

2nd International Meeting
Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis
The Laparoscopic Challenge

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Associated Centers of Endoscopic Training (A.C.E.T.)

The organization that aims to bring laparoscopic surgery to a wider audience by teaching the safe application of techniques with emphasis on the avoidance and management of complications.

First Announcement

Invitation

We are pleased to announce the 2nd International Meeting "Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis: The Laparoscopic Challenge" to be held in Athens on 13th and 14th December 2008.

Deep infiltrating endometriosis (DIE) in its most severe expression represents one of the most difficult challenges in laparoscopic surgery. As a disease, endometriosis has an affinity to grow within the retroperitoneal space where accidental structural damage can easily occur during surgery with morbid consequences for the patient.

On the one hand radicality and on the other, preservation of organ function - often in young patients where there is a desire to retain fertility - determine the surgical challenge facing the laparoscopist.

This meeting brings together leading experts with many years of experience and a great depth of knowledge in the field of laparoscopic surgery for deep infiltrating endometriosis. Over the two days the conference will address some of the most critical issues faced by the laparoscopic surgeon when presented by the patient with DIE:

- Epidemiology
- Diagnosis and staging
- Anatomy
- Fertility and pain
- Operative techniques
- Avoidance and management of complications

This meeting is being held under the auspices of the University of Athens, the Hellenic Society for Gynecological Endoscopy and the Hellenic Endometriosis Society.

We very much look forward to your participation in what promises to be the most complete meeting on deep infiltrating endometriosis for the laparoscopic surgeon to be held in South East Europe.



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Preliminary Programme

Saturday 13th December 2008

08.30	Registration
09.00	Keynote Lecture: Endometriosis: Past, Present and Future
09.30	Session I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randomised trial of the effectiveness of laparoscopic excision of DIE. • Relevant neuro-anatomy for the treatment of DIE. • Diagnostic Strategies prior to laparoscopy. • DIE and infertility.
11.00	C o f f e e
11.30	Session II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parametrial resection of deep endometriosis. • Nerve sparing surgery for DIE and neurosurgical procedures for deep infiltration of the sacral plexus. • Laparoscopic excision of DIE involving the ureter. • Bladder endometriosis: pathogenesis and modern management. • Adjuvant surgical therapy for endometriotic pain.
13.00	Video presentations - Techniques
14.00	L u n c h
15.00	Session III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pelvic denervation procedures for the management of pain in DIE. • Excision of deep endometriosis involving the large bowel. • Robotics in the treatment of deep infiltrating endometriosis. • Distant sites and surgical excision of deep endometriotic lesions.
16.30	C o f f e e
17.00	Satellite Symposium
19.00	Welcome Ceremony and Reception

Sunday 14th December 2008

09.00	Session IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathogenesis and epidemiology of DIE. • A new staging system for DIE. • The role of IGF-1 isoforms in the pathophysiology of endometriosis. • Pain mechanisms in deep endometriosis.
10.30	Video Presentations - Techniques
11.30	C o f f e e
12.00	Session V <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laser treatment for DIE. • Laparoscopic treatment for uterine adenomyosis. • The use of electro-surgery for the treatment of DIE.
13.30	L u n c h
14.30	Session VI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurological dysfunction following surgery for deep endometriosis. • Urological and colo-rectal complications following surgery for recto-vaginal endometriosis. • Obturator and pudendus nerve injury • Laparoscopic surgery - avoiding complications. • Strategies for reduction of post-operative adhesions in endometriosis.
16.30	Video Presentations - Complications
17.30	Closing remarks

General Information

Location – Athens, Greece “the birthplace of democracy”

Greece’s capital and largest city, Athens, is one of the world’s oldest cities. Classical Athens was a centre for learning and philosophy and the birthplace of Socrates, Pericles and Sophocles. The heritage of the classical era is evident throughout the city where the most famous landmark is the Parthenon on the Acropolis.

Venue – Grande Bretagne Hotel

Located in Constitution Square in the centre of Athens, the Grande Bretagne first opened in 1874 and has been extensively refurbished in 2003.

Key Dates

Meeting dates: Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December 2008
Early registration deadline: 15th November 2008

Meeting website: www.endometriosis2008Athens.com

Language: The official language of the meeting will be ENGLISH.

Trade exhibition

An exhibition of scientific products, pharmaceuticals, instruments, equipment and relevant materials will be organized at the meeting venue. Participation is open to any organization or company.

Registration Fees	Until 15 th November 2008	After 15 th November 2008
General registration	350 Euro	400 Euro
Accompanying person	150 Euro	160 Euro

General registration fee includes: the welcome reception on 13th December, the scientific sessions and the exhibition with lunches and refreshments provided throughout the day.

Accompanying person’s fee includes: a half day sightseeing tour of Athens and the welcome reception on 13th December 2008.

Accommodation

A number of rooms have been reserved at the meeting venue and other nearby hotels.

Social Events and Tours

A variety of pre and post meeting social events and tours will be available for participants and accompanying persons.

Meeting Secretariat and Travel Agency

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