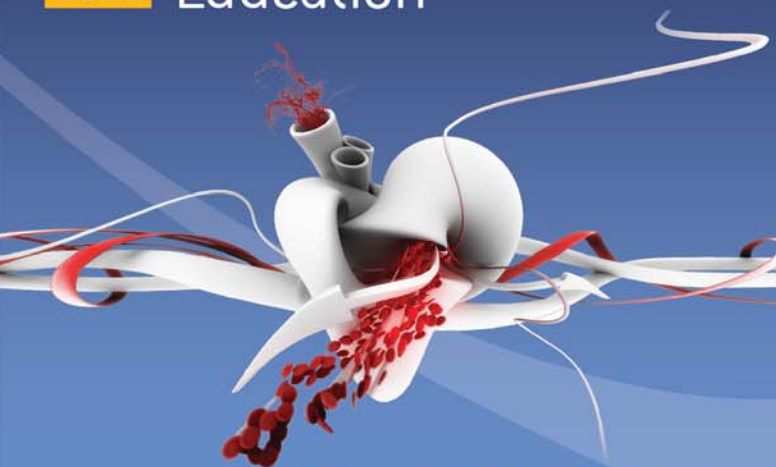


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**May 5-8, 2011**

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## ■ Welcome to LIVE2011

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to LIVE 2011 which will be held from May 5th to May 8th, 2011 in Chalkidiki, Greece.

Building on the success of Leading Innovative Vascular Education 2010, held last year in Corfu, LIVE 2011 organizers are committed to create a three-day meeting of exciting academic activity and discussion, which will span a wide array of new approaches in vascular disease, present updates on the frontiers of clinical practice, comprise multi-disciplinary symposia on advances in diagnosis and treatment, and place major emphasis on innovative, technical advances.

The aim of LIVE 2011 is to provide opportunities for any physician dealing with the diagnosis and management of vascular disorders, medical students and nurses, to receive advanced high quality continuing education in the area of vascular disease.

Educational and scientific presentations from experts from all over the world, along with discussion, case presentations, vivid debates, and hands-on workshops, are expected to provide the latest significant advances and to encourage the active participation of all delegates.

Active participation is also encouraged throughout display of research and clinical experience. We call all interested delegates to present their work orally at the Symposium and therefore to submit abstracts of their work via the official website.

We hope LIVE 2011 to become a successful experience for all and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Chalkidiki, Greece!

**LIVE 2011 Directors,**

**A. Giannoukas, A. Katsamouris, N. Labropoulos,  
M. Lazarides, M. Matsagkas, D. Tsetis, I. Tsolakis**

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## ■ Preliminary Programme

**THURSDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**12:00 REGISTRATION**

**14:00-16:00 ORAL PRESENTATION SESSION**

Review Committee:

**N. Labropoulos (USA),**

**D. Mikhailidis (UK),**

**A.N. Nicolaides (Cyprus)**

Chairmen: **I. Tsolakis (Greece),**

**K. Dervisis (Greece)**

*All abstracts submitted for oral presentation will be reviewed by the Review Committee. The best **ten (10)** of all submitted abstracts, will be presented in this Session.*

***Duration: 8 minutes presentation and 4 minutes discussion for each paper.***

***The best oral presentation will be awarded by the Award Committee during the Opening Ceremony.***

**16:01-17:30 VASCULAR RESIDENTS' FORUM**

Moderators: **I. Tsolakis (Greece),**

**A. Papageorgiou (Greece)**

16:01-16:10 Vascular surgical training in Greece

**E. Avgerinos (Greece)**

16:11-16:20 Vascular surgical training in U.K.

**G. Antoniou (U.K.)**

16:21-16:30 Vascular surgical training in Germany

**N. Tsilimparis (Germany)**

16:31-16:40 Vascular training in the USA

**A. Kokkosis (USA)**

16:41-16:45 The syllabus of vascular surgery proposed by UEMS

**A. Katsamouris (Greece)**

16:46-16:53 Establishing the European curriculum for Vascular Surgery

**W. Sandman (Germany)**

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16:54-17:05 Opportunities for young vascular surgeons for developing research activities  
**K. Paraskevas (Greece)**

17:06-17:15 Conclusive comments  
**I. Tsolakis (Greece)**

17:16-17:30 *Discussion*

**17:31-18:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**18:01-19:15 EDUCATIONAL SESSION**  
**Medical education and training in vascular surgery: what our expectations are?**

Moderators: **A. Katsamouris (Greece), J. Wolfe (UK)**

18:01-18:08 Vascular training: from Medical School to Residence  
**M. Veller (S. Africa)**

18:09-18:16 Imaging requirements for the vascular specialist  
**N. Labropoulos (USA)**

18:17-18:24 Steps to perfect technical skills  
**J. Wolfe (UK)**

18:25-18:32 Mastering endovascular skills  
**A. Gasparis (USA)**

18:33-18:40 Role of simulation in the training of vascular specialists  
**A.K. Tassiopoulos (USA)**

18:41-18:48 Importance of venous curriculum  
**M. Meissner (USA)**

18:49-18:56 Research and development  
**W. Sandman (Germany)**

18:57-19:15 *Discussion*

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**19:16-19:35 INVITED LECTURE I**  
**Oral Rivaroxaban for symptomatic venous thromboembolism**

Chairmen: **D. Kiskinis (Greece),  
D. Arvanitis (Greece)**

Invited Speaker:  
**H.R. Buller (The Netherlands)**

**19:36-19:55 INVITED LECTURE II**  
**Endoleaks will be eliminated with a new endoluminal technology**

Chairmen: **D. Kiskinis (Greece),  
D. Papadimitriou (Greece)**

Invited Speaker:  
**C.J. Buckley (USA)**

**20:00-20:45 OPENING CEREMONY**  
**Welcome addresses**

**Official Opening**

**Prize for the best Oral Presentation**

**21:00 WELCOME RECEPTION**



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**08:00 REGISTRATION**

**09:00-10:15 SESSION I  
Peripheral Arterial Disease:  
what is new?**

**Moderators: D. Tsetis (Greece),  
M. Lazarides (Greece)**

09:00-09:08 Endovascular Devices to Treat  
Peripheral Chronic Total Occlusions:  
New developments  
**D. Tsetis (Greece)**

09:09-09:16 Clinical outcomes of Drug-eluting  
stents: is it really worth the effort?  
**R. Morgan (UK)**

09:17-09:24 Transcatheter thrombolysis and  
thrombectomy: An update  
**D. Vorwerk (Germany)**

09:25-09:32 Infragenicular endovascular inter-  
ventions for critical Limb ischaemia:  
PTA alone or stent-supported?  
**E. Hussein (Egypt)**

09:33-09:40 What is the current role of surgical  
revascularization?  
**M. Veller (S. Africa)**

09:41-09:48 Comparative effectiveness of  
endovascular, surgical and best  
medical therapies in patients with  
PAD  
*To be announced*

09:49-10:15 **Discussion**

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**10:16-10:35 DEBATE I**  
**Is close surveillance of hemodialysis access mandatory?**

Moderators: **S. Kakkos (Greece),  
 N. Bessias (Greece)**

10:16-10:17 *Audience is voting*

10:18-10:25 Pros **Ch. Gibbons (UK)**

10:26-10:33 Cons **M. Lazarides (Greece)**

10:34-10:35 *Audience is voting*

**10:36-11:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**11:01-12:30 SESSION II**  
**Aortic Aneurismal Disease**

Moderators: **N. Sakalihasan  
 (Belgium), D. Kiskinis (Greece)**

11:01-11:09 Bringing basic science into clinical practice  
**N. Sakalihasan (Belgium)**

11:10-11:18 Screening and biological markers  
**J. Lindholt (Denmark)**

11:19-11:27 How should we interpret the results of the open vs endovascular AAA repair trials?  
**F. Lederle (USA)**

11:28-11:36 EVAR past to future  
**J. Blankensteijn (The Netherlands)**

11:37-11:45 Endovascular repair of TAAA  
**E. Verhoeven (Germany)**

11:46-11:53 Managing complications of EVAR and TEVAR  
**E. Allaire (France)**

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11:54-12:02 Does the unfit patient exist for open AAA repair?  
**D. Palombo (Italy)**

12:03-12:13 Case Presentation  
**J.-O. Defraigne (Belgium)**

**Case 1:** Management of extensive thrombosed aortoiliac Aneurysms

**Case 2:** Re-implantation of inferior mesenteric artery in AAA in open repair to prevent colonic ischaemia

**Case 3:** Management of AAA in patients with connective tissue disorders (open repair or EVAR?)

12:14-12:30 *Discussion*

**12:31-12:50 INVITED LECTURE III**  
**Asymptomatic carotid stenosis: risk stratification**

Chairmen: **G. Deriu (Italy),  
D.-S. Georgopoulos (Greece)**

Invited Speaker: **A.N. Nicolaides (Cyprus)**

**12:51-13:16 DEBATE II**  
**Asymptomatic Carotid Disease: Should we intervene at all in the vast majority of patients**

Moderators: **F. Grego (Italy),  
V. Andrikopoulos (Greece)**

12:51-12:53 *Audience is voting*

12:54-13:03 For the motion **E. Diethrich (USA)**

13:04-13:13 Against the motion **R. Naylor (UK)**

13:14-13:16 *Audience is voting*

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**13:17-13:31 INVITED LECTURE IV**  
**Advances in the management of aortic trauma**

Chairmen: **Ch. Maltezos (Greece),  
 N. Saratzis (Greece)**

Invited Speaker: **M. Veller (S. Africa)**

**13:32-14:02 DEBATE III**  
**Aortoiliac occlusive disease is best managed by open surgery, endovascular treatment or laparoscopic surgery?**

Moderators: **E. Hussein (Egypt),  
 I. Fezoulidis (Greece)**

13:32-13:34 *Audience is voting*

13:35-13:42 In favor of open surgery  
**C.J. Buckley (USA)**

13:43-13:50 In favor of endovascular treatment  
**D. Vorwerk (Germany)**

13:51-13:58 In favor of laparoscopic surgery  
**J. Quaniers (Belgium)**

13:59-14:02 *Audience is voting*

**14:15-15:15 LUNCH SESSION I:**  
**Innovative & difficult case scenarios**

Moderators: **M. Matsagkas (Greece),  
 A. Gougoulakis (Greece)**

14:15-14:25 **Case 1:** *To be announced*

14:26-14:36 **Case 2:** Endovascular treatment of a huge AAA with a severe angulated neck and concomitant large iliac aneurysms  
**M. Peroulis (Greece)**

14:37-14:47 **Case 3:** *To be announced*

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- 14:48-14:58 **Case 4:** *To be announced*
- 14:59-15:09 **Case 5:** *To be announced*
- 15:10-15:20 **Case 6:** Repair of distal renal artery aneurysms  
**W. Sandman (Germany)**

**15:21-15:30 BREAK**

**15:31-18:30 MASTERCLASS ON ENDOVENOUS INTERVENTIONS**  
*Theoretical teaching & hands-on practice on venous thermal ablation, sclerotherapy, and venous stenting on soft tissue models.*

*Endorsed by  
European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)  
European Venous Forum (EVF)  
Hellenic Phlebological Society*

**Convenors:**

**C. Wittens (The Netherlands),  
N. Labropoulos (USA),  
A. Giannoukas (Greece)  
N. Pagkratis (Greece)**

- 15:31-15:38 Why is classification of CVD important for the treatment?  
**B. Eklof (Sweden)**
- 15:39-15:46 What imaging is needed for thermal venous ablation?  
**N. Labropoulos (USA)**
- 15:47-15:54 How to obtain best results with laser saphenous ablation  
**D. Kontothanassis (Italy)**
- 15:55-16:02 Important steps for a successful RF saphenous ablation  
**C. Wittens (The Netherlands)**
- 16:03-16:10 Foam sclerotherapy: tips and tricks  
**D. Kontothanassis (Italy)**

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- 16:11-16:18 Orientated sclerotherapy of GSV  
**L. Altarazi (Syria)**
- 16:19-16:26 How to achieve best results with phlebectomy  
**P. Pittaluga (France)**
- 16:27-16:34 Techniques for venous stenting  
**A. Gasparis (USA)**
- 16:35-16:42 Interior vena cava filter: Indications and technique  
**M. Aksoy (Turkey)**
- 16:43-16:50 Video case on laser saphenous ablation  
**S. Koutsias (Greece)**
- 16:51-16:58 Video case on RF saphenous ablation  
**Ch. Ioannou (Greece)**
- 16:59-17:06 Principals in optimizing wound healing in venous ulceration  
**Th. Fotis (Greece)**
- 17:07-17:30 *Discussion*

**17:31-18.30 HANDS-ON PRACTICE**

**Tutors:** **A. Gasparis (USA),  
C. Wittens (The Netherlands),  
D. Kontothanassis (Italy),  
N. Labropoulos (USA)**

**Assistants:** **A. Lazaris (Greece),  
N. Roussas (Greece),  
S. Koutsias (Greece),  
Ch. Ioannou (Greece)  
F. Sigala (Greece)**

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**09:00-10:00    SESSION III**  
**Treatment of medical conditions**  
**in vascular patients**

Moderators: **A.K. Tassiopoulos (USA),**  
**F. Triposkiadis (Greece)**

09:00-09:07    Preoperative cardiac evaluation of  
the vascular patient  
**L.K. Michalis (Greece)**

09:08-09:15    Impact of lipid lowering medica-  
tions in vascular outcomes  
**D. Mikhailidis (UK)**

09:16-09:23    Risk factor modification in vascular  
patients: What is the role of  
vascular specialist?  
**A.K. Tassiopoulos (USA)**

09:24-09:31    Does tight control of diabetes affect  
vascular outcomes?  
**N. Papanas (Greece)**

09:32-09:39    What is the role of anticoagulation  
following vascular interventions  
**G. Gerotziapas (France)**

09:40-09:47    Critical role of the vascular spe-  
cialist in optimizing wound healing  
in diabetic patients  
**P. Chan (UK)**

09:48-10:00    *Discussion*

**10:01-10:10    SORT LECTURE I**  
**Is CEA still the GOLD STANDARD**  
**in carotid artery stenosis?**

Chairmen: **L. Davidovic (Serbia),**  
**Ch. Gitas (Greece)**

Invited Speaker: **F. Grego (Italy)**

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**10:11-10:20 SORT LECTURE II**  
**Ascending and descending thoracic aortic aneurysms: inflow for debranching and different device introduction site**

Chairmen: **L. Davidovic (Serbia),  
 Ch. Gitas (Greece)**

Invited Speaker: **G. Deriu (Italy)**

**10:21-10:45 DEBATE IV**  
**Angioplasty first or primary stenting for long femoropopliteal occlusions?**

Moderators: **D. Siablis (Greece),  
 A. Katsamouris (Greece)**

10:21-10:23 *Audience is voting*

10:24-10:33 In favor of Angioplasty first  
**Ch. Klonaris (Greece)**

10:34-10:43 In favor of primary stenting  
**D. Karnabatidis (Greece)**

10:44-10:45 *Audience is voting*

**10:46-11:14 REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**11:15-12:34 SESSION IV**  
**Trials and Tribulations: Critical approach to their results & to their impact in clinical practice**

Moderators:  
**A. Katsamouris (Greece),  
 D. Christopoulos (Greece)**

11:15-11:24 Treatment of Asymptomatic carotid disease  
**R. Naylor (UK)**

11:25-11:34 *Discussion*



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- 11:35-11:44 **EVAR vs Open repair for AAA**  
*To be announced*
- 11:45-11:54 **Discussion**
- 11:55-12:04 **Infrainguinal arterial disease: endovascular treatment or surgery?**  
**A.H. Davies (UK)**
- 12:05-12:14 **Discussion**
- 12:15-12:24 **Iliac vein thrombosis: Anticoagulation or thrombolysis?**  
**M. Meissner (USA)**
- 12:25-12:34 **Discussion**

**12:35-12:50 INVITED LECTURE V**  
**Does the economic crisis influence the treatment of primary varicose veins with thermal ablation and how can this treatment become cost-effective?**

Chairmen:

**D. Papadimitriou (Greece),  
K. Katsenis (Greece)**

Invited speaker: **A.H. Davies (UK)**

**12:51-14:00 SESSION V**  
**Venous Thromboembolism: Current concepts in prevention and treatment**

Moderators:

**N. Labropoulos (USA),  
S. Vasdekis (Greece)**

- 12:51-12:58 **How to predict evolution of the postthrombotic syndrome?**  
**N. Labropoulos (USA)**
- 12:59-13:06 **Development of aggressive treatment for iliofemoral DVT**  
**A. Gasparis (USA)**

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- 13:07-13:14 How to reduce venous ulceration by 50% in ten years?  
**B. Eklof (Sweden)**
- 13:15-13:22 Who should be screened for thrombophilia?  
**A.N. Nicolaides (Cyprus)**
- 13:23-13:30 Optimal timing for first rib resection for effort vein thrombosis?  
**G. Geroulakos (UK)**
- 13:31-13:38 New anticoagulants  
**M. Meissner (USA)**
- 13:39-14:00 *Discussion*

**14:15-15:14 LUNCH SESSION II  
How I do it**

Moderators: **I. Tsolakis (Greece),  
S. Georgopoulos (Greece)**

- 14:15-14:24 Ultrasound guided thrombin injection for arterial pseudoaneurysms  
**A.K. Tassiopoulos (USA)**
- 14:25-14:30 *Discussion*
- 14:31-14:44 Fenestrated and branched EVAR for thoracoabdominal Aneurysms  
**E. Verhoeven (The Netherlands)**
- 14:45-14:54 *Discussion*
- 14:55-15:04 Carotid stenting  
**C. Setacci (Italy)**
- 15:05-15:14 *Discussion*

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**15:15-19:00 MASTERCLASS ON CAROTID INTERVENTIONS**

*Theoretical teaching and hands-on practice on carotid endarterectomy and carotid stenting on soft tissue models and simulators*

**Convenors: J. Wolfe (UK),  
C. Setacci (Italy),  
A. Giannoukas (Greece),  
M. Matsagkas (Greece),**

- 15:15-15:22 Impact of medical therapy on carotid disease  
**A.N. Nicolaidis (Cyprus)**
- 15:23-15:30 Which patients should have intervention?  
**R. Naylor (UK)**
- 15:31-15:38 Siena Carotid Artery Stenting Score: a risk modelling study for individual patients  
**C. Setacci (Italy)**
- 15:39-15:46 Can we select patients for stenting based on the ultrasonic image of the carotid atheroma?  
**D. Kardoulas (Greece)**
- 15:47-15:54 Are brain protection devices a “sine qua non” for carotid stenting?  
**K. Ktenidis (Greece)**
- 15:55-16:02 How to select the appropriate protection device?  
**K. Papazoglou (Greece)**
- 16:03-16:10 How to select the appropriate stent?  
**E. Brountzos (Greece)**

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- 16:11-16:18 Routine or selective shunting in CEA  
**J. Wolfe (UK)**
- 16:19-16:26 Eversion endarterectomy  
**E. Verhoeven (Germany)**
- 16:27-16:34 What type of patch is preferable?  
**I. Kakisis (Greece)**
- 16:35-16:42 Emergency carotid interventions  
**G. Szendro (Israel)**
- 16:43-16:59 *Discussion*

**17:00-19.00 HANDS-ON PRACTICE****Carotid stenting tutors:****C. Setacci (Italy), E. Bruntzos (Greece)****Carotid stenting supervisors:****K. Papazoglou (Greece), K. Ktenidis (Greece)****Carotid endarterectomy tutors:****J. Wolfe (UK), M. Lazarides (Greece)****Carotid endarterectomy supervisors:****K. Filis (Greece), N. Bessias (Greece)****Th. Kotsis (Greece), G. Georgiadis (Greece)**

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**20:00-21:00 CLOSING CEREMONY****Distinguished Lecture:** New horizons in endovascular therapy**Chairmen:** **A. Giannoukas (Greece), N. Labropoulos (USA)****Invited Speaker:** **E.B. Diethrich (USA)****Award of Honors****Closing Remarks****Announcement LIVE 2012**

**SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

- 09:00-13:30 POST-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP:  
Medical writing and publishing**
- Coordinators: D. Mikhailidis (UK),  
G. Geroulakos (UK)**
- 09:00-09:20 Introduction: Setting up the research  
**A.N. Nicolaides (Cyprus)**
- 09:21-09:40 Illustration matters?  
Any local talent?  
**N. Papanas (Greece)**
- 09:41-10:00 Writing an abstract  
**G. Geroulakos (UK)**
- 10:01-10:20 *Discussion*
- 10:21-10:40 BREAK**
- 10:41-11:00 Presenting a scientific paper  
**A.N. Nicolaides (Cyprus)**
- 11:01-11:20 The duty of a referee  
**D. Mikhailidis (UK)**
- 11:21-11:40 Writing a thesis  
**A.N. Nicolaides (Cyprus)**
- 11:41-12:00 Writing a scientific paper  
**G. Geroulakos (UK)**
- 12:01-12:15 Deontology and ethics in medical  
publications  
**A. Mavroforou (Greece) /  
M. Lazarides (Greece)**
- 12:16-12:45 *Discussion*
- 12:46-13:30 *Analysis of two selected scientific  
papers in interaction with the  
audience*
- 13:30 *Adjournment*

***PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED***

## ■ Participation in Hands-on Practice/Workshop

### HANDS-ON PRACTICE ON TISSUE MODELS

*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED*

**FRIDAY, MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**MASTERCLASS**

#### **ON ENDOVENOUS INTERVENTIONS**

*Hands-on Practice on venous thermal ablation, sclerotherapy, and venous stenting on soft tissue models.*

Hands-on Practice is aiming to train vascular physicians, especially trainees, who will have the opportunity to work familiarising themselves with the cutting edge technology in the treatment of venous diseases on soft tissue models under the guidance of well known experts worldwide.

### HANDS-ON PRACTICE ON TISSUE MODELS AND SIMULATORS

*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED*

**SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**MASTERCLASS**

#### **ON CAROTID INTERVENTIONS**

*Hands-on Practice on carotid endarterectomy and carotid stenting on soft tissue model and simulators stations.*

Simulator for carotid stenting and soft tissue model for carotid endarterectomy will be available.

Participants will form two **(2) groups** of six (6) individuals. Each group will be separated into tree **(3) teams** of two (2) individuals. Each team will work for 20 minutes performing carotid stenting on the simulator (1 hour in total) and for **20 minutes** performing carotid endarterectomy on tissue model (1 hour in total) under the guidance of well known experts worldwide.

### POST-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP

*Medical writing and publishing*

*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED*

## ■ Participation in Hands-on Practice/Workshop

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- ONLY doctors & trainees are entitled to participate in the Hands-on Practice/Workshop
- PRE-REGISTRATION is required through completing the appropriate field in the Registration Form. Requests for registration sent by email or fax will not be considered
- Registration for the Symposium does not presuppose registration for Hands-on Practice / Workshop
- Registrations will be honored on a first-come first-served space available basis
- Registrations for participating in the Hands-on Practice will be accepted until April 30th, 2011 or until the maximum number of participants is reached

### Registration Fees (euro/incl. VAT)

Hands-on Practice/Workshop	Cost per Practice/Workshop
<b>MASTERCLASS ON ENDOVENOUS INTERVENTIONS</b> Maximum participants strictly 12 pax	50,00 €
<b>MASTERCLASS ON CAROTID INTERVENTIONS</b> Maximum participants strictly 12 pax	50,00 €
<b>POST-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP</b> Medical writing and publishing	30,00 €

## ■ Venue

**LIVE 2011** will be held from Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at **Sani Beach Hotel**, which is located at the magnificent **Kassandra peninsula**, the first of the three beach-fringed peninsulas of **Chalkidiki**.

### **Sani Beach Hotel**

Address: 63077 Kassandra, Chalkidiki, Greece

Telephone: +30 23740 99500

Fax: +30 23740 99509

Email: [info@saniresort.gr](mailto:info@saniresort.gr)

Web: <http://www.saniresort.gr>

## ■ Dates

Thursday May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	14:00 - 20:30 hrs
Friday May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	09:00 - 18:30 hrs
Saturday May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	09:00 - 21:00 hrs
Sunday May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	09:00 - 13:30 hrs

## ■ Language

The official language of the Symposium will be **English**. Simultaneous translation (interpretation) will not be provided.

## ■ Website

Find all useful information about LIVE 2011 (scientific programme, registration, abstract submission, accommodation and traveling information etc) at the official website [www.live2011.gr](http://www.live2011.gr). Visit regularly for all updates.

**For Newsletter:** If you wish to receive information and updates about the Symposium please subscribe in the "Keep me Updated" subscription form available on the website.

## ■ Sponsors/Exhibition

The Organizers of LIVE 2011 offer a variety of **sponsorship opportunities**, so that interested companies can promote their activities, research and technologies.



LIVE 2011 will be accompanied by a major **exhibition** where pharmaceutical and / or equipment / device industries will display relevant products and therapeutic developments. The exhibition will form an integral component of the symposium giving the exhibitors the opportunity to promote their activities, research and technologies.

Please contact the Organizing-Administrative Bureau ([info@conferre.gr](mailto:info@conferre.gr)) in order to receive the detailed Sponsorship & Exhibition Prospectus.

### ■ Abstract Submission

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an abstract Review Committee. The best **ten (10)** of all submitted abstracts, will be presented in the "Oral Presentation Session" of the scientific programme.

**Duration: 8 minutes** presentation and **4 minutes** discussion for each paper.

During the Opening Ceremony of LIVE 2011, the **best oral presentation** will be awarded by an independent scientific Award Committee (value on the basis of scientific merit of authors' work and presentation)

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**Abstracts must be submitted ONLY ONLINE through the official website.**

Abstract(s) submitted by fax or email will not be accepted.

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#### Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline:  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Notification of Acceptance/Rejection of Abstracts:  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

Please visit on time the website where you can find all guidelines for the preparation and online submission.

## ■ Registration

### Pre-Registration until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

All participants can register for the Symposium and benefit from the pre-registration reduced fee at [www.live2011.gr](http://www.live2011.gr) by

- completing and submitting the **Online Registration Form**
- completing and sending the Registration Form (pdf) through email ([admin@live2011.gr](mailto:admin@live2011.gr)) or fax (+30 26510 68611)

No Registration Form will be accepted unless accompanied by proof of full payment.

Pre-registrations will be accepted, provided that the Registration Form and the corresponding proof of full payment will have been sent to the Organizing-Administrative Bureau no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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***For Hands-on Practice/Workshop:  
 Pre-Registration is REQUIRED.***  
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### Onsite Registration from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011:

From May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 & onwards registrations can only be made onsite at the Secretariat desk during the Symposium.

## ■ Registration Fees

### Doctors <sup>1</sup>

#### Pre-Registration

until 31/03/11	150,00 €
from 01/04/11 to 30/04/11	200,00 €

#### Onsite Registration

200,00 €

### Trainees <sup>1</sup>

#### Pre-Registration

until 31/03/11	100,00 €
from 01/04/11 to 30/04/11	150,00 €

#### Onsite Registration

150,00 €

## Nursing Staff <sup>2</sup>

<b>Pre-Registration</b>		
	until 31/03/11	30,00 €
	from 01/04/11 to 30/04/11	30,00 €
<b>Onsite Registration</b>		30,00 €

## Students <sup>3</sup>

<b>Pre-Registration</b>		
	until 31/03/11	Free
	from 01/04/11 to 30/04/11	Free
<b>Onsite Registration</b>		Free

### 1. Registration Fee for Doctors and Trainees includes:

- Admittance to the main Scientific Sessions
- Symposium Material
- Refreshments during the Symposium
- Participation in the Opening Ceremony
- Accredited Certificate of Attendance

### 2. Registration Fee for Nursing Staff includes:

- Admittance to the main Scientific Sessions
- Refreshments during the Symposium
- Participation in the Opening Ceremony
- Certificate of Attendance

### 3. Registration Fee for Students includes:

- Admittance to the main Scientific Sessions
- Certificate of Attendance

## ■ Accommodation

The Organizing-Administrative Bureau has reserved an adequate number of rooms in **Sani Beach Hotel** (LIVE 2011 venue) at special rates for the participants during the Symposium.

Participants can book for their accommodation at [www.live2011.gr](http://www.live2011.gr) by completing and sending the Accommodation Booking Form (pdf) through email ([maria@conferre.gr](mailto:maria@conferre.gr)) or fax (+30 26510 68611).

***Full pre-payment is required for all bookings prior to arrival.***

***Requests will be honored in a first-come first-served available basis.***

**Sani Beach Hotel****MINIMUM stay of nights: two(2)**

Room Type	Cost per night
DOUBLE FOR SINGLE USE	98,00€
DOUBLE	98,00€

- Available Booking Dates:  
**From 05/05/11 to 08/05/11**
- Cost includes:  
Breakfast every day &  
Dinner on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
All Taxes

### ■ For Group registrations and bookings

Companies, who wish to invite participants to LIVE 2011, should contact directly the Organizing-Administrative Bureau in order to receive the **Registration & Accommodation Manual** with detailed information on the procedure, terms and conditions. (requests at [maria@conferre.gr](mailto:maria@conferre.gr))

Please note that in case of participants, who wish also to register for Hands-on Practice/Workshop, it must be **distinctly mentioned** for each one individually, through the correspondence with the Bureau. Registration for the Symposium does not presuppose registration for Hands-on Practice / Workshop.

### ■ Accreditation

LIVE 2011 Symposium has been submitted to be approved with Continuing Medical Education (C.M.E.) Credits by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (E.A.C.C.M.E.) of the European Union of Medical Specialists (U.E.M.S.).

### ■ Final Programme

The Final Scientific Programme will be available **online** at [www.live2011.gr](http://www.live2011.gr) on **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. The printed version of the Final Programme will be distributed during symposium to all registered participants.

## ■ Presentations

The Organizers of LIVE 2011 are willing to provide all registered participants of the symposium with the **presentations** (in PPT format) included in the Scientific Programme (if available on time). A USB flash storage device therefore, will be offered within the symposium material to all registered participants. The abstracts of the Oral Presentations (**Abstract Book**) will be also available and distributed to participants in digital format.

## ■ Certificate of Attendance

All registered participants are entitled to receive a Certificate of Attendance. The Certificate will be issued only upon display of participant badge (nursing staff and students should also display their Identification Card for Nursing Staff/Students) and on return of an Evaluation Form at the Secretariat desk onsite.

Please note that participants upon confirmation of their registration will be provided with a **barcode name badge**, which must be used in order to record CME credits for attendance. Barcode badges must be **scanned** before entering and exiting the symposium halls. Credits cannot be allocated after the symposium.

Certificates with CME Credits will be sent after the symposium.

## ■ Letter of Invitation

Official letters of invitation intending to help potential participants to overcome administrative difficulties in their countries (to raise funds or to obtain a visa) will be sent upon request. It must be understood that such letters do not imply any commitments from the Symposium to provide financial assistance. However, please note that the letter of invitation can only be sent to registered participants. If you require such a letter, please apply to the Secretariat (after your successful registration please send an e-mail to [info@conferre.gr](mailto:info@conferre.gr) in order to receive your invitation letter on time).

## ■ Visa

The entry formalities for Greece vary according to the country of origin. All visitors entering Greece must possess a valid passport. For citizens from European Union Member Countries, a valid identity card is sufficient. Please check the current VISA requirements with your travel agent or the local Greek Consulate/Embassy before your departure for Greece.

## ■ Liability and Insurance

The Organizers as well as the Organizing-Administrative Bureau of LIVE 2011 will assume no liability for injuries or losses of any nature incurred by participants and/or accompanying persons, or for the damage/ loss /theft of their personal property during the Symposium. Participants are advised to take out their own health, travel and personal insurances.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER!

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**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

Abstract Submission Deadline:

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Notification of Acceptance/Rejection of Abstracts:

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

Final Programme available online:

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**



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