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### 09:00 - 10:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS CARDIOVASCULAR AND METABOLIC DISEASES

**OP01-OP09** 

<u>Chairpersons</u>: Konstantinos P. Makaritsis (Larissa, Greece)

Vasileios Papavasileiou (Leeds, UK)

### OP01 DEVELOPMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR IMPLANTS UTILIZING THE HUMAN UMBILICAL ARTERY

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# OP02 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VITAMIN D LEVELS AND DIFFERENT CARDIOVASCULAR RISK SCORES IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

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# OP03 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VITAMIN D LEVEL AND ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION IN MALE PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

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### OP04 NON-VITAMIN-K-ANTAGONIST ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS VERSUS WARFARIN IN PATIENTS WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND PREVIOUS STROKE OR TRANSIENT ISCHEMIC ATTACK

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# OP05 ASSOCIATION BETWEEN OSTEOARTHRITIS AND SARCOPENIA IN GERIATRIC PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS (T2DM)

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# OP06 AGE- AND SEX-SPECIFIC ANALYSIS OF CHARACTERISTICS AND OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS WITH EMBOLIC STROKE OF UNDETERMINED SOURCE

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### OP07 GENDER DIFFERENCES IN MORTALITY AMONG STATIN USERS AGED 80 YEARS OR MORE

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### OP08 EVALUATION OF THE URIC ACID AS SUBCLINICAL MALNUTRITION INDICATOR

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### OP09 SCREENING FOR FABRY DISEASE IN TWO GREEK NEPHROLOGY DEPARTMENTS

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#### 10:30 - 11:00 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

#### Chairperson: **Dimitrios Samonakis** (Heraklion, Greece)

Importance of European registries on rare liver diseases: The paradigm of autoimmune hepatitis **Rodrigo Liberal** (London, UK)

#### 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

#### 11:30 - 13:00 ROUND TABLE

**Hypolipidemic treatment: What is new?** 

#### <u>Chairperson</u>: **Moses Elisaf** (loannina, Greece)

Should we treat everyone above 60 years with a statin? **Chris J. Packard** (*Glasgow*, *UK*)

Familial hypercholesterolemia diagnosis and treatment: Can we perform better?

**G. Kees Hovingh** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

PCSK9 inhibition: What is hot in 2017? **Terje Rolf Pedersen** (Oslo, Norway)



13:00 - 14:00 SYMPOSIUM

**Intensive blood pressure control** 

<u>Chairperson</u>: **Alberto Zanchetti** (Milan, Italy)

Pros

**Michel Burnier** (Lausanne, Switzerland)

Cons

Alberto Zanchetti (Milan, Italy)

#### 14:00 - 14:30 SATELLITE LECTURE

14:30 - 16:00 Leisure time

16:00 - 17:30 ROUND TABLE

Stroke etiology and management

Hellenic Stroke Organization

<u>Chairpersons</u>: **Jose Ferro** (Lisbon, Portugal) **George Ntaios** (Larissa, Greece)

Stroke in the young

**Jukka Putaala** (Helsinki, Finland)

Drug-induced stroke

**Jose Ferro** (Lisbon, Portugal)

Can we predict thrombolysis-associated symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage?

**Daniel Strbian** (Helsinki, Finland)

Management of intracranial artery stenosis

**Christian Weimar** (Essen, Germany)

#### 17:30 - 18:00 SATELLITE LECTURE



#### 18:00 - 19:30 ROUND TABLE Heart and stroke

*Hellenic Stroke Organization* 

### <u>Chairpersons</u>: **Heinrich Mattle** (Bern, Switzerland) **Konstantinos Spengos** (Athens, Greece)

Patent foramen ovale in cryptogenic stroke: Closure, antiplatelets or anticoagulants? **Heinrich Mattle** (Bern, Switzerland)

Optimal strategy for detection of atrial fibrillation in patients with cryptogenic stroke

Martin Kohrmann (Essen, Germany)

Acute treatment in patients with acute ischemic stroke treated with oral anticoagulants

**George Ntaios** (Larissa, Greece)

#### 19:30 - 19:45 Break

#### 19:45 - 21:00 OPENING CEREMONY

#### Welcome

#### **Inaugural Lecture**

Improving health care by innovations and clinical research

Daniel Sereni (Paris, France)

President of the Foundation for the Development of Internal Medicine in Europe (FDIME)

#### 21:00 WELCOME RECEPTION





### 08:30 - 10:00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS GASTROENTEROLOGY/HEPATOLOGY (A)

**OP10-OP18** 

<u>Chairpersons</u>: M. Deutsch (Athens, Greece)

R. Liberal (London, UK)

# OP10 INTERFERON-INDUCED PROTEIN-10 (IP10) AT ENTECAVIR (ETV) OR TENOFOVIR (TDF) DISCONTINUATION IN NON-CIRRHOTIC HBeAg-NEGATIVE CHRONIC HEPATITIS B (CHBe-) CANNOT PREDICT SUBSEQUENT RELAPSES. DARING-B: PROSPECTIVE GREEK STUDY

<sup>1</sup>Margarita Papatheodoridi, <sup>2</sup>Emilia Hadziyannis, <sup>3</sup>Eirini Rigopoulou,

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# OP11 CHARACTERISTICS OF PATIENTS WITH WILSON'S DISEASE IN A SINGLE-CENTER IN GREECE: LAST 3 DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

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### OP12 CHARACTERISTICS OF GREEK MALE PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY BILIARY CHOLANGITIS (PBC)

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# OP13 SEVERE ACUTE NON-A, NON-B, NON-C HEPATITIS WITH AUTOIMMUNE FEATURES: CONSIDER ACUTE HEPATITIS E VIRUS (HEV) INFECTION NOT JUST AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS (AIH)

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# OP14 SERUM HUMAN BETA-DEFENSIN-1 IS AN ACCURATE PREDICTOR OF SHORT-TERM MORTALITY IN PATIENTS WITH ACUTE-ON-CHRONIC LIVER FAILURE

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### OP15 CHRONIC HEPATITIS C PATIENTS WITH GENOTYPE 5, TREATED WITH NEWER ANTIVIRAL DRUGS

<u>Giorgos Ntetskas</u>, Vasileios Papastergiou, Eystathia Anastasiou, Nikitas Katsilis, Anna Katsili, Maria Stampori,

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# OP16 PATIENTS WITH HAEMOGLOBINOPATHIES AND CHRONIC HEPATITIS C: A REALLY DIFFICULT TO TREAT POPULATION IN 2016?

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# OP17 THE ROLE OF THE NLRP3 INFLAMMASOME AND THE ACTIVATION OF IL-1β IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF CHRONIC VIRAL HEPATIC INFLAMMATION

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# OP18 THE CURRENT RECOMMENDED TREATMENT WITH 2<sup>ND</sup> GENERATION DAAS IN CHRONIC HEPATITIS C IN GREECETOLERATION AND VIROLOGICAL RESPONSE

<sup>1</sup>Andreas Kapatais, <sup>2</sup>Solon Solomou, <sup>3</sup>Dimitrios Karagiannakis,

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### 08:30 - 10:00 ORAL PRESENTATIONS GASTROENTEROLOGY/HEPATOLOGY (B)

**OP19-OP27** 

<u>Chairpersons: Sotirios Georgopoulos (Athens, Greece)</u> **Evangelos. Cholongitas (**Thessaloniki, Greece)

# OP19 POSTINFANTILE GIANT CELL HEPATITIS (PIGCH): A RARE HISTOLOGICAL PRESENTATION OF AUTOIMMUNE HEPATITIS (AIH) LEADING TO FULMINANT LIVER FAILURE

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# OP20 LOW SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH DECOMPENSATED CIRRHOSIS AND GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT COLONIZATION BY MULTIDRUG RESISTANT BACTERIA

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### OP21 SCREENING OF LIFE STYLE FACTORS IN SLOVAK LIVER OUTPATIENTS

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### OP22 CAUSATIVE DISTRIBUTION AND EPIDEMIOLOGIC DATA OF LIVER CIRRHOSIS

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# OP23 HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC) IN MULTITRANSFUSED PATIENTS WITH THALASSEMIA MAJOR (TM) IN GREECE: RISK FACTORS, CHARACTERISTICS AND THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES

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### OP24 ILEO-COLONOSCOPY, CARDIO-RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND ADEQUATE SEDATION

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### OP25 PERSISTENT INTESTINAL INFLAMMATION LEADS TO SURGICAL INTERVENTION IN CROHN'S PATIENTS: A NESTED CASE-CONTROL STUDY

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# OP26 MEAN TROUGH LEVELS OF EVEROLIMUS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA RECURRENCE AFTER LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

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# OP27 EVALUATION OF POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS RICH FOODS INTAKE ON GENETICALLY SUSCEPTIBLE INDIVIDUALS: THE HELLENIC NAFLD STUDY

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#### 10:00 - 11:30 ROUND TABLE

**Obesity: From epidemiology to treatment** 

<u>Chairpersons</u>: **Hermann Toplak** (*Graz, Austria*) **Peter Nilsson** (*Malmo, Sweden*)

Epidemiology, definition and diagnosis of obesities **Hermann Toplak** (*Graz, Austria*)

Obesity, impaired glucose metabolism and vascular changes **Peter Nilsson** (*Malmo*, *Sweden*)

Mechanisms of obesity induced hypertension **Vasilios Kotsis** (*Thessaloniki*, *Greece*)

Novel drugs in the treatment of obesity **Jens Jordan** (*Hannover*, *Germany*)

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#### 10:00 - 11:30 ROUND TABLE

Advances in viral hepatitis management

Hellenic Association for the Study of the Liver

<u>Chairpersons</u>: **Stephanos J. Hadziyannis** (Athens, Greece) **John Koskinas** (Athens, Greece)

Chronic hepatitis B: Discontinuation of oral antivirals **Stephanos J. Hadziyannis** (Athens, Greece)

Chronic hepatitis C: Challenges in special populations **Heiner Wedemeyer** (*Hannover, Germany*)

Chronic hepatitis delta: An update Cihan Yurdaydin (Ankara, Turkey)

11:30 - 12:00 E-poster viewing/Coffee Break



#### 12:00 - 13:30 ROUND TABLE

New developments in diabetes mellitus

Hellenic Diabetes Association

<u>Chairpersons</u>: Nikolaos Papanas (Alexandroupolis, Greece)

George Dimitriadis (Athens, Greece)

Novel approaches to manage dyslipidaemia, NAFLD and CV risk in type 2 diabetes

Manfredi Rizzo (Palermo, Italy)

Silent myocardial ischaemia in diabetes: New developments **Paul Valensi** (*Paris. France*)

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Diabetic neuropathy: New developments in early diagnosis and treatment

Dan Ziegler (Düsseldorf, Germany)

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#### 12:00 - 13:30 ROUND TABLE

**Treatment innovations in rheumatic diseases** 

<u>Chairpersons</u>: Loic Guillevin (Paris, France)

Yves Renaudineau (Brest, France)

Treatment of ANCA-associated vasculitis: Questions and concerns **Loic Guillevin** (*Paris, France*)

Biological-targeted treatments in giant cell arteritis and Takayasu arteritis

Maxime Samson (Dijon, France)

Primary Sjögren's syndrome: How to improve specific treatment? **Yves Renaudineau** (*Brest, France*)

Axial spondyloarthritis and psoriatic arthritis:

**Emerging treatment strategies** 

Menelaos N. Manoussakis (Athens, Greece)

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#### 13:30 - 14:00 SATELLITE LECTURE

#### 14:00 - 15:30 E-poster viewing/Leisure time



15:30 - 16:30 SYMPOSIUM

**Staphylococcal infections** 

<u>Chairperson</u>: **Serhat Unal** (Ankara, Turkey)

Choosing antibiotics in difficult to treat staphylococcal infections **Francesco Menichetti** (*Pisa*, *Italy*)

Optimizing treatment strategies in S. aureus bacteremia **Serhat Unal** (Ankara, Turkey)

16:30 - 17:00 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

Hellenic Stroke Organization

Chairperson: Konstantinos Vemmos (Athens, Greece)

Clinical application of stroke genetics **Martin Dichgans** (Munich, Germany)

17:00 - 17:45 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

17:45 - 18:15 E-poster viewing/Break

18:15 - 19:45 ROUND TABLE

Internal Medicine in the 21st century

European Federation of Internal Medicine (EFIM)

<u>Chairpersons</u>: Pier Mannuccio Mannucci (Milan, Italy)
George N. Dalekos (Larissa, Greece)

European Curriculum of Internal Medicine Runólfur Pálsson (Reykjavík, Iceland)

Choosing wisely: To be or not to be - that's the question **Nicola Montano** (Milan, Italy)

The role of EFIM publications for trainees and specialists **Pier Mannuccio Mannucci** (Milan, Italy)

19:45 - 20:15 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

Chairperson: George Ntaios (Larissa, Greece)

Selecting the appropriate antithrombotic strategy in atrial fibrillation **Gregory Lip** (Birmingham, UK)

20:15 - 21:00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM





### 08:30 - 09:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS INFECTIOUS DISEASES

**OP28-OP33** 

<u>Chairpersons</u>: Eleni Boutati (Athens, Greece)

Efthymia Giannitsioti (Athens, Greece)

# OP28 THE INFLUENCE OF ILLNESS DURATION BEFORE DIAGNOSIS OVER THE CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS IN PATIENTS WITH BRUCELLOSIS

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# OP29 PREVALENCE OF HEMATOGENOUS TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN BLOOD DONORS POPULATION IN THE LAST 5 YEAR PERIOD

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# OP30 COULD COAGULASE NEGATIVE STAPHYLOCOCCUS ISOLATION BE SIGNIFICANT POST FOREIGN BODY REMOVAL? A CLINICAL CASE OF LATE-ONSET VENTRICULITIS

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### OP31 INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME AS INITIAL MANIFESTATION OF RETROPERITONEAL TUBERCULOSIS IN A PREGNANT WOMAN

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### OP32 PERITONEAL FLUID CULTURE EVALUATION IN A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

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### OP33 PREDICTORS OF LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS (LRTI) IN ELDERLY PATIENTS REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION

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### 08:30 - 09:30 ORAL PRESENTATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

**OP34-OP39** 

<u>Chairpersons</u>: M. Voulgarelis (Athens, Greece),
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# OP34 PROLONGED FEBRILE ILLNESS (PFI) REVISITED: A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF A SINGLE TERTIARY REFERRAL CENTER EXPERIENCE IN CENTRAL GREECE

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#### **OP35 IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL FOODS FOR THE TROFOSTAZ**

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#### OP36 ALTERNATIVES ON ADMISSION TO A CHRONIC-MULTIMORBIDITY UNIT

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# OP37 EVALUATION OF MORTALITY CAUSES OF THE LAST 10 YEARS IN DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES UMRANIYE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH HOSPITAL

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# OP38 ASSOCIATION OF SERUM TUMOR MARKERS CEA AND CA 15-3 WITH OXIDATIVE STRESS AND BODY MASS INDEX (BMI) IN DIFFERENT SUBTYPES OF BREAST CANCER

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### OP39 ESTIMATION OF OXIDATIVE STRESS BIOMARKERS IN PATIENTS WITH HEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES

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#### 09:30 - 11:00 ROUND TABLE

Global health security: Threats and opportunities

<u>Chairpersons</u>: Christos Hadjichristodoulou (Larissa, Greece)

loannis Baskozos (Athens, Greece)

Global health and population movements **Varvara Mouchtouri** (*Larissa*, *Greece*)

The role of points of entry (ports, airports, ground, crossings) in global health security

**Daniel Lins Menucci, WHO Headquarters** (Lyon, France)

The impact of the International Health Regulations 2005 in global health security

**Thomas Hofmann, WHO Euro** (Copenhagen, Denmark)

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#### 09:30 - 10:30 SYMPOSIUM

Acute kidney injury after abdominal surgery

Chairperson: Runólfur Pálsson (Reykjavik, Iceland)

Definition, classification and diagnosis of acute kidney injury **José António Lopes** (Lisbon, Portugal)

Acute kidney injury after abdominal surgery: Risk factors and management

Runólfur Pálsson (Reykjavik, Iceland)

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#### 11:00 - 11:30 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

<u>Chairperson</u>: Panayiotis G. Vlachoyiannopoulos (Athens, Greece)

Autoimmune serology: The strategy, methodology and clinical governance

Diego Vergani (London, UK)

#### 11:30 - 12:00 E-poster viewing/Coffee break

#### 12:00 - 13:30 ROUND TABLE

**Autoimmune cholestatic liver diseases** 

<u>Chairpersons</u>: **Gideon Hirschfield** (Birmingham, UK) **Henk R. van Buuren** (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

Scientific and practical aspects of registries in primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)

**Henk R. van Buuren** (Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

PBC: Old and novel therapies **Annarosa Floreani** (*Padova*, *Italy*)

Variant syndromes: Classification and management **Albert Pares** (Barcelona, Spain)

Deranged cholestatic enzymes in a patient with inflammatory

bowel disease: What to do?

**Gideon Hirschfield** (Birmingham, UK)



#### 13:30 - 14:00 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

<u>Chairperson</u>: Nikolaos K. Gatselis (Larissa, Greece)

Disease specific IVIG to treat diverse autoimmune diseases **Miri Blank** (*Tel Aviv, Israel*)

#### 14:00 - 14:30 SATELLITE LECTURE

14:30 - 16:00 E-poster viewing/Leisure time

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# PARALLEL SESSION

#### 16:00 - 17:30 ROUND TABLE

Highlights in intensive care unit (ICU) infections

<u>Chairperson</u>: George Dimopoulos (Athens, Greece)

Prevention of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP):

Could be realistic?

**Stijn Blot** (Ghent, Belgium)

Reducing the antifungal drugs consumption in the ICU

**Philippe Montravers** (Paris, France)

Fighting multi-drug resistant (MDR) pathogens in the ICU

Murat Akova (Ankara, Turkey)

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# **ALLEL SESSION**

#### 16:00 - 17:30 ROUND TABLE

NAFLD - NASH: From pathogenesis to treatment

<u>Chairpersons</u>: **Vlad Ratziu** (Paris, France)

**Emmanuel A. Tsochatzis** (London, UK)

Steatosis and metabolic risk factors: Who is at risk of liver disease progression

Mattias Ekstedt (Linköping, Sweden)

NAFLD genetics

**Quentin Anstee** (Newcastle, UK)

Non-invasive assessment of liver fibrosis in NAFLD

**Emmanuel Tsochatzis** (London, UK)

Novel pharmacotherapy options for NASH

**Vlad Ratziu** (Paris, France)



#### 17:30 - 18:00 STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE

Chairperson: **Spyridon Dourakis** (Athens, Greece)

The coagulopathy of chronic liver disease Pier Mannuccio Mannucci (Milan, Italy)

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#### 18:00 - 19:00 SYMPOSIUM

Lymphocyte disruptions in autoimmune diseases

#### Chairperson: Yves Renaudineau (Brest, France)

Diagnostic accuracy of lymphocyte subset profiling in autoimmune diseases

**Christophe Jamin** (Brest, France)

Myeloid populations are altered in systemic autoimmune diseases

**Concepción Marañón** (Granada, Spain)

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#### 18:00 - 19:00 SYMPOSIUM

Practical guidelines for diagnosis, management and outcome of drug-induced liver injury (DILI)

#### <u>Chairperson</u>: Annarosa Floreani (Padova, Italy)

Diagnostic evaluation of suspected DILI **Ynto de Boer** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Management and outcome of DILI in patients with or without chronic liver disease

Alexandra Alexopoulou (Athens, Greece)

#### 19:00 - 19:30 Coffee Break

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#### 19:30 -21:00 **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**



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