It is a great pleasure to cordially invite you to participate in the 2015 International Course in Flow Cytometry in Athens under the auspices of the IFCC and ESCCA. The lectures will take place in the Golden Age of Athens Hotel and practicals will be in nearby Department of Immunology – Histocompatibility of the Evangelismos Hospital, centrally located in Athens. This year the main topic is Exploration on Myelo-Monocyte Lineage in physiological stages, Myelodysplasia and Primary Immunodeficiencies in an harmonized way on different Flow Cytometry systems. The course will last three full days including 3 morning lectures and 3 afternoon practical hands-on exercises.

While it is exclusively sponsored by Beckman Coulter, the course is widely open to experienced cytometrists exploring peripheral blood and bone marrow. The multi-disciplinary programme addresses key issues for advanced diagnosis or Research fields. Recent developments in cell analysis and clinical significance will be presented by international experts.

Athens, a city famous all over the world for its history and culture, has numerous places of interest within a relatively small area surrounding the city center (Syntagma Square) and the course venue. The venue is also nearby to the districts of Plaka and Monastiraki (old town) as well as Kolonaki (chic area). Charming historic quarters are located at the foot of the Acropolis, with restored 19th century neoclassical homes, pedestrian streets, shops and restaurants, picturesque ruins from classic and Roman era, as well as some of the most famous archaeological museums of the world.

The course is open to a maximum of 36 participants who are willing to better benefit from the large potential of flow cytometry in diagnostic or research applications. Previous theoretical knowledge and practical experience of flow cytometry is recommended for participation in this course.

Young Investigator Award
As in 2014 Beckman Coulter assigns three Young Investigator Awards to clinicians or scientists including course fees and travel expenses. Necessary documents to provide will be curriculum vitae, a list of your publications and a statement of purpose which describes why you intend to apply for the Young Investigator Award.

Please send your application to the scientific secretariat latest until 20th September, 2015. A final decision of the acceptance of the submitted applications will be made on October 1st, 2015.

The Organizing Team

For further information please contact:
kpsarra@outlook.com (regarding course content) or akoelsch@beckman.com (regarding course registration)
I would like to attend the course. Please book one single room from ____________________ to ____________________ at Golden Age of Athens Hotel for 85 Euro per room and night incl. breakfast.

The course is limited to 36 participants. The registration fee is 550,- €. Each participant will receive an invoice after registration. Hotel accommodation and the travel expenses will be paid by the participants themselves.

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Programme
27-29 October 2015

Lectures
Golden Age of Athens Hotel, Meeting Room SAPFO
57 Michalakopoulou Street, 11528 Athens, Greece

Practical Sessions
Department of Immunology – Histocompatibility
Evangelismos Hospital
45-47, Ipsilantou Street, 10676 Athens, Greece

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

09:00 hrs
CLL-MRD
Initial and follow-up diagnostics of Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)
Karl-Anton Kreuzer (Cologne)

10:00 - 10:30 hrs
Coffee Break

10:30 hrs
Normal leucocyte development
Katherina Psarra (Athens)

11:00 hrs
From stem cells to blood cell: flow cytometry of the differentiation pathway
Frank Preijers (Nijmegen)

11:30 hrs
PID in Flow Cytometry
B-cell immunophenotyping for primary immunodeficiency diagnosis and classification
Marianna Tzanoudaki (Athens)

12:30 - 13:30 hrs
Lunch Break

13:30 - 18:00 hrs
3 Practical Sessions
• Flow cytometric MRD detection in Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)
  Michaela Patz (Cologne)
• Maturation patterns of normal bone marrow cells: the pathway from progenitors into the erytroid, myeloid and monocytic lineage
  Katherina Psarra (Athens)/Frank Preijers (Nijmegen)
• PID in daily life – result evaluation and pitfall discussion
  Marianna Tzanoudaki (Athens)

20:00 hrs
Dinner at „Botsaris taverna“ in Tourkolimano by the sea

Thursday, 29 October 2015

09:00 hrs
Awardees talk
Awardees talk (15 min. talk + 5 min. Q&A, each)

10:00 - 10:30 hrs
Coffee Break

10:30 hrs
MDS
Strategies of flow cytometric evaluation for MDS
Marie-Christine Béné (Nantes)

11:00 hrs
Implementation of flow cytometry in the diagnostic work-up of MDS
Wolfgang Kern (Munich)

11:30 hrs
PID group for consensus
Preliminary results of a pilot study for standardised analysis of PIDs
Gulderen Yanikkaya Demirel (Istanbul)

12:30 - 13:30 hrs
Lunch Break

13:30 - 16:30 hrs
2 Practical Sessions
• Systematic approach to MDS-related aberrant antigen expression by comparison of myelodysplastic and normal bone marrow samples
  Marie-Christine Béné (Nantes)/Wolfgang Kern (Cologne)
• Analysis of panels of the PID standardization study
  Gulderen Yanikkaya Demirel (Istanbul)