress also aims to unite different medical specialties & scientific communities on a practical-approach basis, to achieve optimal patients' management. It includes rich topics that not only respond to key clinical issues but also extend to the area of translational and basic research highlighting the importance of mechanistic thinking in the diagnosis and treatment of the complex respiratory patient. Thus, doctors of all specialties will gain benefits in the management of the complex respiratory patient.

With the hope and anticipation that this Congress will help building communication "bridges" and exchanging of scientific opinions among:

- a. physicians and patients' groups enhancing disease awareness, providing disease education and advancing care
- b. the medical specialties of Pulmonology, Cardiology, Pathology, Rheumatology, Neurology, Oncology, Nephrology, Allergology, ENT, General Medicine and Intensive Care
- c. primary and tertiary care health
- d. last but not least our conference aims to expedite interaction of international and national experts with young physicians and students and mentoring them for their career development plans. This will be a unique opportunity for young physicians.

I will be looking forward to your maximal participation in a constructive four days Congress. Within the era of precision medicine, we should never forget that patients should lie at the core of decision making and disease management.

Argyrios Tzouvelekis MD, PhD, MSc

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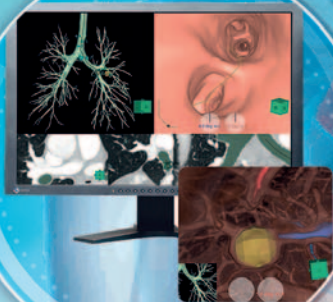
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

THURSDAY

29th MAY 2025

AUDITORIUM

12:00-14:00 Registrations

14:00- 16:00 Welcome Session

**Bridges with Society: The Transformative impact of medicine
Insights from Healthcare Professionals, Patients and Volunteers**

Chairpersons: Eleni Albani, Alexandros Spiridonidis, Argyrios Tzouvelekis

Keynote Lecture

Medical volunteering in action - The role of medical students

Stamatia Galani

- The role of primary care physician in the screening and prevention of chronic lung diseases

Emmanouil Symvoulakis

- The role of nurse in the management of the chronic respiratory patient

George Kipourgos

- Bridges between mind and breath: The psychological and neuropsychological dimension of Respiratory Disease

Evgenia Gkintoni

- COPD patient testimony

- PF patient testimony

- Lung cancer patient testimony

- Lung cancer patient and caregiver testimony

Korina Pateli-Bell

- Key patient priorities in improving treatment and QoL

Maria Thanou

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THURSDAY 29th MAY 2025

AUDITORIUM

16:00-17:20

Bridges of Pulmonology with Infectious Diseases - A journey through time

Chairpersons: Aikaterini Dimakou, Adamantia Liapikou, Markos Marangos

Keynote Lecture

Non-cystic fibrosis Bronchiectases. The milestones of clinical research

Aikaterini Dimakou

-
- Management of hospital-acquired respiratory tract infections. The milestones of clinical research
Stelios Asimakopoulos

 - Management of lower respiratory tract infections in immunocompromised patients. The milestones of clinical research
Karolina Akinosoglou

 - Management of Tuberculosis. The milestones of clinical research
Charalampos Moschos
-

Commentators: Maria Lagadinou, Lydia Leonidou, Elena Polyzou

17:20-17:45 COFFEE BREAK

17:45-19:15

Respiratory Physiology and Radiology - A journey through time

Chairpersons: Christina Kalogeropoulou, Epaminondas Kosmas,

Stavros Tryfon

-
- Practical approaches and advances in the assessment of small airway disease - Hands on FOT
Dimitrios Toumpanakis

 - Practical approaches and advances in the management of respiratory failure - Role of NIV and HFNC
Adamantia Sotiriou

 - Computer-based imaging analysis in ILDs - More than meets the eye
Vassilios Tzilas

 - The role of transthoracic ultrasound as a diagnostic tool in respiratory diseases
Fotios Sampsonas

FRIDAY

30th MAY 2025

AUDITORIUM

09:30-10:45

The multidisciplinary clinical cases approach of the complex respiratory patient - A journey through time

Chairpersons: George Iliopoulos, Likourgos Kolilekas, Vlassis Polychronopoulos

- Vasculitides with renal and lung involvement
Dimitrios Daoussis
- Autoimmune induced lung injury
George Margaritopoulos
- Screening for CTD-ILDs
Stylianios Panopoulos
- Lung complications of neuromuscular disorders
Dimosthenis Lykouras

Commentators: Andreas Bounas, Panagiotis Georgiou, Vasilina Sotiropoulou

10:45-11:10 COFFEE BREAK

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12:40-14:30 Bridges of Pulmonology with Oncology - A journey through time

Chairpersons: Athina Christopoulou, Serafeim Chrysikos, Ioannis Gkiozos

Keynote Lecture

Lung Cancer Screening - Unmet needs and current status
Eleftherios Zervas

- Targeted Therapy and Immunotherapy Propel
10 years of progress in NSCLC
Achilleas Nikolakopoulos
- Lung cancer molecular profiling - Advances and challenges
Vasiliki Tzelepi
- Smoking pandemic and smoking cessation. Where do we stand?
Paraskevi Katsaounou

Commentators: Zafeiria Barmparessou, Ourania Papaioannou
Vasilina Sotiropoulou

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FRIDAY

30th MAY 2025

AUDITORIUM

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19:30-20:00	Keynote Lecture Medicine is art or science? Ioannis Patrikios	
20:00-20:20	Power Shifts and Geopolitical Disruption: Navigating Risks in a Fragmented World Athanasios Platias	
20:20-21:00	Salutations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan Chrysostomos of Patras • Charalampos Bonanos • Ilias Theodoropoulos • Christos Bouras • Anna Mastorakou • Stylianos Loukides 	

SATURDAY

31st MAY 2025

AUDITORIUM

09:00-10:30

**Bridges of Pulmonology with Cardiovascular diseases -
A journey through time**

Chairpersons: Periklis Davlouros, Ioanna Mitrouska, Georgia Pitsiou

Keynote Lecture

Status of lung transplantation in Greece

Iraklis Tsagkaris

- Challenges and opportunities in the management of post pulmonary embolism impairment
Stavros Konstantinides

- Management Heart Failure with preserved EF (HFpEF)
Antonios Karanasos

- Challenges and opportunities in the management of Group 3 Pulmonary Hypertension - Milestones of clinical research
Frantzeska Frantzeskaki

Commentators: Aphrodite Boutou, Maria Doumani, Nikolaos Papaioannou

10:30–11:00

Industry Lecture

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11:00-11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15-12:00

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease - A journey through time

Chairpersons: Stylianos Loukides, Dionysios Papalexatos, Nikolaos Tzanakis

Keynote Lecture

Big RCTs in COPD

Theodoros Vassilakopoulos

A. COPD

- Biologics in COPD: The road is still long and winding
Paschalis Steiropoulos

- COPD exacerbations - A journey through time
Georgios Hillas

Commentators: Dimitrios Chorianopoulos, Eleftherios Vrouvakis, George Zacharis

12:00-12:10

COFFEE BREAK

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SATURDAY

31st MAY 2025

AUDITORIUM

12:10-13:20 Severe asthma - The four Rs - Response, Remission, Remodeling, Rhinosinusitis

Chairpersons: Antonios Christopoulos, Andrianna Papaioannou, Konstantinos Porpodis, Konstantinos Samitas

Keynote Lecture

Suboptimal response to anti-IL5 treatment

Manali Mukherjee

B. Asthma

- Unmet needs in severe asthma - A journey through time

Petros Bakakos

- Remodeling in asthma - Myths and Facts - The MESILICO study

Kalliopi Domvri

- Chronic rhinosinusitis unmet needs and future perspectives

Michael Makris

- The role of surgery in nasal polyps in the era of biologic agents

Spyridon Lygeros

Commentators: Evangelia Fouka, Maria Kallieri, Fotios Psarros, Alexandros Georgolios

13:20-14:00 Industry Symposium

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14:00-15:00 Interstitial Lung Diseases - A journey through time

Chairpersons: Zoe Daniil, Argyrios Tzouvelekis, Eirini Vasarmidi

Keynote Lecture

Basic science research milestones

Gisli Jenkins

Keynote Lecture

Clinical trials milestones

Athol Wells

- Management of sarcoidosis - Milestones of clinical research

Vassilios Kouranos

Commentators: Ilias Dimeas, Ioannis Tomos, Christina Rampiadou

15:00-16:00 LUNCH BREAK

16:00-20:30 Poster Session

SUNDAY

1st JUNE 2025

AUDITORIUM

09:30-11:10

Interventional Pulmonology - A journey through time

Chairpersons: Grigoris Stratakis, Fotios Sampsonas, Iraklis Titopoulos, Efsun Conga Ugur Chousein

Keynote Lecture

Advances in diagnosis and management of malignant pleural effusions
Semra Bilaçeroglu

- The role of cryorecanalization of central airway obstruction
Spasoje Popević
- Medical thoracoscopy - Current trends and future perspectives
Dimitrios Ampazis
- Management of solitary pulmonary nodules - Current trends and future perspectives
Nektarios Anagnostopoulos
- Bronchoscopic treatment strategies of chronic obstructive lung diseases
Philip Emmanouil

Commentators: Stavros Anevlavis, Nikolaos Koufos, Leonidas Papastavrou

11:10-11:20

COFFEE BREAK

11:20-12:20

Sleep disorders - A journey through time

Chairpersons: Kyriakos Karkoulas, Sofia Schiza, Paschalis Steiropoulos

Keynote Lecture

Endotyping, Phenotyping and personalized therapy in obstructive sleep apnea
Georgia Trakada

- Hypoxic burden in obstructive sleep apnea
Kyriaki Cholidou
- Sleep deprivation - Milestones of clinical research
Nikolaos-Tiverios Oikonomou

Commentators: Agisilaos Dervas, Dimosthenis Lykouras, Athanasios Voulgaris

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SUNDAY

1st JUNE 2025

AUDITORIUM

12:20-13:20

Early career members session - From bench to bedside

Chairpersons: Georgios Kaltsakas, Ourania Papaioannou, Ioannis Tomos

- Thinking outside the box - Commonalities between lung and liver fibrosis
Antonios Chatzigeorgiou
- Pulmonary adipocyte deposits in lung fibrosis: A novel fibrotic regulator
Panagiota Tsiri
- FeNO and type 2 biomarkers in COPD: Stable disease and exacerbations
Dimitrios Potonos
- OSA and somnolence
Elena Charisiadou
- Severe asthma: Biologics and the real world evidence studies
Maria Kallieri

13:20 -13:25

COFFEE BREAK

13:25-14:25

Lungs on fire - Interesting case reports from the everyday clinical practice

Chairpersons: Gerasimos Apolonatos, George Efraimidis, Dimitrios Grassos

- Patient with fever and haemoptysis
Emmanouil Psarros, Ilektra Koulousousa
- Patient with thoracic pain and arthralgia of three months' duration
Ioannis Christopoulos, Christina Schiza
- Patients with fever and dyspnea: Case report
Christina Katsi, Dimitrios Komninos

Commentators: Konstantinos Alexandrou, Dimitrios Chorianopoulos, Ioannis Christopoulos, Matthaios Katsaras, Andreas Koulelidis, Anastasios Tsatsos

14:25-15:25

Closing Ceremony - Concluding Remarks

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INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUMS | LECTURES

FRIDAY

30th MAY 2025

11:10-11:40 INDUSTRY LECTURE

Chairperson: **Aikaterini Antoniou**

- The alliance of three molecules in one device with one inhalation in COPD
Antonios Christopoulos

11:40-12:10 INDUSTRY LECTURE



- Bridging scientific knowledge with clinical practice on the role of IL-5 in obstructive pulmonary diseases - A scientific discussion with expert pulmonologists
Konstantinos Samitas, Eleftherios Zervas

12:10-12:40 INDUSTRY LECTURE

Chairperson: **Georgios Hillas**

- Therapeutic management of asthma: The advantages of the fixed dosage regimen for the patient with asthma
Paschalis Steiropoulos

16:50-17:20 INDUSTRY LECTURE

Chairperson: **Argyrios Tzouveleakis**

- COPD management in everyday cases: Lessons from Clinical Practice
Eleftherios Vrouvakis

17:20-18:00 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM

Approaching patients with Obstructive
Airway DiseasesChairperson: **Stylianios Loukides**

- The role of LAMA in asthma management.
Latest data on extra fine single inhaler triple therapy
Konstantinos Samitas
- The importance of timely intervention in the management of stable COPD
Ioannis Pantazopoulos

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FRIDAY

30th MAY 2025

18:00-19:00 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM

AstraZeneca 

Chairperson: Andriana Papaioannou

- Advances in COPD management.
Targeting cardiopulmonary risk in COPD
Dimitrios Toumpanakis

- The importance of prompt intervention and emerging clinical data
in optimizing COPD management
Vlasios Vitsas

Chairperson: Stylianos Loukides

- Therapeutic goals in the management of Severe Asthma
Evangelia Fouka

19:00-19:30 INDUSTRY LECTURE

 Pfizer

Chairperson: Stylianos Loukides

- What's new in prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
and pneumococcus
Georgios Hillas

SATURDAY

31st MAY 2025

10:30-11:00 INDUSTRY LECTURE

 GSK

Chairperson: Petros Bakakos

- Protecting vulnerable populations from severe RSV infection:
The importance of vaccinating patients with Respiratory Conditions
Paschalis Steiropoulos

13:20-14:00 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM

 **Boehringer
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**Pulmonary fibrosis: Current achievements
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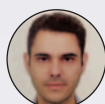
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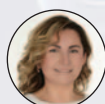
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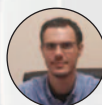
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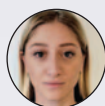
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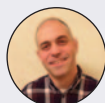
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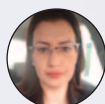
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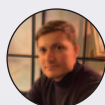
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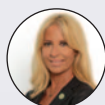
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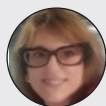
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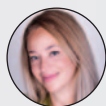
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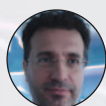
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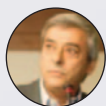
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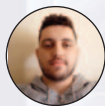
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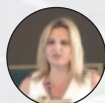
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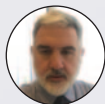
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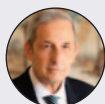
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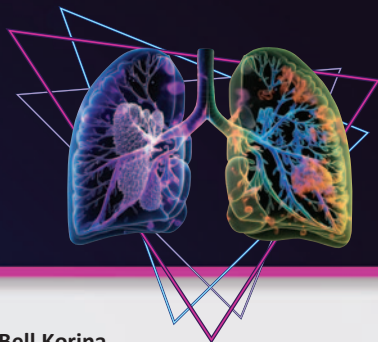
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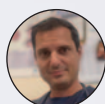
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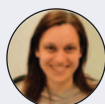
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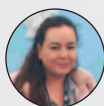
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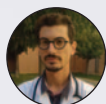
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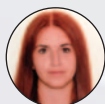
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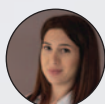
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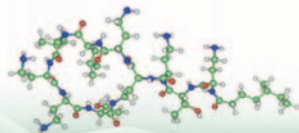
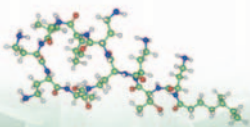
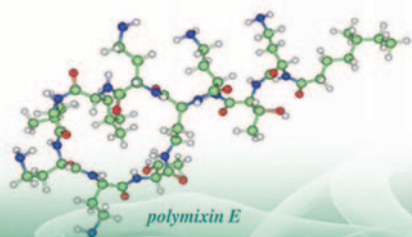
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