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University of Thessaly
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University Hospital of Larissa
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International Symposium on **TaTME**

◆ **10/11** February **2017**

Auditorium "Hippocrates", Medical School, University of Thessaly
Larissa

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◆ **Final Program**

WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is our privilege and special pleasure to invite you to the ***International Symposium on TaTME***, on **10 and 11 February 2017** in **Larissa, Greece**.

During this symposium, internationally renowned speakers will share their experience in Transanal TME, the new treatment option, which is expected to revolutionize the surgical treatment of rectal cancer. Although expectations for TaTME are high throughout Europe and USA, its integration into the Hellenic Surgical community is currently extremely poor. There are several reasons for this slow implementation of TaTME, such as the lack of the new instruments and equipment required, due to hard economic times, but, even more important, the fact that TaTME is a technically demanding procedure with a long learning curve. In addition, reports on serious potential complications might make surgeons doubtful to embark in TaTME. Therefore, proper training and -especially- proctoring is mandatory for the successful implementation of this new technique, as it happens with every new technique. All the aforementioned issues will be discussed in detail with our international guests, coming from some of the most important European TaTME leading centers.

We look forward to welcoming you to Larissa for a productive and educational meeting.

With kindest Regards

*Harry Pappis, MD, PhD, FACS
President of the Hellenic Association
of Endoscopic Surgery*

*George Tzovaras. MD, FACS
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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Friday, February 10th 2017

- 16.00** Registration
- 16.15 - 16.30** Welcome
George Tzouvaras
- 16.30 - 17.00** Rationale: why another new technique?
Albert Wolthuis
- 17.00 - 17.30** Indications, equipment, training
Marta Penna
- 17.30 - 18.00** Pelvic anatomy and important landmarks for TaTME
Beatriz Martín-Pérez
- 18.00 - 18.30** *Coffee break*
- 18.30 - 19.00** Step by step: tips and tricks
Beatriz Martín-Pérez
- 19.00 - 19.30** Pitfalls and complications
Albert Wolthuis
- 19.30 - 20.00** Update of the literature and TaTME registry
Marta Penna
- 20.00 - 20.30** Another toy or here to stay?
Evangelos Xynos

Saturday, February 11th 2017

- 08.00** Live surgery
G. Tzouvaras - A. Wolthuis
Comments from Faculty

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

Auditorium "Hippocrates", Medical School, University of Thessaly, Biopolis Campus, Larissa

Organizing Secretariat & Registration Desk

The Symposium Secretariat will be operating during the following dates and hours:

Friday, 10 February 2017 **15.30 - 20.30**

Saturday, 11 February 2017 **07.30 - 14.00**

Participation - Registration

The participation to the Symposium is free. All Physicians and Health Care Professionals are more than welcome to attend.

Official Language

The official language of the Symposium is English. No interpretation to Greek will be provided.

Audiovisual Equipment

The auditorium is equipped with computer, data video projector for PowerPoint presentations and screen. No slide projector or transparency projector will be available. All speakers are requested to use a USB-key for their presentations, which need to be prepared with MS PowerPoint. Speakers are kindly requested not to use Mac for the preparation of their presentation. Personal laptops and i-pads will not be permitted for the projection of presentations. In case you want to use a MAC, please inform the Scientific Secretariat well in advance.

Certificate of Attendance

A Certificate of attendance will be provided to all registered participants who will attend the 60% of the scientific programme.

Live Surgery

During the second day of the Symposium, a TaTME surgery will be performed and presented live at the auditorium. The whole procedure will be commented and discussed between the Faculty members and the surgeons performing the surgery.

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