

2nd Hellenic Multidisciplinary Conference on Head and Neck Cancer

15-16 September 2017 • N. Louros Conference Centre, MITERA Hospital, Hygeia, Athens, Greece • Dr George Garas BSc (Hons) MBBS (Dist) MRCS (Eng) DOHNS FRCS (Res) Royal College of Surgeons of England Doctoral Research Fellow, Imperial College London, St. Mary's Hospital, London, UK

Following last year's success, the Hellenic Society of Head and Neck Oncology (HeSHNO) organised the 2nd Hellenic Multidisciplinary Conference on Head and Neck Cancer. The faculty was once again outstanding comprising of international authorities from the United Kingdom, Europe, and the United States spanning the entire spectrum of specialties involved in the management of head and neck cancer.

Following the formal opening by the Congress Chairman, Prof Ethan Argiris (USA), a number of outstanding lectures ensued maintaining a balanced approach in terms of the specialties comprising the multidisciplinary head and neck oncology team.

Topics included the role of transoral robotic surgery (TORS) and future surgical applications for head and neck cancer presented by Dr George Garas (UK) and combined modality approaches in clinical trials presented by Prof Sandra Nuyts (Belgium). Prof Christos Georgalas (Greece) gave an exceptional lecture on locally advanced neoplasms of the paranasal sinuses, where the importance of adjuvant and neoadjuvant therapies were discussed. The different surgical approaches were presented including techniques and materials used for skull base reconstruction following endoscopic oncological resection.

Other notable lectures included those of Prof Piero Nicolai (Italy) on carcinoma of the unknown primary and that of Prof Ethan Argiris (USA) on the present and future of head and neck cancer immunotherapy where he presented all major trials currently taking place, many of which he leads as Primary Investigator (PI).

In addition to the high-quality lectures, the congress was



Faculty photo with Chairman Prof Ethan Argiris (Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA, USA) (centre L) and Dr George Garas (Imperial College London, UK) (centre R).

characterised by stimulating panel discussions and tumour boards based on real cases from Hygeia Hospital. All sessions were interactive and well-attended with active participation from the audience. A series of basic science lectures by international oncology leaders complemented the scientific programme, most notably those of Profs Jean Bourhis (Switzerland) and Vassilis Georgoulas (Greece).

For a second consecutive year, the HeSHNO congress proved of exceptional educational value, illustrating the importance of evidence-based personalised practice and emphasising the significance of the multidisciplinary approach for optimising outcomes for the head and neck cancer patient.

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The World Congress of Audiology will be hosted in Cape Town, South Africa in October 2018. Held on every continent of the world, except for Africa, the 2018 meeting will be a showcase of audiological science. The congress will attract leading researchers, academics and clinicians.

Having the congress hosted on African soil for the first time creates a unique opportunity to advocate and promote audiology and hearing health across the continent.

The scientific programme covers a wide range of areas including adult and paediatric hearing aids, diagnostic audiology, e-Health, electrophysiology, special populations and a focus on the future priorities for the profession and science of audiology. Leading experts from the USA, Europe, Australia, UK and other world regions will ensure a programme that will cover cutting-edge translational and clinical research.

The 2018 World Congress of Audiology will be hosted in the 'singularly beautiful city' of Cape Town at the tip of the African continent. The Cape Town International Convention Centre has become the top convention centre in Africa and is one of the leading convention centres in the southern hemisphere. The convention centre is walking distance from the famous waterfront.



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