



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Turkish Society of Clinical Biochemistry and congress organizing committee, I am very pleased and honored to invite you to the “5th EFLM-UEMS European Joint Congress in Laboratory Medicine” which will be held in Antalya, Turkey, on October 10-13, 2018 at Titanic Beach Lara Hotel.

Owing to the theme of “Laboratory Medicine at the Clinical Interface”, invited speakers are experts from laboratory medicine and clinical medicine as well. Building on the success of previous congresses, 5th EFLM-UEMS European Joint Congress in Laboratory Medicine will include plenary sessions, symposiums, oral and poster presentations.

The Joint Congress will provide an ideal forum to stimulate intense discussions in laboratory medicine as well as to establish collaborations which is very important for young professionals in the field.

Antalya, the beautiful city on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey, is well known not only with its natural and cultural beauties but also historical places especially ruins of antic cities. The congress venue promises the participants take a break from the intensive scientific program and enjoy Turkish cuisine and social program in the autumn days. Pre and post-congress tours will make your visit unforgettable.

Only through your kind participation, we may enjoy a fruitful congress feast. We are expecting your valuable contributions to the 5th EFLM-UEMS European Joint Congress in Laboratory Medicine.

I look forward to welcoming you all in Antalya, October 10-13, 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ozkan Alatas

Chair Congress Organizing Committee

President of Turkish Society of Clinical Biochemistry



Dear Colleagues,

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to Antalya and to the 5th Joint EFLM-UEMS Congress. This is the 5th in a series of conferences organised biannually by EFLM and UEMS. Previous conferences were organised in Lisbon, Dubrovnik, Liverpool and Warsaw. Why are we organising these conferences and do these conferences add new information that cannot be obtained in all the other conferences? The answer is included in the subtitle of the conference – “Laboratory medicine at the clinical interface”. As professionals working in laboratory medicine, we must move out of the laboratory and we must prioritize a stronger interaction with clinicians and patients. How can this be done and what is the unmet needs of the clinicians and patients? If we do not interact, we will not know. Errors in medicine often occur in the borderline between different disciplines since responsibilities are less clearly defined here. Related to the laboratory, this especially occur in the pre pre- and post post examination phases. Indeed we have to show and to underline the value of laboratory medicine in clinical practice, and to underline the increased risks when laboratory medicine is not run under good conditions. These are the reasons that we need the EFLM-UEMS conferences.

So – what is your task when you are in Antalya: To learn, to be inspired, to start- and to facilitate cooperation, to meet old friends and to get new friends and to be part of an international network in laboratory medicine. EFLM, the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine welcomes especially its 40 member societies, representing more than 22 000 specialists in laboratory medicine, to this event. EFLM wants to stimulate the scientific, regulatory, professional and clinical aspects of laboratory medicine in Europe. I do look forward to seeing you during the conference.

Sverre SANDBERG

President of EFLM (17 March 2016 to 31 December 2017)



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the UEMS Section of Laboratory Medicine, I'm delighted to welcome you to the 5th joint European Congress run under the joint auspices of the Union of European Medical Specialists and the European Federation of Laboratory Medicine. We continue with the successful theme of previous meetings and focus on the role of Laboratory Medicine at the clinical interface, thus emphasising the essential role of the laboratory in underpinning high quality patient

care.

My colleagues on the organising and scientific committees have put together a comprehensive programme spanning much of clinical medicine, ranging from specialty-specific sessions to molecular diagnostics, genomics and personalised medicine. It provides just the right mix of reviews of current practice, a focus on recent advances and a look to future trends in laboratory medicine which should appeal to both generalists and specialists.

In keeping with the Congress theme of collaboration at the clinical interface, many of the speakers will be practising clinicians reflecting about the appropriate use and transformative impact of laboratory tests on clinical outcomes.

I believe that active participation in this congress will be of great benefit not only to the continuing professional development of colleagues but also ultimately translate in to improved patient care. I commend this meeting and warmly encourage colleagues to attend.

Very best wishes

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