XXVIII$^{\text{th}}$ International Workshop
on Helicobacter and Microbiota in Inflammation and Cancer
in conjunction with the ESPGHAN Postgraduate Course

“An update on H. pylori infection in benign and malignant disease”

Nicosia, Cyprus
September 24 - 26, 2015

FINAL PROGRAMME

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WELCOMING ADDRESS

Dear colleagues and friends,

The XXVIIIth International Workshop on Helicobacter and Microbiota in Inflammation and Cancer is being held in Nicosia, the beautiful and historic capital of Cyprus, on 24 - 26th September 2015.

On behalf of the local host Dr. G. Potamitis and the members of EHMSG we welcome you to this event.

The meeting will focus in particular on the role of Helicobacter and other components of the gut microbiota in health and disease. It is preceded by the EHMSG/ESPHGAN postgraduate course entitled “An update on H.pylori infection”.

During these events, new epidemiological aspects, novel pathogenic mechanisms, host-bacteria interactions and updated diagnostic and therapeutic guidelines will be covered by the world’s leading scientists.

I hope that you will have a stimulating and fruitful meeting and that you will enjoy Cyprus, the island of Aphrodite.

Welcome to Nicosia!

Theodore Rokkas, MD, PhD, FACG, AGAF, FEBG
President of the European Helicobacter and Microbiota Study Group

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# Programme at a Glance

## Thursday, September 24, 2015

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| 16.00 – 18.00 hrs | **Korean-EHMSG Symposium**  
Cultural Center  
1. Historical perspective of *H. pylori* treatment in Europe, Theodore Rokkas, Greece - President of the EHMSG  
   Historical perspective of *H. pylori* treatment in Korea, Il Ju Choi, Republic of Korea  
2. Current strategies for eradication of *H. pylori* in Europe, Colm O’Morain, Ireland - former President of UEG  
   Current strategies for eradication of *H. pylori* in Korea, Ki-Nam Shim, Republic of Korea |
| 18.30 hrs     | **Opening Ceremony**  
Cultural Center  
Keynote Lecture: Christou Demos  
"Overall picture of the Cyprus culture heritage throughout the centuries“  
Performance by the Cyprus Opera Organization |
| 19.30 hrs     | **EHMSG Networking Mixer** |

## Friday, September 25, 2015

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| 08.30 – 10.10 hrs | **Opening Conferences**  
Cultural Center  
*H. pylori* associated diseases. What can be learned from animal models? J. Fox, USA  
*H. pylori* and extradigestive diseases, J. Kountouras, Greece  
The European registry for *H. pylori* treatment, J. Gisbert, Spain  
The Korean registry for *H. pylori* treatment, Jae G. Kim, Republic of Korea |
| 10.10 – 10.40 hrs | **Coffee break** |
| 10.40 – 12.00 hrs | **Parallel Workshops 1 – 2**  
W1: Treatment of Helicobacter infection  
Cultural Center  
W2: Virulence Factors and pathogenesis  
Auditorium Beta |
| 12.00 – 13.00 hrs | **Lunch Break** |
| 13.00–14.30 hrs | **Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts**  
Group 1 - Diagnosis of Helicobacter infection  
Group 2 - Treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection 1  
Group 3 - Treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection 2  
Group 4 - Epidemiology  
Group 5 - Gut microbiota |
| 14.30–16.00 hrs | **Symposium: Epidemiology of *H. pylori* infection and PUD**  
Cultural Center  
Epidemiology of *H. pylori* infection in Israel, K. Muhsen, Israel  
Probiotics used as adjuvants for the eradication of *H. pylori*. Experience in the Middle East, A.L. Dajani, Dubai  
Evolution of PUD along the years, T. Axon, United Kingdom |
| 16.00–16.30 hrs | **Coffee break** |
| 16.30–18.00 hrs | **Parallel Workshops 3 – 4**  
W3: Microbiota  
Cultural Center  
W4: Epidemiology & Diagnosis  
Auditorium Beta |
| 19.00 hrs     | **EHMSG Networking Dinner**  
(Ticket required - Bus departure 18.15hrs) |

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## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

### Saturday, September 26, 2015

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| 08.30–10.00 hrs    | **Symposium: Gastric Carcinogenesis**  
**Cultural Center**  
EBV in gastric cancer, M.C. Camargo, USA  
Oncogenic signal transduction by Helicobacter pylori, S. Backert, Germany  
Novel human gastric primary cell culture system, T. Meyer, Germany  
Consequence of H. pylori on mitochondria and their genome, E. Touati, France |
| 10.00–10.30 hrs    | **Coffee break**                                                      |
| 10.30–12.00 hrs    | **Parallel Workshops 5 – 6**                                          |
|                    | **W5 Gastric Cancer**  
**Cultural Center**  
**W6 Helicobacter and Extradigestive Disease**  
**Auditorium Beta** |
| 12.00–13.00 hrs    | **Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts**                           |
|                    | Group 6 - Drug resistance and clinical issues                        |
|                    | Group 7 - Gastric cancer and cancerogenesis                          |
|                    | Group 8 - Virulence factors and pathogenesis of Helicobacter infection|
|                    | Group 9 - Inflammation, immunity, vaccines and host interaction       |
|                    | Group 10 - Microbiology and genomics of Helicobacter                 |
|                    | Group 11 - Helicobacter and extradigestive disease                   |
|                    | Group 12 - Paediatrics                                               |
| 13.00–14.00 hrs    | **Lunch break**                                                      |
| 14.00 - 15.30 hrs  | **Symposium: What do we need to know about gut microbiota?**  
**Cultural Center**  
How to study gut microbiota? L. Engstrand, Sweden  
Composition of gut microbiota according to anatomical site, G. Perez-Perez, New York, NY  
Establishment of gut microbiota and change over time, Tamar Ringel-Kulka, USA  
Modulation of gut microbiota, A. Gasbarrini, Italy |
| 15.30–16.00 hrs    | **Coffee break**                                                      |
| 16.00–17.30 hrs    | **Symposium: Why is gut microbiota important?**  
**Cultural Center**  
Gut microbiota and Cancer, G. Hold, United Kingdom  
Gut microbiota and IBD, F. Scaldaferrri, Italy  
Gut microbiota and nutrient sensor pathway, H. Tilg, Austria  
Gut microbiota, obesity and metabolic dysfunction, H. Tilg, Austria |
| 17.45–18.00 hrs    | **Awarding of the Marshall and Warren Medal to Heidi-Ingrid Maaroos**  
**EHMSG Presentation and Poster Awards**  
**Presentation of the next EHMS Meeting in Magdeburg, Germany**  
**Closing remarks** |

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### PROGRAMME THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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| 16.00 - 18.00 hrs | Korean-EHMSG Symposium<br>**Room:** Cultural Center<br>**Chair:** Jae J. Kim, Francis Mégraud<br>**Speaking Time:** 25' + 5'<br>1. Historical perspective<br>**Historical perspective of *H. pylori* treatment in Europe**<br>Theodore Rokkas, Greece - President of the EHMSG<br>•<br>**Historical perspective of *H. pylori* treatment in Korea**<br>Il Ju Choi, Republic of Korea<br>•<br>2. Current strategies<br>**Current strategies for eradication of *H. pylori* in Europe**<br>Colm O’Morain, Ireland - former President of UEG<br>•<br>**Current strategies for eradication of *H. pylori* in Korea**<br>Ki-Nam Shim, Republic of Korea<br>18.30 hrs | Opening Ceremony<br>Keynote Lecture: Christou Demos<br>“Overall picture of the Cyprus culture heritage throughout the centuries”<br>Performance by the Cyprus Opera Organization<br>19.30 hrs | EHMSG Networking Mixer
PROGRAME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

08:30 - 10:10 hrs  Opening Conferences
Room: Cultural Center
Chairpersons: G. Potamitis
T. Rokkas
S.W. Lee
Speaking Time: 25' + 5'

• *H. pylori* associated diseases. What can be learned from animal models?
  J. Fox, USA

• *H. pylori* and extradigestive diseases
  J. Kountouras, Greece

• The European registry for *H. pylori* treatment
  J. Gisbert, Spain

• The Korean registry for *H. pylori* treatment
  Jae G. Kim, Republic of Korea

10:10 - 10:40 hrs  Coffee break

10:40 - 12:00 hrs  Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts
Room: Cultural Center
Chairpersons: D. Graham
J. Gisbert
Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

• W1.1 - Treating refractory *Helicobacter pylori* infection in patients with a history of penicillin allergy: the role of immunological testing.
  Peter Katelaris, Sydney, Australia

• W1.2 - The effect of CYP2C19 polymorphisms on concomitant therapy with different proton pump inhibitors for *Helicobacter pylori* eradication
  Junbo Hong, Nanchang, China (Withdrawn)

• W1.3 - A novel adjuvanted controlled delivery system for oral vaccination against *Helicobacter pylori* infection.
  Vincenzo Aversa, Dublin, Ireland

• W1.4 - Structure, function, and inhibitors of the acid-gated *Helicobacter pylori* urea channel, an essential component for acid survival and chronic infection
  Hartmut Luecke, Irvine, United States

• W1.5 - High eradication rate of Levofloxacin-Dexlansoprazole based quadruple therapy for *Helicobacter pylori* treatment in Thailand
  Ratha-korn Vilaichone, Bangkok, Thailand

• W1.6 - 14-day triple (clarithromycin, metronidazole, or fluoroquinolone) or concomitant therapies plus bismuth for population-based *H. pylori* eradication programs
  David Graham, Houston, United States
PROGrama Me FRIDAY, September 25

10:40 - 12:00 hrs  Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts

Workshop 2 - Virulence Factors and pathogenesis
Room: Auditorium Beta
Chairpersons: D. Sgouras
S. Backert
Speaking Time: 10’ + 5’

- W2.1 - Evaluation of the clinical relevance of cagL gene polymorphisms of Helicobacter pylori
  Carlo-Federico Zambon, Padua, Italy

- W2.2 - H. pylori CagA protein may be involved in the induction of epithelial to mesenchymal transition in experimentally in vitro infected gastric epithelial cells
  Dionyssios Sgouras, Athens, Greece

- W2.3 - The boundless and bountiful: genome dynamics & survival mechanisms in H. pylori
  Niyaz Ahmed, Hyderabad, India

- W2.4 - Long non-coding RNA THRIL regulates Helicobacter pylori cagA induced-inflammation by inhibition of NF-kB translocation
  Na Keum Lee, Seoul, Republic of Korea

- W2.5 - Cross talk between flagellar assembly and virulence in gastric cell-adhered Helicobacter pylori
  Rukhsana Chowdhury, Kolkata, India (Withdrawn)

- W2.6 - Disulfide bond formation in gastric pathogen Helicobacter pylori: an Achilles’ heel for secretion of pro-inflammatory virulence proteins.
  Carole Creuzenet, London, Canada

12:00 - 13:30 hrs  Lunch

13:00 - 14:30 hrs  Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts

Group 1 - Diagnosis of Helicobacter infection
Chairpersons: P. Kasapidis, B. Tepes

Group 2 - Treatment of Helicobacter pylori infection 1
Chairpersons: S. Georgopoulos, L.V. Coelho

Group 3 - Treatment of Helicobacter pylori infection 2
Chairpersons: C. Tzathas, C. O’Morain

Group 4 - Epidemiology
Chairpersons: D. Kalli, K. Muhsen

Group 5 - Gut microbiota
Chairpersons: G. Hold, L. Engstrand
14:30 - 16:00 hrs
Symposium: Epidemiology of H. pylori infection and PUD
Room: Cultural Center

Chairpersons: A. Lanas
P. Malfertheiner

Speaking Time: 25’ + 5’

- Epidemiology of H. pylori infection in Israel
  K. Muhsen, Israel
- Probiotics used as adjuvants for the eradication of H. pylori. Experience in the Middle East
  A.L. Dajani, Dubai
- Evolution of PUD along the years
  T. Axon, United Kingdom

16:00 - 16:30 hrs
Coffee break

16:30 - 18:00 hrs
Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts
Room: Cultural Center

Chairpersons: T. Demetriou
B. Flahou

Speaking Time: 10’ + 5’

- W3.1 - Detection, isolation and characterization of a highly prevalent new Fusobacterium species colonizing the stomach of pigs
  Bram Flahou, Merelbeke, Belgium
- W3.2 - An innovative nonlinear multivariate analysis reveals proton-pump-inhibitor and Helicobacter pylori related patterns in gastric metagenomic data
  Carlo Cannistraci, Dresden, Germany
- W3.3 - Rifaximin Treatment Increases Lactobacillus Abundance in Patients with Different Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases
  Francesca Romana Ponziani, Rome, Italy
- W3.4 - Involvement of the Helicobacter heilmannii locus encoding the Hof outer membrane proteins in binding to the gastric mucosa
  Annemieke Smet, Merelbeke, Belgium
- W3.5 - Fecal microbiota transplantation for recurrent C. difficile infection: a 2-year experience from a European referral centre
  Giovanni Cammarota, Rome, Italy
- W3.6 - Changes in Gut Microbiota Composition According to Nutritional Status in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis
  Silvia Pecere, Rome, Italy
PROGAMME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

16:30 - 18:00 hrs  Workshop 4 - Epidemiology & Diagnosis  
     Room: Auditorium Beta  
Chairpersons: A. Mentis  
             F. Bazzoli  
Speaking Time: 10’ + 5’

• W4.1 - The risk of peptic ulcer bleeding is highest in *H. pylori* positive patients on combined antiplatelet therapy  
  *Marino Venerito, Magdeburg, Germany*

• W4.2 - Reinfection twelve years after successful eradication of *Helicobacter pylori* in Alaska  
  *Michael Bruce, Anchorage, United States*

• W4.3 - The incidence of *Helicobacter pylori* infection with increasing age.  
  *Marion Rowland, Dublin, Ireland*

• W4.4 - The difference of *cagA* genotype of *Helicobacter pylori* alone cannot explain the geographic differences in gastric cancer incidence in Mongolia  
  *Yoshio Yamaoka, Yufu, Japan*

• W4.5 - The accuracy of a new 13C urea breath test meal (Refex®) for *Helicobacter pylori* in patients taking proton pump inhibitors  
  *Bojan Tepes, Rogaška Slatina, Slovenia*

• W4.6 - Preneoplastic conditions are frequent in patients with peptic gastric ulcer  
  *Marino Venerito, Magdeburg, Germany*

19.00 hrs  EHMSG Networking Dinner

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08:30 - 10:00 hrs
**Symposium: Gastric Carcinogenesis**  
*Room:* Cultural Center

Chairpersons: M. Leja  
J.C. Machado

Speaking Time: 25' + 5'

- **EBV in gastric cancer**  
  *M.C. Camargo, USA*

- **Oncogenic signal transduction by *Helicobacter pylori***  
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- **Novel human gastric primary cell culture system**  
  *T. Meyer, Germany*

- **Consequence of *H. pylori* on mitochondria and their genome**  
  *E. Touati, France*

10:00 - 10:30 hrs
**Coffee break**

10:30 - 12:00 hrs
**Parallel Workshops from Submitted Abstracts**  
*Workshop 5 - Gastric Cancer*

*Room:* Cultural Center

Chairpersons: T. Rokkas  
M. C. Camargo

Speaking Time: 10' + 5'

- **W5.1 - Helicobacter species identified in captive sooty mangabey (*Cercocebus atys*) with gastric adenocarcinoma**  
  *J Fox, Cambridge, United States*

- **W5.2 - Role of *Helicobacter pylori* in expression of cancer and metastasis related genes on human adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells - An invitro study**  
  *Sadegh Lotf Alah Moradi, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran*

- **W5.3 - *Helicobacter pylori* induces epithelial-mesenchymal transition of gastric epithelial cell through Akt pathway**  
  *Wenting Xu, Nanchang, China*

- **W5.4 - Analysis of deregulated microRNAs and their target genes in gastric cancer**  
  *Juozas Kupcinskas, Kaunas, Lithuania*

- **W5.5 - Reproducibility of Volatile Marker Tests in Gastric Cancer and the Analysis of Confounding Factors, in Particular - Gut Microbiota upon the Test Results**  
  *Marcis Leja, Riga, Latvia*

- **W5.6 - Recovery of Gastric Function After Acetium® Administration: A 2 Year Study in Patients with Chronic, Atrophic, Body Gastritis**  
  *Francesco Di Mario, Parma, Italy*
Programme Saturday, September 26

10:30 - 12:00 hrs  Workshop 6 - Helicobacter and Extradigestive Disease  
Room: Auditorium Beta
Chairpersons: G. Potamitis, F. Franceschi
Speaking Time: 10’ + 5’

- W6.1 - Influence of the stomach-brain axis in relation to an experimental Helicobacter suis infection in mice  
  Caroline Blaecher, Merelbeke, Belgium

- W6.2 - Helicobacter pylori infection aggravates diet-induced insulin resistance in association with gut microbiota of mice: causal or casual?  
  Cong He, Nanchang, China

- W6.3 - Helicobacter pylori infection is a consistent protective factor against inflammatory bowel diseases  
  Hazel Mitchell, Sydney, Australia

- W6.4 - A potential role of Helicobacter pylori infection in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease  
  Christos Zavos, Thessaloniki, Greece

- W6.5 - Prevalence of Helicobacter pylori infection in Crohn’s disease  
  Nikos Viazis, Athens, Greece

- W6.6 - Challenges in the evaluation of Helicobacter species and biliary tract cancer  
  Jill Koshiol, Rockville, United States

12:00 - 13:00 hrs  Poster Rounds from Submitted Abstracts

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Chairpersons: G. Petrikos, A.L. Dajani

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Group 9 - Inflammation, immunity, vaccines and host interaction  
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Group 10 - Microbiology and genomics of Helicobacter  
Chairpersons: C. Klonis, N. Ahmed

Group 11 - Helicobacter and extradigestional disease  
Chairpersons: L. Loizou, J. Kountouras

Group 12 - Paediatrics  
Chairpersons: E. Roma, S. Koletzko

13:00 - 14:00 hrs  Lunch Break
PROGRAMME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

14:00 - 15:30 hrs  Symposium: What do we need to know about gut microbiota?
Room: Cultural Center
Chairpersons: L. Andersen, H. Tilg
Speaking Time: 25’ + 5’

- How to study gut microbiota?
  L. Engstrand, Sweden

- Composition of gut microbiota according to anatomical site
  G. Perez-Perez, New York, NY

- Establishment of gut microbiota and change over time
  Tamar Ringel-Kulka, USA

- Modulation of gut microbiota
  A. Gasbarrini, Italy

15:30 - 16:00 hrs  Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30 hrs  Symposium: Why is gut microbiota important?
Room: Cultural Center
Chairpersons: M. Trifonos
G. Gasbarrini
Speaking Time: 25’ + 5’

- Gut microbiota and Cancer
  G. Hold, United Kingdom

- Gut microbiota and IBD
  F. Scaldaferri, Italy

- Gut microbiota and nutrient sensor pathway
  H. Tilg, Austria

- Gut microbiota, obesity and metabolic dysfunction
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  Closing remarks

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The presence at the poster of one of the authors is mandatory during the following times:

Friday, September 25, 2013, 13.00 - 14.30 hrs

Group 1 - Diagnosis of Helicobacter infection
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The usable surface on the poster board is 90 cm width x 150 cm height (portrait format). Adhesive material will be made available.
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In alphabetical order.

Badges
Participants should collect name badges from the conference registration desk. As only registered participants will be permitted to attend the Scientific Sessions, the Exhibition and poster areas, you are kindly asked to wear your badge when entering the congress venue.

Cancellations and Refunds
Notice of cancellation had to be made in writing by email or fax to the Congress Office.
The policy for refunding registration fees is as follows:
Written cancellation received:
- Before August 17, 2015: 75% refund
- After August 17, 2015: no refund
The date of the email or fax ID is the basis for considering refunds. Refunds will be made after the congress.

Certificate of Attendance
Confirmations of attendance will be issued at the registration desk.

Cash Dispensers
ATMs are widely available in Nicosia. Local currency (Euro) can also be obtained from banks and exchange bureaus.

CME Credits
The “XXVIIIth International Workshop on Helicobacter and Related Bacteria in Chronic Digestive Inflammation and Gastric Cancer” was granted 15 European CME credits (ECMEC) by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Coffee Breaks and Lunch
During the session breaks refreshments (coffee, tea, and water) will be served free of charge to participants wearing name badges.
Lunch tickets for Friday and Saturday had to be pre-ordered and cannot be purchased on site. Price per day: EUR 10.-.
Lunch tickets are not refundable.

Congress Venue
European University Cyprus
6, Diogenis Str., Engomi,
1516 Nicosia-Cyprus

How to reach the Venue
Nearest Bus Routes: 100, 115, 119, 127, 214, 215, 250

Currency
The official currency of Cyprus is the Euro (EUR).
1 EUR = 1,13 USD = 0,73 GBP = 136 JPY = 1,09 CHF = 9,33 SEK = 7,45 DKK = 1,59 AUD
as per date of printing.

Electricity Supply
230V - 50Hz; G, F plugs type. Connectors can be obtained from your hotel reception or electronic stores.

GSM cell phone roaming
GSM cell/mobile phone roaming is available without any problems for all major international providers. It is advisable to inquire at your provider which roaming company in Cyprus offers the cheapest tariffs.

Internet
You will find Internet cafés throughout the city. WIFI is available, please ask for a code at the registration desk.

Language
The official language of the congress is English (no simultaneous translation).
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Liability
In registering for the EHMSG 2015 participants agree that neither the organising committee nor the congress office assume any liability whatsoever. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements in respect of health and travel. Furthermore, the organisers cannot assume any liability for changes in the programme due to external or unforeseen circumstances and force majeure.

Opening hours of the registration desk at the Congress Centre
Thursday, September 24, 2015: 13.00 – 18.00 hrs
Friday, September 25, 2015: 08.00 – 18.00 hrs
Saturday, September 26, 2015: 08.30 – 18.00 hrs

Poster Removal
The organisers cannot assume any liability for loss or damage of posters displayed in the poster area. Posters that were not removed after the end of the respective day of display, will be removed and will not be kept nor mailed to the author after the meeting.

Presentations
All presenters should hand in their electronic presentation to the technician of the according lecture room in a break at least 1 hour before your talk either via USB-Memory Stick or CD-Rom (30 minutes for talks in the first morning sessions).

Due to EACCME regulations, authors are requested to disclose possible conflicts of interest on the first slide.

A conflict of interest is any situation in which a speaker or immediate family members have interests, and those may cause a conflict with the current presentation. Conflicts of interest do not preclude the delivery of the talk, but should be explicitly declared. These may include financial interests (e.g. owning stocks of a related company, having received honoraria, consultancy fees), research interests (research support by grants or otherwise), organisational interests and gifts.
If you have nothing to disclose, please state “I have no commercial disclosure” instead of the table.

Safety - Crime
Visitor safety is generally adequate, like in any other major European city. You can walk everywhere using common sense. Pick pocketing in heavily visited tourist zones or in public transport lines might be a concern.
Unfortunately experience has shown that some basic precautionary measures should always be kept in mind in any city:
- Do not carry important items like flight tickets, passports etc. with you when visiting the conference or strolling through the city, leave them in the hotel safe during your stay. Rather carry a Xerox copy of your passport or an identity card with you.
- Try not to carry all documents, money, credit cards and other essential items and valuables in one bag. If it is lost or stolen, everything will be gone and might be difficult to replace on short notice, especially passports and visa to return to your country of residence.
- Take off your name badge when leaving the conference venue, it will make you easily identifiable as a tourist.

Smoking Policy
The EHMSG 2015 Workshop is a “No-smoking-Conference”.

Staff
If you should have any questions, the congress staff will be pleased to help you.

Weather
September in Cyprus
• Average high: 26ºC / 79ºF
• Average low: 19ºC / 66ºF
• Average rainfall: 10 mm / 1 in

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration Fees

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Payment of Registration fees may be made either cash in Euro or by Credit Card (Diners Club, Mastercard and Visa).

Please note
The reduced registration fee was only applicable, if it has been credited to the congress account before the deadline. Registering before July 15, 2015 without performing an actual payment was not sufficient to benefit from the reduction.

What is covered by the registration fee?
- Admission to all scientific sessions and the exhibition
- Admission to the networking mixer
- Programme book
- 1 copy of “Year in Helicobacter 2015”
- Refreshments during coffee breaks

Cancellations
Notice of cancellation must have been made in writing by email or fax to the Congress Office. The date of the email/fax ID was the basis for considering refunds. Registration fees may be refunded after the workshop as follows. Cancellation received:
- before August 17, 2015: 75% refund
- after August 17, 2015: no refund

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday, September 24, 2015, 19.30 hrs
EHMSG Networking Mixer
Metohion Kykkou Gardens
Saint Prokopios, Nicosia, 1304
Free for registered participants, however registration for this event is mandatory.

Friday, September 25, 2015, 19.00 hrs
EHMSG Networking Evening at the Restaurant Galu - Bus transfer from the venue at 18.15 hrs
34 Mesopotamias Str, Oroklini, Larnaca 7041
Price: EUR 50.-
Ticket is required and will be checked at the entrance.

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