This congress is memory of our late Professor Giovanni Nigro, one of the first pioneers for neuromuscular research in the Mediterranean in connection with the 2nd Congress of the Turkish Neuromuscular Society

27-29 June 2018
Avanos, Cappadocia, Turkey

Topics of the congress: Limb-girdle muscular dystrophies, Advances in the field

Extra activity 1: 26-27 June 2018, Clinical neuromuscular course for physicians

Extra activity 2: 27 June 2018, Outcome measures course for physiotherapists
Dear Colleagues,

Thirty-six years ago, a group of researchers with interest in the field of muscular dystrophies felt the need to promote a mutual cooperation among the people of the Mediterranean area, and created the Mediterranean Society of Myology in 1993, in Ischia.

The initiative had a rapid success with the accession of the representatives of 22 Mediterranean Countries and was a model to establish other International Societies of Myology, such as the European NeuroMuscular Center–ENMC (established in 1992 by Ysbrandt Portman, Reinhardt Rudel and myself) and the Word Muscle Society (established in 1995 by Victor Dubowitz, Luciano Merlini and myself)

The presence of the Turkish delegates has always enriched the value of the Society, and the organization of the 13th Congress attests their contribution.

Therefore I am very pleased and grateful to Prof. Haluk Topaloglu for accepting the task (and load) of the Congress organization, and I’m convinced it will be a successful event.

I hope that many of you will be present next year in Cappadocia.

Giovanni Nigro
30 April 2017

Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to attend the 13th Meeting of the Mediterranean Society of Myology (MSM) in Cappadocia, Turkey, June 28-30 2018. MSM has been originated in Italy, rapidly escalated, and within a decade has become an internationally renown group of enthusiasts. Bi-annual meetings have been traditional. With the spirit we have received from the past congresses of the Society, it will be our aim to bring researchers together with interest in basic and clinical science. The special topic for this congress has been chosen as “limb-girdle muscular dystrophies”. We shall try our best to create an exciting programme. This congress will jointly be done with the 2nd Turkish Myology meeting.

Cappadocia which was the population zone of the Assyrian civilization later has hosted the Hittite, Frig, Pers, Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman civilizations. Cappadocia is an important tourism site in Turkey.

We think that your visit to Cappadocia in the summer of 2018 will be rewarding academically and educationally, and also from the social aspects.

Prof. Haluk Topaloglu
President of the Mediterranean Society of Myology
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27 June 2018, Wednesday

19.00 – 19.30 Welcoming Lecture Followed by Reception

28 June 2018, Thursday

Limb-Girdle Dystrophies

Session 1. Genetics and Classification of Limb-Girdle Dystrophies

08.30 – 09.00 Genetics of Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophies
Isabelle Richard, FR

09.00 – 09.30 Molecular Basis and Cellular Aspects of Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophies
G Butler-Browne, FR

09.30 – 10.00 Classification and Pathophysiology
Marco Savarese, IT

10.00 – 10.30 Solve the Unsolved LGMDs: the Next Approach
Vincenzo Nigro, IT

10.30 – 11.30 Break

Session 2. Clinical features of limb-girdle dystrophies

11.00 – 11.30 Clinical Features of Limb Girdle Dystrophies: an Overview
Jordi Diaz-Manera, SP

11.30 – 12.00 Metabolic Myopathies Mimicking Limb Girdle Dystrophy
Corrado Angelini, IT

12.00 – 12.30 Myofibrillar Myopathies
Duygu Selcen, USA and TR

12.30 – 13.00 Muscular Dystrophies with Mental Retardation
Haluk Topaloglu, TR

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch, Poster Viewing

14.00 – 15.30 Oral Presentations

15.30 – 16.00 Break

16.00 - 17.30 Posters

17.30 - 19.00 MSM General Assembly

20.00 – 24.00 Gala Dinner
29 June, Friday

Session 3. Advances and Therapies I

09.00 – 09.30 Genetic Diagnosis
Roula Cristodoulou, Cyprus

09.30 – 10.00 Laminopathies
Giselle Bonne, FR

10.00 – 10.30 Dysferlinopathy, Calpainopathy and Imaging
Giorgio Tasca, IT

10.30 – 11.00 Contribution of Muscle Biopsy in Diagnosis of LGMD in the Third Millennium
Rita Baresi, UK

11.00 – 11.30 Break

Session 4. Advances and therapies II

11.30 – 12.00 Future of genetics
Judith Melki, FR

12.00 – 12.30 Clinical and Molecular Heterogeneity in Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophies
Giacomo Comi, IT

12.30 – 13.00 Cardiac Involvement in Muscular Dystrophies: Contribution of the Naples’s School
Luisa Politano, IT

13.00 – 13.30 Treatment of Pompe Disease
Antonio Toscano, IT

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch, Poster Viewing

Session 5. Advances and therapies III

14.30 – 15.00 Update in spinal muscular atrophy treatment
Eugenio Mercuri, IT

15.00 – 15.30 Therapy of GNE Myopathy
Zohar Argov, IL

15.30 – 16.00 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: Future Perspectives
Yoram Nevo, IL

16.00 – 16.30 Sarcoglycanopathies, Therapeutic Approaches
Dorianna Sandona, IT

Closure of the meeting
World Muscle Society members are highly specialised professionals active in the neuromuscular field, are on research for neuromuscular disorders or involved in the management of patients with these disorders.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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All rates are excluded of VAT. So, please contact to msm2018@flaptour.com.tr

Congress Registration Fee Includes:
- Scientific Programme
- Gala Dinner
- Lunches
- Coffee Breaks
- Congress Bag

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds will be made, except where organisers decline registration.

Visa Information:
- To see if you need a visa or not:
  - It is recommended that foreigners, who wish to attend to the Congress, check with web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Visa Information for Foreigners at: http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa to see if they require a visa for Turkey.
  - The citizens of several countries are allowed to enter Turkey with their national ID’s only. Check if this applies to you at: http://www.mfa.gov.tr/countries-whose-citizens-are-allowed-to-enter-turkey-with-their-national-id_s.en.mfa
- If you require a visa:
  - To see if you are eligible to apply for an e-visa, please visit: www.evisa.gov.tr. E-visa can be obtained by online application in a few minutes 7/24 from everywhere with internet connection.
  - If you need an invitation letter for visa application, please contact: msm2018@flaptour.com.tr

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