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Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

*It's a privilege to invite you to the first **Eastern Mediterranean symposium in Hematology** which will be held on **24-25 November 2023** in **Alexandroupolis, Greece**. The Symposium is co-organized by the Hematology Clinic of the University Hospital of Alexandroupolis and the Department of Hematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation of Laikon General Hospital of Athens and the Aegean Hematology and Oncology Society.*

This first day of this meeting is focused on the recent advances in the diagnosis, classification and management of patients with myelodysplastic syndromes, while the second day is dedicated to the science and clinical care of lymphomas. Greek, Turkish and renowned experts from Europe and US will immerse the audience into the modern, mesmerizing world of Hematology. We are waiting for you in beautiful Alexandroupolis to share experiences and actively interact on the fascinating topics that will be covered by this symposium.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

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FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

09:00-09:30 **In lieu of welcome**

Promoting cooperation: Hellenic MDS registry and other activities
Ioannis Kotsianidis (GR), Mustafa Çetiner (TR), Güray Saydam (TR)

09:30-11:00 **Clonal hematopoiesis and premalignant states**

Chair: Ioannis Kotsianidis (GR), Mustafa Çetiner (TR)

09:30-10:00 Clonal dynamics and myeloid neoplasms
Luca Malcovati (IT)

10:00-10:30 Myelodysplastic syndrome with isolated thrombocytopenia: A new entity?
Konstantinos Liapis (GR)

10:30-11:00 Non-invasive diagnosis of MDS
Moshe Mittelman (IL)

11:00-11:30 **Satellite Lecture**

Chair: Athanasios Galanopoulos (GR)

Transforming the management of anemia in patients with LR-MDS:
Aiming at maturation of erythroid lineage
Charalampos Pontikoglou (GR)

 Bristol Myers Squibb™

11:30-12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00-14:00 **Novel drugs and combinations for MDS**

Chair: Argyris Symeonidis (GR), Ali Ünal (TR)

12:00-12:30 Precision medicine in MDS: Targeting actionable mutations
Eleftheria Hatzimichael (GR)

12:30-13:00 Combinations in higher-risk MDS
Mehmet Yilmaz (TR)

13:00-13:30 Non targeted treatments for lower-risk MDS
Ömür Gökmen Sevindik (TR)

13:30-14:00 Treating CMML: Emerging therapies
Panagiotis Diamantopoulos (GR)

14:00-15:30 **Lunch Break**

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15:30-17:00 **Transplantation and immunotherapies in MDS Risk stratification in the molecular era**

Chair: Nora Athina Vyniou (GR), Mehmet Turgut (TR)

15:30-16:00 TP53 MDS/AML: To transplant or not?

Alexandros Spyridonidis (GR)

16:00-16:30 MDS: When to transplant

Mustafa Çetiner (TR)

16:30-17:00 Immunotherapies in MDS

İnci Alacacioğlu (TR)

17:00-17:30 **Satellite Lecture**

Chair: Vasiliki Pappa (GR)

"Walking the Talk" in CLL: BTKi selectivity and clinical data guide the path towards personalized care

Eleftheria Hatzimichael (GR)

AstraZeneca 

17:30-18:00 **Coffee Break**

18:00-20:00 **Issues in MDS diagnosis and treatment**

Chair: Vasiliki Pappa (GR), Mine Hekimgil (TR)

18:00-18:30 New classifications in myeloid neoplasms

Derya Demir (TR)

18:30-19:00 Intermediate-risk MDS: Which therapy?

Georgios Vrachiolias (GR)

19:00-19:30 MDS epidemiology: Do we have enough data?

Anil Tombak (TR)

19:30-20:00 Predisposition to MDS: Time for germline testing?

Ilias Pessach (GR)

20:00-20:30 **Invited Speaker I**

Chair: Ioannis Kotsianidis (GR)

An appraisal of the response criteria in MDS

Amer Zeidan (US)

20:30-21:00 **Invited Speaker II**

Chair: Theodoros P. Vassilakopoulos (GR), Burhan Ferhanoğlu (TR)

PET-guided treatment of early and advanced-stage HL

Andrea Gallamini (IT)

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SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

08:15-08:30 In lieu of welcome

Promoting cooperation: Hellenic lymphoma registry and joint studies
Theodoros P. Vassilakopoulos (GR), Burhan Ferhanoğlu (TR)

08:30-09:30 Biology of lymphomas

Chair: Panagiotis Panagiotidis (GR), Mine Hekimgil (TR)

08:30-09:00 Aggressive B-cell lymphomas
Mine Hekimgil (TR)

09:00-09:30 Hodgkin, primary mediastinal LBCL and related disorders
Georgios Kanellis (GR)

09:30-11:10 First-line Therapy

Chair: Gerasimos Pangalis (GR), Burhan Ferhanoğlu (TR)

09:30-09:50 Hodgkin lymphoma
Theodoros P. Vassilakopoulos (GR)

09:50-10:10 Aggressive B-cell lymphomas
Deniz Gören Şahin (TR)

10:10-10:30 Mantle cell lymphoma
Evgenia Verrou (GR)

10:30-10:50 T-cell lymphomas
Tayfur Toptaş (TR)

10:50-11:10 Discussion

11:10-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Relapsed/Refractory lymphomas

Chair: Maria Bouzani (GR), Sinem Civriz Bozdağ (TR)

11:30-12:00 Follicular and other indolent lymphomas
Emmanouil Spanoudakis (GR)

12:00-12:30 Aggressive B-cell lymphomas
Sotirios Papageorgiou (GR)

12:30-13:00 Hodgkin lymphoma
Elif Birtaş Ateşoğlu (TR)

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- 13:00-14:40 **Stem Cell Tansplantation and Cellular Therapies**
Chair: Alexandros Spyridonidis (GR), Elif Birtaş Ateşoğlu (TR)
- 13:00-13:20 Current role of allogeneic SCT in Hodgkin and aggressive lymphomas
Sinem Civriz Bozdağ (TR)
- 13:20-13:40 CAR-T cell therapy in aggressive B-cell lymphomas
Maria Angelopoulou (GR)
- 13:40-14:00 CAR-T cell therapy in follicular and mantle cell lymphoma
Siret Ratip (TR)
- 14:00-14:20 Discussion
- 14.20-17.00 **Lunch Break**
- 17.00-17.30 **Satellite Lecture** 
Chair: Ioannis Kotsianidis
Diffuse large B-cell and Follicular Lymphoma treatment in the modern era:
How can durable remissions be achieved?
Christina Kalpadaki (GR)
- 17.30-18.00 **Satellite Lecture** 
Chair: Ioannis Kotsianidis (GR)
Pirtobrutinib as a new hope against BTK inhibition resistance
Theodoros P. Vassilakopoulos (GR)
- 18.00-18.45 **Satellite Symposium** 
Navigating the Future: Therapeutic Breakthroughs in B Cell Malignancies
Chair: Ioannis Kotsianidis (GR)
Pioneering Progress: The Changing Landscape of CLL Management in
Front-line setting
Konstantinos Liapis (GR)
Mantle Cell Lymphoma: Unlocking the Future of Diagnosis and Treatment
Vasiliki Pappa (GR)
- 18.45-19.00 **Coffee Break**
- 19.00-21.00 **Current Research Projects in MDS & Malignancy Lymphomas in Greece**
Chair: Ioannis Kotsianidis (GR), Theodoros P. Vassilakopoulos (GR)
- 19.00-20.00 Discussion in MDS with all present faculty
- 20.00-21.00 Discussion in Malignancy Lymphomas with all present faculty
- 21:00 **Concluding Remarks**

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