



19th International Conference on Behçet's Disease

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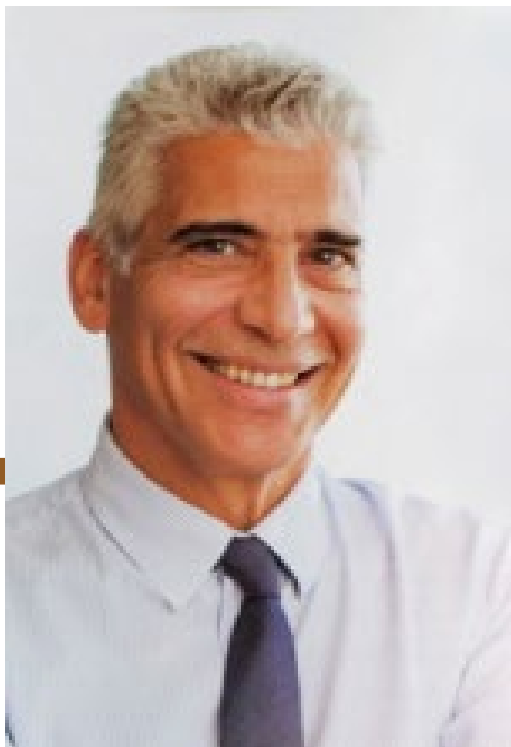
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Welcome address

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

The Covid-19 pandemic has undoubtedly changed the world since the outbreak in March 2020, but it now seems that humanity has started taking the way back to normalcy.

Since its postponement from July 2020, now, filled with optimism and hope, and while receiving encouraging results in vaccination and treatment, I am delighted to announce that the 19th International Congress on Behçet's Disease, will take place in Athens from the 6th till the 8th of July 2022, organized by our International Society.

Our aim is to provide an in-person attendance event, but considering the overall situation and to avoid further surprises, we have already prepared a hybrid mode event with additional virtual sessions except the main scientific program, allowing over 1000 delegates and attendees, not able to physically attend the event, to follow and participate in the Congress remotely. As organizers, we are doing our best to ensure that this will be done under the conditions desired by ISBD and in accordance with the health protocols in force at that time.

The Conference, which is the major educational and scientific event on Behçet's disease, will provide high quality contributions on a wide range of topics including clinical practice and innovations as well as basic and translational science. Young physicians will have the opportunity to obtain inspiration and experience from renowned experts. The participants will address symptoms, side effects, treatments, and current research efforts in the field.

Athens is the home of democracy, philosophy, and theater. The historic center of Athens, where the venue of ICBD 2022 is located, is an open-air museum, yet the city's cultural and social life takes place amid these ancient landmarks, merging past and present. Most importantly, its welcoming and hospitable culture and people make every visitor feel at home.

Accessibility is key in Athens with the multi-awarded Athens International Airport (AIA) "Eleftherios Venizelos", one of the fastest-growing airports globally. In addition, the transportation network, including Metro, Bus, Tram, Train, Trolleybus, and expansive highways, allows for an easy and quick transportation to every part of the city. Easily accessible from Piraeus port are numerous islands, one of the most popular summer holiday destinations for tourists all around the world. It is a unique opportunity for delegates to combine intensive days of state-of-the-art scientific lectures in the hometown of one of the most important ancient civilizations with an unforgettable holiday in the breathtaking Greek archipelago.

For any additional information you can visit our official website www.behcet2022athens.com which will constantly be kept updated with information regarding the 19th Conference.

On behalf of the International Society for Behçet's Disease and the Local Organizing Committee I look forward to welcoming you in Athens in July 2022.

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Tuesday 5th of July 2022

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| 16:00 - 17:00 | Executive Committee Meeting*
Conference room 1 - Royal Olympic Hotel (Ground floor) |
| 17:00 - 18:30 | Council Meeting*
Conference room 1 - Royal Olympic Hotel (Ground floor) |
| 20:00 - 22:00 | President's Dinner*
Ioannis restaurant - Royal Olympic Hotel (Roof Garden) |

**Invited events*

Day 1

Wednesday 6th of July 2022

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| 08.00 - 09.30 | Registration |
| 09:30 - 09:45 | Presidents' Welcome Speech
<i>Phaedon Kaklamanis, Petros Sfikakis</i> |
| 09:45 - 10:30 | Opening Lecture
<i>Chairs: P. Kaklamanis, P. Sfikakis</i>
Immune Cell Signaling, Gene Transcription and Mechanisms of Tissue Injury
<i>George Tsokos</i> |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee and tea break |
| 11:00 - 13:00 | SESSION 1 - Basic and Translational Science
<i>Chairs: D. Haskard, J. van Laar</i> |
| 11:00 - 11:25 | Immunology, inflammation and thrombosis
<i>Giacomo Emmi</i> |

Scientific Program

11:25 - 11:50 **Immunopathogenesis of Behçet's disease**

Ahmet Gül

11:50 - 12:15 **Behçet's disease and microbes**

Graham Wallace

12:15 - 12:40 **Immune Senescence in Behçet's disease**

Eun-So Lee

12:40 - 12:50 Oral Presentation (O01)

Proteomic landscape mapping of organ-resolved Behçet's disease using in-depth plasma proteomics for identifying HABP2 expression associated with vascular damage

Linlin Cheng

12:50 - 13:00 Oral Presentation (O02)

Single-cell analyses highlight the proinflammatory contribution of C1q-high monocytes to Behçet's disease

Wenjie Zheng

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13:00 - 13:30 **Lunch Break**

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13:30 - 14:00 **Special Lecture**

Chair: A. Garyfallos

The expanding role of apremilast in the treatment of Behçet's syndrome

Yusuf Yazici

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14:00 - 14:30 **Satellite Lecture sponsored by ABBVIE**

Chair: G. Kitas

Unravelling the management of Non-Infectious Uveitis

Dimitrios Ladas

Scientific Program

14:30 - 15:30 **Poster Tour 1 - Basic Science, Genetics and Epidemiology**

Chairs: V. Kaklamani, A. Fanouriakis

15:30 - 17:30 **SESSION 2 - Difficult to Treat Behçet's Disease**

Chairs: I. Koné-Paut, N. Markomichelakis, H. Direskeneli

15:30 - 16:10 **Ocular Behçet's**

Case Presentation (5')

Dimitrios Ladas

Case Discussion and review (20')

Ilknur Tugal-Tutkun

External comments (8')

Lothar Krause

Discussion (7') - Audience

16:10 - 16:50 **Vascular Behçet's**

Case Presentation (5')

Adrien Mirouse

Case Discussion and review (20')

David Saadoun

External comments (8')

Emire Seyahi

Discussion (7') - Audience

16:50 - 17:30 **Juvenile Behçet's**

Case Presentation (5')

Lampros Fotis

Case Discussion and review (20')

Paul Brogan

Scientific Program

External comments (8')

Aristeidis Vaiopoulos

Discussion (7') - Audience

17:30 - 18:15

Special Lecture

Chair: H. Yazici

Reproducible and useful research on risk factors and treatments

John Ioannidis

19:00

Official Welcome Reception

National & Kapodistrian University of Athens History Museum
5, Tholou street Plaka, Acropolis of Athens

Day 2

Thursday 7th of July 2022

08:30 – 10:30

SESSION 3 - Genetics and Epidemiology : Is it all in the genes?

Chairs: G. Wallace, A. Mahr

08:30 - 08:50

Shared genetic findings between canker sores, PFAPA and Behçet's disease

Kalpana Manthiram

08:50 - 09:10

Behçet's disease and primary immunodeficiencies: differences and similarities?

Petrus Martin Van Hagen

09:10 - 09:30

Epidemiology of Behçet's disease

Andreas Altenburg

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09:30 - 09:50 **Differential clinical presentation of Behçet's disease in non-endemic and endemic areas**

Luca Cantarini

09:50 - 10:10 **HLA-B51 and ERAP in Behçet's disease**

Farhad Shahram

10:10 - 10:20 Oral Presentation (O03)

A genetically and immunologically discernable BD endotype entails HLA class I- restricted oligoclonal CD8 effector T cell expansions

Johannes Nowatzky

10:20 - 10:30 Oral Presentation (O04)

Sex-specific analysis in Behçet's disease reveals higher genetic risk in male patients

Amr Sawalha

10:30 - 10:50 **Coffee and tea break**

10:50 - 12:10 **SESSION 4 - Difficult to Treat Behçet's Disease**

Chairs: M. Schirmer, A. Stratigos

10:50 - 11:30 **Neuro- Behçet's**

Case Presentation (5')

Dimitrios Papadopoulos

Case Discussion and review (20')

Aksel Siva

External comments (8')

Ugur Uygunoglu

Discussion (7') - Audience

11:30 - 12:10 **Mucocutaneous Behçet's**

Scientific Program

Case Presentation (5')

Cansu Burcin Bozca

Case Discussion and review (20')

Erkan Alpsoy

External comments (8')

Sara Trevisini

Discussion (7') - Audience

12:10 - 13:00 **SESSION 5 - Challenges in Diagnosis**

Chairs: M. Tektonidou, G. Vaiopoulos

12:10 - 12:35 What is not Behçet disease?

Hasan Yazici

12:35 - 13:00 Recent advances for the diagnosis in Behçet disease

Haner Direskeneli

13:00 - 14:30 **Satellite Symposium & Lunch Sponsored by NOVARTIS**

Chair: P. Sfikakis

13:00 - 13:30 Autoinflammation today: An ubiquitous pathogenetic mechanism

Jeroen Van der Hilst

13:30 - 14:00 FMF and Behçet disease: more than just an association?

Ahmet Gül

14:00 - 14:30 IL-1 β inhibition in FMF: clinical outcomes and expectations

Eldad Ben Chetrit

14:30 - 15:30 Poster Tour 2 - Clinical Aspects

Chairs: M. Manoussakis, T. Taktak

Scientific Program

- 15:30 - 17:20 **SESSION 6 - Treatment - WIN (what is new)**
Chairs: D. Boumpas, P.M. Van Hagen
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Year in Review – WIN**
Vedat Hamuryudan
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Biologics and small molecules beyond anti-TNF**
Yusuf Yazici
- 16:30 - 16:50 **Adamantiades - Behçet's disease in the context of the European Reference Networks for Rare Diseases - A chance for Harmonization of Old Effective and New Treatments**
Christos C. Zouboulis
- 16:50 - 17:00 **Development of Japanese Guidelines for the Treatment of Ocular Behçet's Disease**
Masaki Takeuchi
- 17:00 - 17:10 Oral Presentation (O05)
A therapy strategy to combat immunosenescence of Behçet's disease
Heera Lee
- 17:10 - 17:20 Oral Presentation (O06)
BioBehçet's: Optimal utilisation of biologic drugs in Behçet's Disease: a randomised controlled trial of infliximab vs alpha interferon, with genotyping and metabolomic profiling, towards a stratified medicines approach to treatment
Robert Moots
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- 17:20 – 17:30 **Coffee Break**
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- 17:30 - 18:30 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
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Scientific Program

Day 3

Friday 8th of July 2022

- 08:00 – 09:00** **Poster Tour 3 - Outcome Measures and Treatment Aspects**
Chairs: K. Laskari, E. Seyahi
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- 09:00 – 09:30** **Coffee Break**
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- 09:30 – 10:15** **Keynote Lecture**
Chairs: A. Tzioufas, D. Vassilopoulos
The journey of TNF blockade
George Kollias
- 10:15 – 12:15** **SPECIAL SESSION - Towards A Treat-To-Target Strategy**
Chairs: A. Gül, G. Fragoulis, P. Sfikakis
- 10:15 - 10:35** **Treat to target in pleomorphic diseases – the lupus paradigm**
George Bertias
- 10:35 - 10:55** **Measuring Behçet's disease activity**
Gonca Mumcu
- 10:55 - 11:15** **OMERACT - standardization of outcome measures**
Gülen Hatemi
- 11:15 - 11:35** **Therapeutic targets in Behçet's disease**
Jan van Laar
- 11:35 - 11:55** **Targeting remission in ocular manifestations
in Behçet's disease**
Bahram Bodaghi
- 11.55 - 12.15** **Implementing treat to target in treatment recommendations
and discussion**
Petros Sfikakis & Audience
- 12:15 - 12.30** **Closing remarks**
Dorian Haskard, Michael Schirmer, Petros Sfikakis
- 12:30 - 13:30** **Executive Committee Meeting***
**Invited Event*

Virtual Program

- 13:00 - 14:40 **SESSION 1 Treatment Aspects**
Chairs: J. Sota, K. Chatzidionysiou, P. Theodosiadis
- 13:00 - 13:40** **Difficult to treat Behçet's Disease: Gastrointestinal Behçet's**
Case Presentation (5')
Yohei Kirino
Case Discussion and review (20')
Jae Hee Cheon
External comments (8')
Mitsuhiro Takeno
Discussion (7') – Audience
- 13:40 - 14:20 **Non-infectious uveitis: advances in treatment**
- 13:40 - 13:55** **Role of TNF inhibitors**
Rola N. Hamam
- 13:55 - 14:05** **IL-1 inhibitors TAB**
Katerina Laskari
- 14:05 - 14:20** **IL-6 inhibitors, IL-23/IL-17 inhibitors, JAK**
Claudia Fabiani
- 14:20 - 14:40** **Adherence to treatment in Behçet's disease:**
a multifaceted issue
Rosaria Talarico
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- 14:40 - 15:05** **Special Lecture 1**
Chair: P. Trontzas
The management of ANCA systemic vasculitis: What has
changed in the last 10 years
Dimitrios Vassilopoulos
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Virtual Program

15:05 - 16:05 **SESSION 2 Pathogenetic Aspects**

Chairs: C. Mavragani, S. Ugurlu

15:05 - 15:25 Biomarkers in Behçet's disease

Kamel Hamzaoui

15:25 - 15:45 Current aspects of molecular background and treatment of ocular Behçet's disease

Quan Dong Nguyen

15:45 - 16:05 Omics in Behçet's disease

Nikolaos Vlachogiannis

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16:05 - 16:25 Special Lecture 2

Chair: G. Fragoulis

Bibliometric and altmetric analysis of publications in the field of Behçet's disease

Armen Gasparyan & Olena Zimba

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16:25 - 17:45 SESSION 3 Clinical Aspects

Chairs: P. Murray, L. Serpa Pinto, E. Silvestri

16:25 - 16:45 Covid-19 in patients with Behçet's disease

Farida Fortune

16:45 - 17:05 Behçet's disease and pregnancy

Eldad Ben Chetrit

17:05 - 17:25 Cardiac involvement in Behçet's disease

Samar Tharwat

17:25 - 17:45 Behçet's disease in Iran

Seyedeh Tahereh Faezi

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17:45 - 18:00 Special Lecture 3

Chair: D. Haskard

Colorful history of the International Conferences on Behçet's disease from Rome to Athens

Nihat Dilsen
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Key information

Conference Dates

July 6 – 8, 2022 (Wednesday to Friday)

Venue

Royal Olympic Hotel 28-34 Ath. Diakou Str. 117 43, Athens, GREECE
www.royalolympic.com

Language

The official language of the Conference is English.

Internet broadcasting platform

For participants who will not attend with physical presence, a special platform will be live at www.behcet2022athens.com for virtual attendance.

Certificate

A certificate of participation will be sent electronically to all participants, at the end of the conference.

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The Venue

Royal Olympic Hotel

This international hotel, situated in the heart of Athens and its historic centre, is located near The Temple of Zeus, The Acropolis, The Hadrian's Gate, The Marble Stadium and is in front of the National Garden. The Royal Olympic Hotel is next to the Plaka, the oldest neighborhood of Athens in the shadow of the Acropolis. A myriad of ancient sites, historical buildings, and cultural areas, including the Acropolis, Plaka and Psirri Area, and the Archaeological Museum, are within close proximity. The modern rooms are designed with a notable Mediterranean theme that uses soft colors to promote a relaxed feeling.

The Roof Garden Restaurant – Bar, a new addition, offers the ultimate dining and wine experience in front of the most spectacular view in Athens. The famous chef will be delighted to guide you through the secret paths of Greek cuisine while enjoying an unforgettable view. Royal Olympic is one of the best equipped conference hotels in Athens, offering 18 recently renovated meeting rooms. They are all flooded with natural light, while each of them has its own distinctive character and unique decoration. An ultra-high speed (optic fibres) Wi-Fi connection is available throughout the hotel complimentary, since it is of great importance and a key issue in successful business. The unique location of the hotel in the heart of historical Athens and the unique privilege to enjoy the breathtaking view during a conference break will make a huge difference, leading to a most memorable business meeting or incentive trip!

About Athens



Athens is the historical capital of Europe, with a long history, dating from the first settlement in the Neolithic age. In 1834, it became the capital of the modern Greek state and in two centuries since it has become an attractive modern metropolis with unrivalled charm. Athens dominates the Attica region and is one of the world's oldest cities, with its recorded history spanning. A large part of the town's historic centre has been converted into a 3-kilometre pedestrian zone. The historic centre is an open-air museum, yet the city's cultural and social life takes place amid these ancient landmarks, merging past and present.

The magnificent Acropolis rises above the sprawling metropolis and has stood witness to the city's many transformations. The heart of ancient Athens was the Agora, the lively, crowded focal point of administrative, commercial, political and social activity.

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