

Information for Prion 2009

Prion 2009 will be held at the Porto Carras Grand Resort, Halkidiki between the 23rd and the 25th of September 2009. More than 700 delegates from Europe and the rest of the world are expected to meet to exchange ideas and discuss advances in Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies and other Neurodegenerative Proteinopathies.

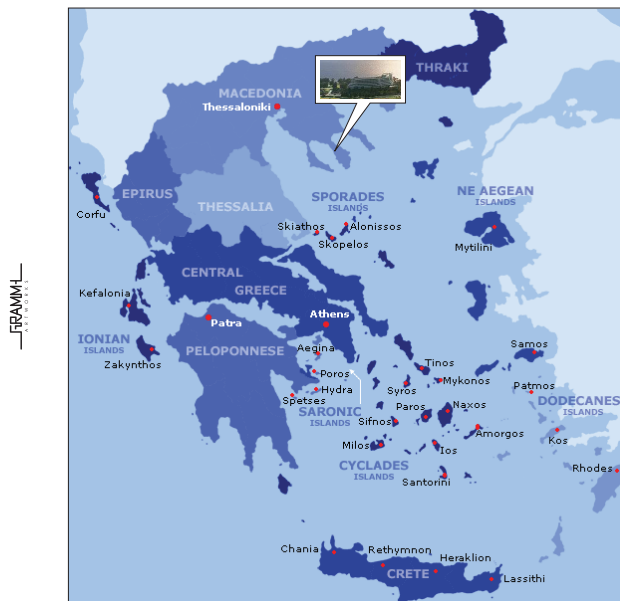


Congress venue

The venue for the Congress is Porto Carras Grand Resort, which is situated in Sithonia, the middle of the three "fingers" that form the Halkidiki Peninsula. Located just 120 km (75 minutes drive) from Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece, with a major cargo port and international airport, the Porto Carras Grand Resort is the most comprehensive resort in Greece, with 4 hotels, each in a different style, a casino, an ultra-modern thalassotherapy center & spa, an international-standard 18-hole golf course, a private 315-berth marina and a convention center, plus Greece's largest organic vineyard.

For further information on Porto Carras Grand Resort please visit:

www.portocarras.com



Prion 2009

Porto Carras Chalkidiki, Greece
23th-24th-25th September 2009

If you need to contact the organisers for additional information, please use the contact details as stated below.

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Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

23th - 24th - 25th
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Porto Carras, Chalkidiki
Greece

Welcome to the Prion 2009

WELCOME

Welcome from Prof. Theodoros Sklaviadis

Dear Colleagues,

I cordially invite you to join us at the annual Prion 2009 meeting to share the latest developments and ideas in the fascinating field of Prions in a terrific setting. The Congress will be held at Porto Carras in Halkidiki, Greece, from 23 to 25 September 2009.

Although Prion diseases are not front page news anymore, they continue to be one of the most beautiful biological problems confronting us. We have learned a lot during the last two decades but there are still missing elements concerning the molecular nature of these pathogens, the pathogenesis process and the treatment of the related diseases. This challenge remains open for neuropathologists, neurologists, veterinarians and neuroscientists worldwide. In an era of rapid developments and innovations in neurodegeneration, there is an ever increasing need to regularly update our knowledge, especially to guide our practice on evidence-based practices.

You will find an excellent opportunity for this at the Prion 2009 meeting, which is jointly organized by the group of Prion diseases at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Center for Research and Technology Hellas, together with the Neuroprion Network of Excellence.

The main themes of Prion diseases will be covered in depth, whereas parts of the Program will be dedicated to other major neurodegenerative proteinopathies, from which we can extract useful information. Timely issues in these topics will be discussed by renowned experts in plenary sessions, whereas mini-symposia will be held in parallel. There will be a unique opportunity for young investigators to present their research in oral and poster presentations and prizes will be awarded for the best posters.

Contacts

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Scientific Programme

Prion 2009 will cover a wide range of topics in prion research.

Topics include:

1. Protein Misfolding
2. Natural and Experimental Strains
3. Transmission and Pathogenesis
4. Epidemiology and Risk Assessment
5. Basic Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration and Pathology
6. Functions and Cell Biology of PrP
7. Genetics
8. Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Decontamination
9. Other Neurodegenerative Proteinopathies

Social Programme

Wednesday 23 September
18:00 – 20:00 Welcome reception
Included in the registration fee

Thursday 24 September
20:00 Gala Dinner
Not included in the registration fee

Friday 25 September
13:00 - 14:00 Closing Ceremony
Included in the registration fee

Critical Dates

Deadlines

1 May 2009 Abstract Submission Deadline
20 May 2009 Confirmation of Abstract Acceptance
25 May 2009 End of Early Registration
15 August 2009 Registration Deadline. From this date you should register on Venue.

Congress dates

23-25 September 2009

Preliminary Programme:

23th - 24th - 25th
September 2009

23 September 2009	
Hall 1	Hall 2
Welcome – Opening Ceremony	
Plenary talk (TBA)	
Protein Misfolding (I)	Natural & Experimental strains (I)
Coffee break	
Protein Misfolding (II)	Natural & Experimental strains (II)
Lunch / Poster Session	
Plenary talk (Novel therapeutic approaches in Alzheimer's)	
Other Neurodegenerative Proteinopathies (Tau protein, diabetes)	
Coffee break	
Basic Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration & Pathology (I)	Transmission & Pathogenesis (I)
Poster Party	

24 September 2009	
Hall 1	Hall 2
Plenary talk (TBA)	
Basic Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration & Pathology (II)	Transmission & Pathogenesis (II)
Coffee break	
Functions & Cell Biology	Epidemiology & Risk Assessment
Lunch / Poster Session	
Plenary talk (TBA)	
Other Neurodegenerative Proteinopathies (Parkinson, Huntington)	
Coffee break	
Genetics	Diagnostic, Therapeutics & Decontamination

25 September 2009	
Hall 1	
Plenary Talk (Future of Prion Research)	
Poster Prize Winner Presentations	
Coffee break	
Hot Topics	
Closing Ceremony	