3rd PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON HAEMOGLOBINOPATHIES & RARE ANAEMIAS
24-26 October 2012
GRAND RESORT HOTEL
LIMASSOL, CYPRUS
1ST ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAMME

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CYPRUS PRESIDENCY OF THE EU COUNCIL
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AND THE CYPRUS ALLIANCE FOR RARE DISORDERS (CARD)
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First Announcement

3rd Pan European Conference on Haemoglobinopathies and Rare Anaemias
Grand Resort Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus
24-26 October, 2012
On behalf of the organizers, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cyprus and the Board of Directors of the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF), we feel extremely privileged to extend a warm invitation to you all to attend the 3rd Pan European Conference on Haemoglobinopathies and Rare Anaemias to be held on 24-26 October 2012, in Limassol, Cyprus.

The Conference has been placed under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency of the EU Council and is co-sponsored by the European Regional Office of the World Health Organisation. The Conference is organised with the official support of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cyprus. Furthermore, the event is organised in collaboration with the European Network for Rare Anaemias (ENERCA), the Cyprus Society of Haematology (CSH) and the Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders (CARD).

With the assumption of the EU Presidency in the second half of 2012 (June – December) we believe that a unique opportunity is presented for us to share with other countries of the European and neighbouring regions, and in particular the EU medical and patients communities in the field, the success story of Cyprus, with regards to the control of haemoglobin disorders.

Constituting a congregation of the most important actors in the field of haemoglobin and rare anaemias in Europe, the 3rd Pan-European Conference seeks to continue TIF’s internationally renowned Educational Programme. The Conference is expected to be the largest regional educational event organised in Europe on this topic.

A truly inspiring event, the Conference will bring together stakeholders from the 27 Member States of the European Union as well as from other states of the Council of Europe and countries of neighbouring regions, to discuss avenues of action to tackle health inequalities across the EU and the growing public health burden of chronic and rare diseases in the European and neighbouring countries, with a particular focus on patient rights as well as new and upcoming policies that are directly or indirectly related to health and quality of life. The programme includes an entire day of key overviews on the control, prevention, clinical management and cure of haemoglobin disorders and rare anaemias, while during the second day, a wide range of medical and scientific disciplines will be covered in parallel sessions. Very importantly, sickle cell disease and rare anaemias will be comprehensively included in these sessions. As expected, the patients perspective and contribution during the two days will be strongly pronounced.

We are also delighted to announce in addition, the launching of five (5) new important publications; Four prepared by TIF: (1) Prevention of Thalassaemias and other haemoglobin disorders (Vol. II) Updated Edition, (2) Thalassaemia Guidelines for Acute Complications, (3) Guidelines for Thalassaemia Intermedia, and (4) Nurses Guidelines for the Care of Thalassaemia Patients. A fifth publication, prepared in the context of the ENERCA project – the White Book on Networks of Reference Centres for Haemoglobin Disorders and Rare Anaemias, will also be ready for launching in the course of this conference.

We strongly encourage individual patients, patient organizations, healthcare professionals, carers, researchers, public health officials and policy-makers from all levels - national, regional and especially European - to attend this Conference, which we are more than sure will provide an exceptional forum to everyone for exchanging knowledge and experience, but also for creating networks of collaboration and friendships!

‘Building on knowledge and experience’ is the motto of our Conference.

The cosmopolitan yet relaxing environment of Limassol, with state-of-the-art conference facilities and a 16km beachfront that overlooks the Mediterranean Sea, complemented by an exciting social program, promises to make this Conference a truly unforgettable experience!

We warmly invite you also to spread the word to your friends and colleagues, and we very much look forward to meeting you all in Limassol this October, to build together on existing and new knowledge and experience, in a joint effort to contribute towards a better future for our European patients.

Cordially,

Dr. Stavros Malas
Minister of Health
Republic of Cyprus

Panos Englezos
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Thalassaemia International Federation
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Stavros Malas, Minister of Health - Cyprus Government
Panos Englezos, TIF President

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Accreditation
The 3rd Pan-European Conference on Haemoglobinopathies and Rare Anaemias has applied for Continuous Medical Education (CME) Units from the European Haematology Association (EHA).
### 24 October 2012 / Wednesday / Grand Hall (A, B & C)

**Opening Ceremony**

*Musical interlude*

- Panos Englezos | President of the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) and of the Cyprus Alliance for Rare Disorders (CARD)
- Marios Antoniades | President of Cyprus Society of Haematology
- Yann Le Cam | Chief Executive Officer of the European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS)
- J.L. Vives Corrons | Coordinator of the European Network for Rare and Congenital Anaemias (ENERCA)
- Antonio Montserrat | Policy Officer for Rare Diseases at the Directorate of Public Health
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- H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Khalifa Al Nahyan | Chairman of Sultan Bin Khalifa International Thalassaemia Award
- Andreas Christou | Mayor of Limassol
- HE the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Christofias opens the works of the Conference

**Coffee Break**

**Keynote Speeches**

- Dr Stavros Malas & Mr Panos Englezos

**Breakthroughs in Haematology** | Ulrik Jaeger, President of the European Haematology Association

**Archaeological medical findings in Cyprus** | Demetris Michaelides, Professor of Archaeology, University of Cyprus

**Launching of new publications** | Androulla Eleftheriou (TIF Executive Director) and Michael Angastiniotis (TIF Medical Advisor)

**Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to:**
- Editors/Authors of new publications
- Scientists/Foundations with life-long contribution to the promotion of the control of Haemoglobin disorders globally

**Welcoming Cocktail**

### 25 October 2012 / Thursday / Grand Hall (A & B)

#### Scientific Program

**09.00 - 11.00** Session 1: Scientific Overviews

- Changing the Natural History of Thalassaemia from fatal to chronic | Antonio Cao
- The metabolic effects of excess iron & its assessment | Ioav Z. Cabantchik
- Genetic / metabolic defects of iron metabolism & rare anaemias | Clara Camaschella
- Iron Load | Aurelio Maggio
- Iron Monitoring & treatment | Renzo Galanello

**11.00 - 11.30** Coffee Break

**11.30 - 12.00** Session 2: Blood

- Transfusion therapy | John Porter
- Blood Safety, optimisation, new advances | Shubha Allard

**12.00 - 12.30** Satellite Session – 90 mins

**12.30 - 14.00** Coffee Break

**14.00 - 15.30** Session 3: Non-Transfusion Dependent Thalassaemias (NTDT)

- Epidemiology & Definitions | Sir David Weatherall
- Recent Advances in Molecular Understanding of NTDT | Renzo Galanello
- Hypercoagulability & thrombosis | Maria Domenica Cappellini
- Iron Overload in NTDT | Khaleed Musallam
- Approaches to management of ß-thalassaemia Intermedia | Ali Taher
- Approaches to management of Hb-E / ß- and α-thalassaemia syndromes | Vip Viprakasit

**17.00 - 17.30** Coffee Break

**17.30 - 18.00** Session 4: Prevention

- Epidemiology and prevention strategies | Dimitris Loukopoulos
- Overview of technical methods of prevention | Marina Kleanthous

**18.00 - 18.15** Education: e-MSc course in haemoglobinopathies | Rekha Bajoria & Ratna Chatterjee

### 25 October 2012 / Thursday / Grand Hall (Hall C)

**Patients’ programme – Plenary Session**

**09.00 - 11.00** Session 1

- Premature ageing of patients with Thalassaemia/Haemoglobin disorders
- Bone disease, osteoarthritis and pain
- Pain management
- Patient-centred services

**11.00 - 11.30** Coffee Break

**11.30 - 12.30** Session 2

- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Renal Complications

**12.30 - 14.00** Session 3

- Fertility and pregnancy
- Hypogonadism & Fertility in men
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Scientific Program / Multidisciplinary Care in Haemoglobinopathies

Hall A
09.00 - 10.45  Endocrinology - Other speakers and topics to be confirmed
Eris Voskaridou – Dimoula
10.45 - 11.15  Coffee Break
11:15 - 13.00  Cardiology - Other speakers and topics to be confirmed
Dudley Pennell
Athanasios Aessopos
Tim St. Pierre
13.00 - 14.30  Lunch
14.30 - 15.30  Liver
Liver Disease and new Advances in the management of chronic Hepatitis (and new agents) | Geoffrey Dusheiko
The contribution of the laboratory and more specifically of the Molecular Biology in the diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of the Chronic Viral Hepatitis | Petros Karayiannis
15.30 - 16.00  Public Health - Topic to be confirmed
Christopher Birt
16.00 - 16.30  Discussion

Hall B
Sickle Cell Disease
09.00 - 09.30  Overview & Pathophysiology | John Porter
09.30 - 10.00  Neurological Complications | Miguel Abboud
10.00 - 10.45  Guidelines for Adults | Paul Telfer
10.45 - 11.15  Coffee Break
11:15 - 11.30  ENERCA: 10 years of experience / Session I
ENERCA 3: Experts centres and networking: why are they important? | Michael Angastiniotis
11.30 - 11.50  Expert centers: Cross-Border Health: the consequences for patients’ rights | Pilar Nicolás
11.50 - 12.10  Expert Services for RA across Europe | Beatrice Gulbis
12.10 - 12.40  Education and training on rare anaemias: how can be improved? | Patricia Aguilar-Martinez/Leticia Ribeiro
12.40 - 13.00  Panel Discussion
13.00 - 14.30  Lunch
14.30 - 14.55  ENERCA / Session II
Micro-mapping of very rare anaemias in Europe: the model of CDA | Hermann Heimpel
14.55 - 15.20  Laboratory diagnosis of rare anaemias: why’s quality assessment important for the patients | Andrea Mosca / Barbara de la Salle
15.20 - 15.45  Epidemiology and diagnosis of RBC enzymopathies in Europe | Richard van Wijk
15.45 - 16.10  Screening and Diagnostic approach of hereditary Spherocytosis | Paola Bianchi
16.10 - 16.30  Panel Discussion

Hall C
Genetic Counselling
09.00 - 09.20  Genetic Counselling | Adonis Ioannides
09.20 - 10.30  Laboratory Advances in Screening and Diagnosis | Speakers and themes to be confirmed
10.30 - 11.15  Coffee Break
Haemoglobinopathies in Europe – Issues of Concern | Chair Antonio Montserrat
11.15 - 11.35  Ethnicity and Haemoglobinopathies | Simon Dyson
11.35 - 12.00  EC Actions and policies on Rare Diseases | Antonio Montserrat
12.00 - 12.30  Consistency & Adherence to Treatment, the Doctor, nurses’ and patients’ role | speaker to be confirmed
12.30 - 12.50  Good Clinical Practice and its contribution to quality health and care | name to be given by EFGCP
12.50 - 13.00  Discussion
Plenary Session, Grand Hall (A, B & C)
Therapeutic Approaches to Haemoglobin Disorders
Chairpersons:

17.00 - 17.20 Induction of HbF | Merhan Karimi
17.20 - 17.35 Decrease of α-chains | Speaker to be confirmed
17.35 - 17.50 Decrease of α-chains | George Vassilopoulos
17.50 - 18.10 Bone Marrow Transplantation | Lawrence Faulkner
18.10 - 18.40 Gene Therapy | Philippe LeBoulch

Closing Remarks
Androulla Eleftheriou & Dimitris Loukopoulos

18.40 - 19.00 “The future of ENERCA: e-ENERCA” | J.L. Vives-Corrons
18.00 - 19.10 Way Forward for patients with Hb disorders and Rare Anaemias | Dimitris Loukopoulos

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Venue | Grand Resort Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus

Meeting Agenda
Registration | Early Bird Discount for confirmed bookings before 31 May 2012
Scientific and Patients' Meetings | 25 - 26 October 2012
Opening Ceremony | 24 October 2012
Gala Dinner | 25 October 2012

Language | The official language of the conference is English.
Translation | The Conference will be translated in two languages: Greek and Italian. (Additional translations may be included, depending on participation level).

Registration and Information Services | The registration and information services will be in electronic form. The conference website will be live from the 23rd of March.

Accreditation | The 3rd Pan-European Conference on Haemoglobinopathies and Rare Anaemias has applied for CME credits from The European Haematology Association (EHA).

Certificate of Attendance | A certificate of attendance will be presented.

Badges | Badges will be provided at the registration desks. Participants without badges will not be admitted to the congress activities.

Travel - Official Carrier | Cyprus Airways are appointed as the Official Airline of the Conference, offering a 15% reduction. In order to receive the 15% reduction when booking through Cyprus Airways, you need to insert a special code on the website of the airline. When you are ready to book your ticket, please contact TIF office for disclosing to you the code.

Transportation | International flights arrive both at Larnaca and Paphos International Airports. Transfers can be arranged by TIF. Alternatively, private taxis are available at the approximate cost of €50-60 per taxi. Travel time is around 45 minutes from both airports to Limassol. Paid shuttle buses also depart from both airports to all cities. From Larnaca airport to Limassol bus terminal, the bus departs approximately every 20 minutes and the cost is about €10 each way. An additional taxi ride is needed to the hotels.

Passport and Visa | To enter Cyprus, a passport needs to be valid for at least three months from the date of return, except for EU nationals and nationals of Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, who hold a valid national ID card (provided there is a photograph). Visas are not required by nationals of the above countries for stays in Cyprus of up to 90 days. For nationals whose country of passport is not listed above, an official invitation letter maybe required in order to facilitate the procedure of obtaining a VISA. An official invitation from the organisers will be sent to you upon direct request to TIF office, following confirmation of registration with full contact details. (For visa information, please visit http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2006.nsf/consular02_en/consular02_en?OpenDocument).

Accommodation | This is a very busy time for Cyprus and Limassol due to Cyprus Presidency of the EU Council, therefore several hotels are cooperating with the organisers (TIF), giving a wide spectrum of options to the participants of the conference.

Banks and Currency Exchange | The currency is the Euro. Non-Cypriot currency can be bought and sold at most banks in Limassol and other large towns. Local Banks are open from 08.30-13.00 and every Monday they reopen between 15:15-16.45.

Credit Cards | All major credit cards (Visa, Master Card, AMEX) are accepted in Cyprus by restaurants, hotels, and shops. There are ATMs in all main towns and tourist areas.

Climate | Average maximum temperature for October is 27°C and the average minimum temperature is 16°C. Delegates are advised therefore, to bring a light jacket for the evening. On average there is one to four days of rain during October.

Electricity | The Voltage is 240V / 50 Hz. Electricity plugs used are 3-pin. (Contact the hotel reception desks for available converters).

Tipping | Tipping is not mandatory in Cyprus. However it is customary to add 10% in restaurants if you are satisfied. Taxi drivers and hotel porters always appreciate a small tip.

Telephones | Public payphones are available in the city and prepaid payphone cards are widely available in shops and kiosks. Alternatively, a topped-up SIM card with a Cypriot phone number costs €15 with CytaMobile Vodafone and €12.50 with MTN (the two mobile telephone provider companies in Cyprus). In both cases, €5 is provided for talk-time. Top-up cards are again available in kiosks, as well as in the particular shops of each of these two companies. MTN provides also a “traveller’s package” for such SIM cards, that costs €10, with €2 available for talk-time, and is valid for 30 days.

Time Zone | Time is two hours ahead of Greenwich UTC (or GMT +2).
EXCURSIONS

THE GREEN HEART OF CYPRUS | The Troodos Mountains  PRICE  €33.00 per person

Full day excursion
Visits | Kykkos Monastery | Omodhos village

A day spent far away from the coast in the green heart of Cyprus where everyone will discover that the island is full of contrasts! The excursion will take everyone up to the pine-clad Troodos Mountains through wine country and mountain villages offering them panoramic views out to the north-west coast. It is a most exhilarating experience! Highlight of the day is a visit to Cyprus’ most famous and richest monastery, Kykkos, founded in 12th century, home to the miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary believed to have been painted by St. Luke. The monastery also produces its own wines and spirits and is in fact a world in itself, being a very significant place of pilgrimage for the Greek Orthodox world. Annual religious fairs (panigiria) are held at Kykkos on 15 August. The first President of Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios III served as a novice here. At his wish, he was buried at Throni, a scenic location 3km west of the monastery. The next visit will be that to Omodhos Village, a traditional wine producing village of Cyprus, at an altitude 700m. St. Helen founded a monastery here in the 4th century, where she left fragments of the Holy Cross. As you walk through narrow streets of this picturesque village, you will visit this former monastery and the old winery, now a historical monument. Free time will be given to all the participants for lunch and a walk around the street of this full-of-character graphical streets of the village.

The following services are included in the above price:
• Private coach transfers
• Licensed English speaking Guide
• Organisation, assistance and escort by Smart Events

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION: 20 PERSON

EXCURSIONS

NICOSIA | A divided capital  PRICE  €35.00 per person

Full day excursion
Visits | Handicraft Centre | Archaeological Museum | Byzantine Museum and Art Galleries | Laiki Geitonia

A visit to any capital is a must, but Nicosia is unique in that it is the only divided capital in the world today. The contrast of the old and new is most evident in Nicosia, with its modern architecture and old city within the Venetian walls and 16th century bastions; a city boasting many important historical monuments and interesting museums. The first stop is at the Handicraft Centre. The centre promotes and preserves the traditional folk art and craft skills. It has various workshops and a showroom/shop at its premises, as well as shops in Laiki Geitonia. The excursion continues with a visit to Nicosia’s Archaeological Museum with artfacts going back to 7000 years BC. The next visit is the Byzantine Museum and Art Galleries, at the Archbishop Makarios III Foundation Cultural Centre with the largest collection of Byzantine icons on the island, covering the period from the 9th to 18th century. The Art Galleries contain oil paintings, maps and lithographs. The excursion will end at the ‘Laiki Geitonia’ the restored commercial quarter of the old city, where the participants will have free time for lunch, for a stroll and for visiting the picturesque shops which sell traditional items.

The following services are included in the above price:
• Private coach transfers
• Licensed English speaking Guide
• All relevant entrance fees for archaeological sites and museums
• Organisation, assistance and escort by Smart Events

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION: 20 PERSON
KOURION - PAPHOS | A World Cultural Heritage Site

Full day excursion
Visits | Kourion Theatre | Kourion Basilica and Baptistry | Kourion Residence of Eustolios | Aphrodite’s Rock (Petra tou Romiou) | Paphos Mosaics | Paphos Old Harbour “Limanaki” (free time) | Tombs of the Kings

A beautiful boulevard of Cypress trees and citrus plantations will bring the participants to the site of the ancient city-kingdom of Kourion founded in 12th century BC. Here they will visit the Greco-Roman theatre with its breathtaking view and the early Christian mosaics in the House of Eustolios as well as the Kourion Basilica. The journey will then follow the breathtaking coastline of “Petra tou Romiou”, the legendary birthplace of the goddess of love, beauty and fertility, Aphrodite. A stop here is without any doubt a must. This has been regarded as the gateway to Paphos for centuries! Paphos was founded in 4th century B.C. by the last king of the city-kingdom of Palaepaphos, around a natural harbour. It soon became the capital of Cyprus during the Hellenistic and Roman periods. The quality of its mosaics has placed this archaeological site on the World Cultural Heritage List of UNESCO since 1980. We will visit the residences of the Roman capital including that of the Roman Proconsul with their outstanding floor mosaics depicting stories from Greek Mythology: the house of Dionysos, Aion, Orpheus and the Villa of Theseus. Some free time will be given to the participants at the picturesque harbour for lunch, a stroll and souvenir shopping! Last stop will be at the impressive necropolis, the so-called Tombs of the Kings, with its most interesting architecture, evoking an element of mysticism.

The following services are included in the above price:
• Private coach transfers
• Licensed English-speaking Guide
• All relevant entrance fees for archaeological sites
• Organisation and assistance by Smart Events

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION: 20 PERSON

LIMASSOL | Past & Present

Full day excursion
Visits | Temple of Apollo | Kourion Theatre | Kourion Basilica and Baptistry | Kourion Residence of Eustolios | Kolossi Castle

This morning the participants will discover the past and present of Limassol. First stop the Temple of Apollo who was known as the god of the woodland, the protector of Kourion. According to archaeological sources he was worshipped here from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD. A beautiful boulevard of cypress trees and citrus plantations will bring the participants to the site of the ancient city-kingdom of Kourion founded in 12th century BC. Here they will visit the Greco-Roman theatre with its breathtaking view and the early Christian mosaics in the House of Eustolios as well as the Kourion Basilica. The excursion will end with a visit to Kolossi Castle; the fort which was once the headquarters of the Knights of St. John and a major sugar cane producing centre. Cyprus’s sweet commandaria wine owes its name to the knights, and boasts the oldest apelation contrôlée in the world.

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CALL FOR POSTER SESSION

The International Scientific Advisory Committee of the Conference invites all participants to submit abstracts for consideration and inclusion in the program.

Themes

1. Epidemiology and Prevention
2. Blood Transfusion
3. Iron metabolism and overload
4. Heart and Vascular Abnormalities
5. Endocrine Complications
6. Hepatological Complications
7. Fertility and Pregnancy
8. Gene Regulation and Therapy
9. Diagnostic and Monitoring Techniques
10. Quality of Life
11. Life Style Issues – Diet, Physical activity
12. Sickle Cell Disease
13. Thalassaemia Major and Intermedia
14. Other Haemoglobin Disorders
15. Rare Anaemias

Guidelines

• Poster abstract submissions will be accepted in English only;
• Dimensions of 70cm x 100cm;
• Titles to be provided with capitalized letters;
• Submissions should clearly state the name(s) and surnames of the authors;
• Indicate the institutions of the authors;
• Text of the abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words, structured with subheadings (background, method, results and conclusion). References must not be included in the abstract. Tables, graphs/diagrams and formulas should be avoided;
• Notification of the abstract category from the list above;
• Name, surname, address and e-mail address of the presenting author, to whom the confirmation and further correspondence will be sent.

Deadline for Poster Abstract Submission: 31 May 2012

Selection Procedure

All abstracts will be reviewed after the 31 May 2012. Poster applicants will be informed in writing (acceptance or rejection) in June 2012. Poster applicants are not exempt from paying the full registration fees to attend the Conference. Awards for the most innovative abstracts will be presented at the Closing Ceremony of the conference.

Fees and Registration

All presenters are required to register and pay the registration fee in order to be included in the scientific program. Registration and payment by presenters must be complete no later than 30 June 2012.

For more information, email: tif@thalassaemia.org.cy or thalassaemia@cytanet.com.cy
1. PERSONAL INFORMATION
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If Medical Specialist, please indicate Specialisation ..........................................................
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Do you need a visa to enter Cyprus?       Yes ☐  No ☐

EMERGENCY CONTACT
Please supply the details of someone who can be an emergency contact for the period of the event.
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2. REGISTRATION FEE
The conference registration fee includes entrance to the conference, conference materials, lunch & coffee breaks during the two conference days of 25th and 26th October. The early bird registration fee applies for registrations before 31 May 2012.

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GALA DINNER
Gala dinner is not included in the Registration Fee and it is additional €50 per person. I will be attending the gala dinner ☐

ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS (Please Specify)

3. ACCOMMODATION
Important Note: All the rooms are on a Bed & Breakfast Basis.

Conference Venue
Grand Resort Hotel Limassol *****
Single Standard Room €130 per night
Double Standard Room €150 per night
St. Raphael Hotel *****
Single Sea View Room €140 per night
Double Sea View Room €170 per night
Le Meridien *****
Single Standard Room €170 per night
Double Standard Room €187 per night
Elias Kanika ****
Single Sea View Room €110 per night
Double Sea View Room €140 per night
Apollonia Beach Hotel ****
Single Standard Room €120 per night
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Single Sea View Room €130 per night
Double Sea View Room €170 per night
Ajax Hotel ****
Single Standard Room €120 per night
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Mediterranean Hotel ****
Single Standard Room €88 per night
Double Standard Room €114 per night
Atlantica Bay ****
Single Standard Room €90 per night
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Single Sea View Room €99 per night
Double Sea View Room €127 per night
Golden Arches ***
Single Standard Room €60 per night
Double Standard Room €70 per night
Arsinoe Hotel ****
Single Standard Room €51 per night
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Atlantica Oasis Hotel ***
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Navaria Hotel ***
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4. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arrival date ................................................................. From (airport name or code) .................................................................

Flight Number ..........................................................

Time of arrival to Cyprus  Larncaca International Airport ☐  Paphos International Airport ☐

Departure date ................................................................. To airport (name or code) .................................................................

Flight Number ............................................................. Time of departure from Cyprus ............................................................. Security Code ..........................................................

Will you book through conference airline?  *  Yes ☐  No ☐

*Cyprus Airways, the official conference airline carrier offers: 15% discount for booking through the Cyprus Airways official website (http://cyprusair.com/) or through Cyprus Airways ticket offices.

Early Hotel check in required  Yes ☐  No ☐

Late Hotel check out required  Yes ☐  No ☐

Note: Extra charges might be incurred for early-check in or late check-out arrangements. These should be arranged by contacting the respective hotel directly.

5. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Do you require transfer from the airport to the hotel?  Yes ☐  No ☐

If yes, please indicate for how many persons ...............

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Please select transportation vehicle:

Taxi up to four persons €60 each way. ☐

Mini bus, if applicable, €23 per person each way. ☐

6. EXCURSIONS

Please see the conference website, and indicate your choice/choices.

1 ☐ Nicosia: A Divided Capital €35 per person
2 ☐ The Green Heart of Cyprus €33 per person
3 ☐ Kourion - Paphos: A world Cultural Heritage Site €37
4 ☐ Limassol: Past & Present €31
I (full name) hereby enclose:

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7. PAYMENT

☐ By bank transfer (all bank charges are the responsibility of the participant)

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Notes
A) Payments shall be made in Euro. No other currencies are accepted.
B) Patients Associations who are TIF’s members will have the opportunity to benefit from sponsored registration and accommodation, according to the criteria and procedure which has been communicated to them.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION
A) Cancellation requests must be made in writing. No phone cancellations will be honoured.
B) Cancellations by 30/06/2012 80% refundable.
   Cancellations by 15/09/2012 50% refundable.
   Cancellations after 15/09/2012 20% refundable.
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Ajax | www.ajaxhotel.com
Mediterranean | www.medbeach.com
Atlantica Bay & Atlantica Oasis | www.atlanticahotels.com
Arsinoe | www.arsinoehotel.com
Navaria Hotel | under construction
Golden Arches | www.goldenarcheshotel.net
Park Beach | www.parkbeach.cy.net