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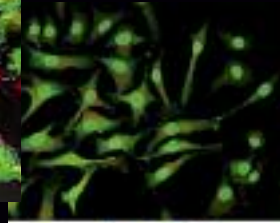
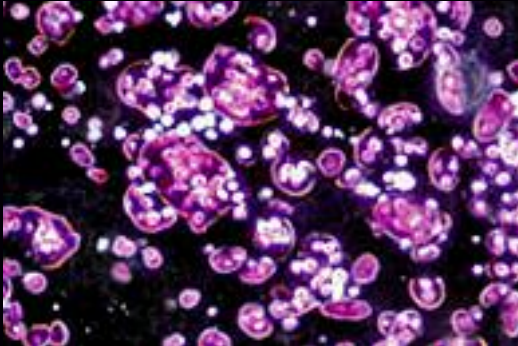
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# Cartilage Biology

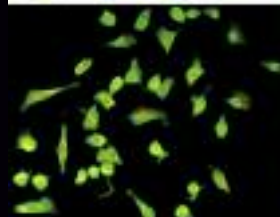
**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

*June 18-20, 2009*

*Larissa, Greece*



Central Auditorium,  
School of Medicine  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZERS

With great pleasure the Organizing Committee invites you to attend the international Symposium “Cartilage Biology” organized by BIOMED in collaboration with the Department of Orthopaedics and Laboratory of Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics of University of Thessalia, which is to be held in the city of Larissa from June 18-20, 2009.

BIOMED has been founded in 2006 by the Ministry of Development. It has emerged as the outcome of the scientific collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine and covers the area between medical applications and the rapidly-developing basic biomedical research. Its research activities focus on the areas of genomics, proteomics, physiology, biochemistry, neuroscience, tissue engineering, biomedical imaging and radiation.

The present event is an opportunity to bring together scientists from Universities and Research Institutes of Europe and the US, in order to present the current state-of-the-art in cartilage biology in health and disease. Distinguished scientists will elucidate on the current knowledge based on the convergence of medicine and biology, aiming at better understanding the biological processes governing cartilage homeostasis at cellular and molecular level.

Larissa, is the place where Hippocrates lived his last years, taught, treated patients and died and is located in central Greece, offering many opportunities for exciting journeys to Olympos mountain, to the Meteora and to the nearby seashores where one could cherish the magnificent scenery of the Aegean Sea from their forest parks.

We are looking forward to hosting you in Larissa.

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Prof. Orthopaedics  
Director of Biomed

**A. Tsezou**

Assoc. Professor  
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## REGISTRATION FEES

**PRE-REGISTRATION (until 15/5/2009):** Participants 150 € Phd & Post graduate students 70 €  
**LATE-REGISTRATION (16/5 - 20/6/2009):** Participants 200 € Phd & Post graduate students 100 €

## INVITED SPEAKERS

**ALEXOPOULOS L.**, *National Technical University of Athens, GREECE*

**ATHANASIOU K.**, *Rice University, USA*

**EVANGELOU E.**, *University of Ioannina, GREECE*

**EVANS Ch.**, *Harvard University, USA*

**GONZALEZ A.**, *University Hospital Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN*

**GUILAK F.**, *Duke University, USA*

**HANTES M.**, *University of Thessalia, GREECE*

**HATZICHRISTODOULOU Ch.**, *University of Thessalia, GREECE*

**IKEGAWA S.**, *Tokyo University, JAPAN*

**ILIOPOULOS D.**, *Harvard University, USA*

**KARACHALIOS T.**, *University of Thessalia, GREECE*

**KARANTANAS A.**, *University of Crete, GREECE*

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**MEGAS P.**, *University of Patras, GREECE*

**MEULENBELT I.**, *Leiden University, THE NETHERLANDS*

**MOUTSOPOULOS Ch.**, *National University of Athens, GREECE*

**TRATTNIG S.**, *Medical University of Vienna, AUSTRIA*

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**TZIOUFAS A.E.**, *National University of Athens, GREECE*

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**TOPICS**

- ❑ **CARTILAGE IN HEALTH AND DISEASE**
- ❑ **EPIDEMIOLOGY OF OSTEOARTHRITIS**
- ❑ **GENETICS OF CARTILAGE DEGENERATION**
- ❑ **IMAGING**
- ❑ **TISSUE ENGINEERING**
- ❑ **CURRENT THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES**
- ❑ **FUTURE PERSPECTIVES**

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