



PRESS RELEASE

The 6th European Congress of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology, at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre, Athens, Greece, 15-17th October 2021

The first International Congress on Interventional Pulmonology in the post-COVID era, with physical presence of more than 280 participants, and with worldwide participation!

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Athens, 11 October 2021 - The 6th European Congress of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (**ECBIP**) will be hosted in Athens, Greece, at the Megaron Athens International Conference Centre, on 15-17th October 2021.

ECBIP is organized by the European Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (EABIP) and its host in 2021 is the Hellenic Training Association for Interventional Pulmonology (HTA-IP).

ECBIP 2021 is endorsed by the National and Kapodistrian University School of Medicine, as well as the World Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology, the Hellenic Thoracic Society and the Hellenic Chest Diseases Society.

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ECBIP 2021 will take place in hybrid format: onsite for those able to attend physically sessions at the Congress venue, and remotely through the dedicated platform for those unable to travel. This will be the first international scientific meeting on Interventional Pulmonology held with an onsite attendance option since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and interest is intense, with over 460 health and affiliated

professionals from 48 countries already engaged. More than 260 are planning to participate in person.

The Congress topics include novel endoscopic imaging technologies (from endobronchial ultrasound and elastography to optical coherence tomography), local ablative techniques for intrapulmonary malignant lesions (with or without navigational technology), artificial Intelligence in recognizing lung nodules or EBUS TBNA slides for ROSE, as well as advanced robotic bronchoscopy. A full COVID-19 related bronchoscopy update, along with a “what’s new in Bronchoscopy and thoracoscopy” literature update have been included in the Congress Program.

Congress delegates and contributors apart Pulmonologists are affiliate Health Care Professionals, namely Thoracic Surgeons, ENT surgeons, Pediatricians, Oncologists and Radiologists, who will be sharing their knowledge and experience regarding challenges such as lung transplantation, tracheal reconstruction, post intubation tracheal stenosis, iatrogenic pneumothorax, mesothelioma, foreign body extraction and many more.

Nine (9) clinical workshops will offer hands-on training to small groups of registered and motivated participants under the guidance of world-renowned experts. Furthermore, live cases will be projected from the OR in plenary sessions for the audience to see and comment.

And finally, Bronchoscopy nurses will have their share in the scientific program, as sessions featuring all IP modalities have been specifically scheduled.

The President of the Congress, Assoc. Professor Grigoris Stratakos stated: *"The heart of Interventional Pulmonology will beat in Athens, from 15 to 17 October. We are very pleased to undertake the organization of this Congress which marks the post-Covid era in continuing medical education, as it is the first major international meeting in our scientific field with the option of physical presence. Apart from the interventional pulmonologists of European countries, our Congress in Athens shall be attended this time by many other colleagues from the countries of the Middle East, the Arabian Gulf, Africa, Asia, and the Far East. Greece is becoming a gateway to Europe.*

We are waiting for you all at the Athens Megaron on October 15th. Those who are unable to be with us due to the known restrictions, can tune in to the special Online Congress platform. For more information, please visit the ECBIP 2021 website at <https://ecbip2021.org/>.

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