

Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine World meets in Istanbul

Milan, 22nd April 2014 - Istanbul hosts the 22nd International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC WorldLab 2014), 22nd Congress of the Balkan Clinical Laboratory Medicine (BCLF) and 26th National Congress of the Turkish Biochemical Society (TBS 2014) between June 22-26, 2014.

Istanbul's new and state of the art congress center, Istanbul Congress Center (ICC) will be hosting us for this Congress. It is located within the heart of the "Congress Valley" downtown and conveniently in walking distance to all major hotels as well as shopping centers, restaurants and night life district.

First time in the history of WorldLab Congresses, five IFCC regional federations and three the most relevant associations in the field of laboratory medicine are going to organise their symposia during the WorldLab Congress in Istanbul which are; World Association of Pathologists and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM), American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC), Latin America Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI), European Federation of Laboratory Medicine (EFLM), Balkan Clinical Laboratory Federation (BCLF), African Federation of Clinical Chemistry (AFCC), Arab Federation of Clinical Biology (AFCB) and Asia Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine (APFCB).

The high-quality innovative program prepared by the International Scientific Committee and International Scientific Advisory Committee includes opening and plenary lectures, 35 symposia in 8 parallel halls, 2 educational, 3 satellite meetings, a workshop on LC-MS/MS, oral and poster presentations and industry sponsored educational workshops and exhibition. The whole program has been designed to cover the most recent scientific and technological developments in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine reflecting the direction of Laboratory Medicine in the 21st century with a combination of presentations, symposia, discussions, workshops and exhibitions.

Opening lecture entitled "Immunometabolism of obesity and diabetes" will be delivered by Prof. Gokhan Hotamisligil. Plenary lectures will be delivered by Prof. Kamil Ugurbil (Imaging brain function and connectivity with ultrahigh field magnetic resonance), Prof. Göran K. Hansson (Inflammation, immunity and atherosclerosis), Prof. Mustafa Djamgoz (Ion channels: from laboratory to clinic (and back)!) and Prof. Dennis Lo (Deciphering the plasma genome: applications to prenatal diagnosis and oncology).

Symposia topics cover a wide spectrum of clinical chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. Point of care testing, practice guidelines, decision making, patient focused laboratory medicine, ISO15189, personalized medicine will be discussed in different sessions. Audience will also have a chance to follow new technological developments in the field of hemostasiology, vascular markers, autoimmunity, neurodegenerative diseases and epigenetics. Finally current laboratory applications will be presented for obesity, infectious diseases, bleeding and thrombosis, immunodeficiency, tumor markers, bone metabolism, hematologic diseases etc. "Data Generation and Ethical Issue in Laboratory Medicine" and "Peer Review and Ethics in Publications in the Electronic Age" are the sessions related to the important topic of ethics in laboratory medicine. Poster sessions will be an integral part of the congress program encouraging congress participants to attend the poster sessions. The leaders of the diagnostic industry will take place at the largest IVD product exhibition during the WorldLab Congress.

XIIIth International Congress of Pediatric Laboratory Medicine will be organized prior to the IFCC WorldLab 2014 (June 20-22, 2014) as a Satellite Meeting. The scientific program covers a wide range of topics and includes sessions on genetically determined diseases in children, metabolic disorders, newborn screening, allergy testing, nutrition, endocrinology, pediatric reference intervals, and many other topics.

IFCC POCT Satellite Meeting will be organized on 22nd of June, 2014. A workshop about "Scientific Writing" will be organized by Nader Rifai, the Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Chemistry will be open to all participants.

IFCC WorldLab 2014 Congress brings outstanding professionals together from all over the world and we believe participants will enjoy the scientific and social program and the beautiful city, Istanbul.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Istanbul in June 2014

Prof. Dr Nazmi Ozer

President, IFCC Worldlab2014 Congress

President, Turkish Biochemical Society

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ABOUT IFCC

The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) is the leading worldwide, non-political organization for clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. As such it has a range of roles that include (1) global standard setting in collaboration with other international organizations, (2) supporting its members through scientific and educational endeavour, and (3) providing a series of congresses, conferences and focussed meetings in order for laboratory medicine specialists to meet and present original findings and best practice. Through leadership and innovation in science and education, IFCC strives to enhance the scientific level and the quality of diagnosis and therapy for patients throughout the world. IFCC builds on the professionalism of its members to provide quality services to patients. IFCC is a Federation of 87 Full Member national societies of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine representing about 45.000 individual clinical chemists, laboratory scientists, and laboratory physicians and 51 Corporate Members covering the main areas of clinical laboratory developments. Visit: www.ifcc.org

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