Invitation

The International Congress on Antiphospholipid Antibodies (aPL) is held every three years to discuss the recent advances and future directions in aPL and Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS). On behalf of the Local and International Executive Committees, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 15th International Congress on aPL, which will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, on September 21-24, 2016.

The 15th International Congress on aPL, will cover a very comprehensive program including:

- Evidence-based state-of-the-art presentations from internationally recognized physicians and scientists
- Task Force discussions and presentations covering the controversial aspects of diagnosis and management
- Oral and poster submitted abstract presentations
- Meet the professor sessions
- Patient sessions guided by leaders in the field.

Turkey is centrally located at the crossroads of continents with 12,500 years of history. Istanbul is a city where two continents merge and where history is combined with modern life. I hope that the 15th International Congress on aPL will similarly bring together rheumatologists, hematologists, thrombosis specialists, obstetricians, neurologists, immunologists, internists, and all others researchers and specialists interested in aPL/APS to advance the field.

Doruk Erkan, MD, MPH
Clinical Co-Director, Mary Kirkland Center for Lupus Care,
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“In the 76 years since the biologic positive test for syphilis was first associated with lupus, more than 50 years since lupus anticoagulant was first associated with pregnancy loss and thrombosis, and 33 years since the development of the ELISA test for anticardiolipin antibody and the definition of the syndrome, we are on the threshold of knowing why the antibody develops, how it does its damage, and how it can best be treated. This meeting will bring together the world’s experts on this topic to define the state-of-the-art of antiphospholipid antibodies and antiphospholipid syndrome for the next generation.”
Michael D. Lockshin - Honorary Chairman

“I am always simply thrilled any and each time my home town hosts a meeting that features deep thought, controversy, and innovation, and provides the practitioner with simple and useful information as well. My deep appreciation and many thanks to Doruk Erkan and his colleagues for bringing this important congress to Istanbul.”
Hasan Yazıcı – Honorary Chairman
Main Topics

- Origin of Antiphospholipid Antibodies (aPL)
- Genetics of Antiphospholipid Syndrome (APS)
- Mechanism(s) of aPL-mediated Thrombosis & Pregnancy Morbidity
- Target Cells & Receptors that Interact with aPL
- Definition, Epidemiology & Natural History of APS
- Impact of APS in General Population with Thrombosis & Pregnancy Morbidity
- Association Between APS & Other Systemic Autoimmune Diseases, e.g., Lupus
- Thrombotic Angiopathies including Microangiopathic & Catastrophic APS
- Clinical & Prognostic Significance of “Criteria” & “Non-criteria” aPL Tests
- Risk Stratification & Disease Measurement Criteria in APS
- Current Treatment Strategies & Treatment Trends in APS
- Impact of Pediatric APS in Children with Thrombosis
- Role of Immunosuppressive Agents in APS
- Strengths & Limitations of the Current APS Classification Criteria
- Recent Thrombosis Treatment Strategies in General Population
- Clinical Trial Design & Implementation
- Thrombotic & Obstetric APS for Patients

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Program Coordinators: Doruk Erkan & Murat İnanç
Speakers: Mary-Carmen Amigo, Ian Bruce, Peggy Crow, Paul Fortin, Munther Khamashta, Joan Merrill, Michelle Petri

One-day Pre-congress State-of-the-Art Educational Meeting Presented by World Renowned Physician-Scientists

15th International Congress on Antiphospholipid Antibodies

BOSPHERUS LUPUS LECTURES
September 21, 2016 • Wyndham Grand • Istanbul, Turkey
Congress Highlights

One-day Pre-Congress Bosphorus Lupus Lectures
New Task Forces on APS Classification Criteria & Pediatric APS
Industry-sponsored Satellite Symposium
Joint Sessions with International Organizations Interested in APS & Thrombosis
Abstract Recognition Awards
State-of-the-art APS Book to be Published in Early 2017 Based on Congress Discussions (discounted price for congress attendees)

Congress Venue

Wyndham Grand, Levent, İstanbul
Esentepe Mah, Büyükdere Cad. No: 177
34394 Şişli, İstanbul - Türkiye
About İstanbul

İstanbul, the country’s cultural capital, has been an attractive settlement for various civilizations since ancient times. Today the city is visited each year by millions of travelers who come to catch a glimpse of its ancient city walls, enchanted churches, palaces and mosques, while savoring the delightful tastes of the city’s rich cuisine. İstanbul offers an unforgettable experience with its colorful daily life and dynamic nightlife. It is also an attractive destination for international meetings with its world class accommodation and convention facilities.

İstanbul, Dergaadet, Konstantiniye, Byzantion... The many names of this city is a reflection of its many faces. As the only city in the world situated on two continents -Asia and Europe- İstanbul has proved an attractive settlement for various civilizations since ancient times. Thanks to its rich history, colorful daily life and dynamic spirit, İstanbul continues to offer a once in a lifetime experience to its visitors. The largest city in modern Turkey, İstanbul’s cultural diversity, state of the art accommodation alternatives, unique blend of modern and traditional dining and entertainment options and stunningly rich history makes the 2010 European Capital of Culture an ideal destination for business organizations and leisure trips.
Registration & Accommodation

Registration and accommodation requests will be completed online. Please contact Serenas Group (registration@apsistanbul2016.org) for questions and group registration requests.

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¹ For participants under age of 35 on September 24, 2016. Proof of status by your supervisor/head of department or equivalent is required.  
² Exhibitors are entitled to one complimentary registration per one unit exhibition booth.

Registration Fee (in EURO) Includes:

- Congress Sessions and Pre-congress Lupus Bosphorus Lectures
- Congress Material (Name Badge, Bag, Program Book, and USB Abstract Memory Stick)
- Refreshments and Lunch Box
- One (1) Ticket to Welcome Reception
- VAT (in the event of VAT increase, it will be passed on to the client)

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- Accommodation Fee (in EURO) Includes Breakfast  
- Accommodation Fee Does Not Include VAT (in the event of VAT increase, it will be passed on to the client)

Cancellation Policy

Please e-mail registration@apsistanbul2016.org for all cancellations. Prior to Friday, July 15, 2016, the full amount will be refunded after the deduction of 100 Euro processing fee. After July 15, 2016, no refund will be given, however a substitute delegate may be nominated. No refunds will be made for no-shows, late check-ins, or early check-outs.
Call for Abstracts

General Information

- The deadline for abstract submission is May 20, 2016 – 5.00 PM EST.
- The official language for the abstracts is English.
- Original scientific studies unpublished in a peer-review journal at the time of the abstract submission deadline will be considered for selection as an oral or poster presentation.
- The first/presenting author will receive a confirmation of acceptance for oral presentation, poster presentation, or a notice of rejection, by e-mail before June 10, 2016.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in the LUPUS Journal.

Abstract Categories

- Biology/Biochemistry of aPL and Related Natural Proteins
- Origins of aPL (including infection)
- Genetics of aPL/APS
- Mechanism(s) of aPL-mediated Thrombosis
- Mechanism(s) of aPL-mediated Pregnancy Morbidity
- Mechanism(s) of aPL-mediated Hematologic and Other Non-criteria manifestations
- Detection and Reporting of “Criteria” aPL Tests
- Detection and Reporting of “Non-criteria” aPL Tests
- Clinical and Prognostic Significance of “Criteria” aPL Tests
- Clinical and Prognostic Significance of “Non-criteria” aPL Tests
- Epidemiology, Clinical Manifestations, and Natural History
- Autoimmune Diseases (lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, others) and aPL/APS
- Infections and aPL/APS
- Disease Activity, Risk, and Quality of Life Measurement
- Diagnostic and Classification Criteria
- Pediatric APS
- Catastrophic APS
- Prevention & Treatment of Obstetric APS
- Prevention & Treatment of Thrombotic APS
- Future Treatment Trends including Biologic Agents
- Patient Support Material
- Other

Abstract Recognition Awards

Abstract Recognition Awards will provide travel support to the presenting authors of the highest scoring abstracts in different categories. Travel grants are specially intended to support young investigators; therefore applicants should be 35 years or younger as of September 24, 2016. Authors interested in applying for an Abstract Recognition Award should be the submitting, first, and presenting author of a submitted abstract. Further information will be provided in January 2016.