



8th Balkan Congress
of Radiology
BCR 2010

October 29th-31st 2010
Alexandroupoli
Greece

Congress Venue
HOTEL ASTIR Alexandroupoli

Organized by:

- **Balkan Society of Radiology**
- **Department of Radiology**
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WELCOME ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues,

We are very pleased to announce that the 8th Balkan Congress of Radiology will be held in Alexandroupoli - Greece on October 29th-31st 2010.

The Congress is organized by the Balkan Society of Radiology in collaboration with the Local Committee.

This event will give a unique opportunity to all participants to update knowledge on important Radiological topics. Radiologists, Medical doctors of different specialties and professionals of other Sciences including Radiologists technologists, and others, can all take part in this Congress and offer their experience and expertise, sharing difficulties and exchanging knowledge.

Experts will discuss the key topics in plenary sessions, lectures and workshops. Also there sessions of oral and poster presentations will be included.

Alexandroupoli is a city of traditional beauty and great hospitality. It is located in a charismatic region that combines unique landscape and great history. This Congress will give you the opportunity to visit museums, enjoy rare scenery routes of the wider area and to benefit from the quietness of Alexandroupoli's nature.

We are looking forward to see you in Alexandroupoli!

Panagiotis Prassopoulos

President of BCR 2010

Professor of Radiology

University of Alexandroupoli, Greece

KEY DATES & CONTACT

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Submission for abstracts opens: **Thursday, June 24th 2010**

Abstract submission deadline: **Friday, September 17th 2010**

Deadline for early registration: **Tuesday, August 17th 2010**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Congress venue - Dates

October 29th - 31st, 2010

HOTEL ASTIR ALEXANDROUPOLI

Egnatia Park, 681 00

Alexandroupoli, Greece

Tel.: +30 25510 38000

Website: www.classicalhotels.com

Registration fees

	Early Registration Till August 17 th , 2010	Late Registration After August 18 th , 2010
Specialists	200 EURO	225 EURO
Residents-in-training*/ Company Representatives	150 EURO	175 EURO
Medical Students	20 EURO	30 EURO
Accompanying Persons	100 EURO	125 EURO

** Please note that for the registration as resident or technologist, a certificate of your employer is required.*

How to get registered

Those who wish to participate in the BCR 2010 Congress are requested to complete the registration form.

The Congress fees includes the participation and the entrance to the Congress Halls, the entrance to the Scientific Exhibition, coffee breaks, the Welcome Reception, programme, badge and bag.

The fee for **accompanying persons** includes the Welcome Reception and the entrance to the Scientific Exhibition.

The early registration fee is applicable for registration and payment **by 17.08.2010**.

After **18.08.2010** the late registration fee will be charged without further notice.

Payment

Payment can be made by credit card Visa or Mastercard (see registration form) or by bank transfer to the following account:

PRC CONGRESS & TRAVEL

(CHALIVIDOU ELENI)

ALPHA BANK

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 130 00 2786025560

SWIFT: CRBAGRAAXX

IBAN: GR 69 0140 1300 1300 0278 6025 560

Please make sure that your name is mentioned on the swift bank order and that respective bank commission has been subdued.

Cancellation

For cancellations made before **July 29th 2010** no penalty.

For cancellations made after **July 29th 2010** no refund will be granted.

ALL POSSIBLE REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE CONGRESS, WITHIN 60 DAYS.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be sent upon receipt of payment.

Changes

Alterations to your registration will only be accepted in writing.

Invitation letter for VISA requirements

All foreign visitors entering Greece must possess a valid passport, except those from European Union Member Countries. Participants should check with their travel agents, Greek consulate offices or diplomatic missions in their own countries whether or not visas are required or visit the web site of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.mfa.gr/www.mfa.gr/en-US/Services/Visas/Visas+for+Foreigners+travelling+to+Greece/ Individuals requiring an official letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa and authorisation to attend the Congress should contact the Organizing Secretariat not later than August 15th, 2010. The invitation letter will be issued once the registration form and payment has been received.

Registration fee includes:

Welcome Reception
Programme, Badge and Bag
Coffee during the breaks

Scientific and Commercial Exhibition

During the Course a Scientific and Commercial Exhibition will take place.

Data Preview

- Data projection will be available during the Congress.

Official Language

The official language is English. No translation will be provided.

Climate and Clothing

The weather in Greece during the month of October is generally quite cool.

Time

Athens 12:00 noon =	10:00 a.m. London	10:00 a.m. Spain
	11:00 a.m. Paris	05:00 a.m. U.S.A.

Electricity

Please note that the electricity in Greece is 220V.

Social Programme

- Welcome Reception, October 29th, 2010

Transportation

Transportation will not be provided from the airport to the Hotels. Participants may contact the Secretariat of the Congress for further information.

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel accommodation has been provided at the following HOTELS

HOTEL ASTIR ALEXANDROUPOLI, 5* «Venue of the Congress»
www.classicalhotels.com

HOTEL GRAND EGNATIA, 4*
<http://www.classicalhotels.com/egnatiagrand/en/>

How to get there

Train station/ Harbour - (1.3 km)

By bus: Go to Demokratias Ave. Take any bus with direction University Hospital and the Dimokritio University and get off at bus station Egnatia Park.

By car:

Exiting the harbour on your left, take Alexandrou Ave and drive all the way until you reach the Egnatia Municipal Park. The Hotel Astir Alexandroupoli lies sharply on your left.

Airport - (7 kms)

By bus: Buses with direction Aetochori, Loutra and Aristino will bring you all the way to the city centre. From there go to Demokratias Ave. Take any bus with direction Dimokritio University and get off at bus station Egnatia Park.

By car:

Exiting the airport, take the Orestiada - Alexandroupoli highway, direction Alexandroupoli. Drive straight-ahead to the town. While entering the town, the highway changes name to Demokratias Ave. Drive all the way crossing the town until you reach Alexandrou Ave. where you turn left. Before reaching the seaside you will find the hotel on your right.

Bus Terminal - (1 km)

By bus: Go to Demokratias Ave. Take any bus with direction Makri, Hili and the Dimokritio University and get off at bus station Egnatia Park.



In the beautiful northern city of Alexandroupoli, where the business and cultural worlds meet, the legendary Egnatia Grand hotel reopening after full renovations stands out as the ideal address for the discerning visitor.



Geography

Alexandroupoli is about 14.5 km (9 miles) west of the delta of the river Evros, 40 km from the border with Turkey, 346 km (216 mi) from Thessaloniki on the newly constructed Egnatia highway, and 750 km (466 mi) from Athens.

Around the city one finds small fishing villages like Makri and Dikela to the west, and suburban Antheia, Aristino, Nipsa, Loutra to the east, while north of the city are the ever closing Palagia, Abantas, Aissymi and Kirkas. At the 2001 census, the main city had a population of 48,885 and the municipality had a population of 52,720.

The current metropolitan population is estimated at around 70,000 inhabitants, and its area covers the southwestern portion of the prefecture, and it runs approximately 40 km long and wide, its length shorter northward.

Its boundary goes 70% of the way from the Rhodope Prefecture to the Evros Delta. The municipality has a land area of 642.245 km² (247.972 sq mi) and is the fourth largest in all of Greece.

Besides Alexandroupoli, its other largest settlements are the villages of Mákri (pop. 820), Ávas (497), Sykorráchi (309), Aisými (289), and Díkella (288).

History

The city's history only goes back to the 19th century. Long used as a landing ground for fishermen from the coast of Samothrace opposite, a small settlement developed in the area during the construction of a railway line connecting Istanbul to Berlin. The work was part of an effort to modernise the Ottoman Empire, and was assigned to engineers from Austria-Hungary. The settlement soon grew into a fishing village, which also used the name Dedeagatch.

Currency

Greece is one of the twelve European Union member states participating in the single currency known as the Euro, €, (evro in Greek).

Time: GMT+2

Transportation

The old military station (*Gare Militaire*) *Jonction Thessaloniki to Istanbul* railway at Alexandroupoli.

Alexandroupoli's airport is Dimokritos International Airport (IATA:AXD) and is served by Olympic Airways and Aegean Airlines; there are 6 daily flights to Athens, and also flights to Crete, while during the summer months some seasonal flights operate to\from Germany and Russia. The airport is connected to the city by highway, taxi services and scheduled bus services.

The port of Alexandroupolis has been used principally by travellers. There are daily services to the Island of Samothraki and a weekly Trans-Aegean service to all the eastern islands of the Aegean, with the final destination of the island of Rhodes.

Trains run frequently to Thessaloniki and Athens, Burgas in Bulgaria and Edirne or Istanbul in Turkey. There is an extensive network of train and bus replacements services through out the region of Evros.

The bus network is much more extensive and frequent. Hourly buses to the major municipalities within Macedonia and Thrace offered from the Regional Coaches KTEL as well as daily services to Bulgaria and Turkey. OSE-Varan and Ulusoy have daily services to Istanbul and Athens each and depart from Alexandroupolis Train Station in early mornings.

Banks

Banks are open from Monday to Friday from 08.00 till 14.00. Foreign currer travellers cheques can be exchanged at all banks, exchange counters and the hotels.

Diners Club, Visa, American Express, Mastercard and other major credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.

Museums

Natural History Museum of Alexandroupoli



The **Natural History Museum of Alexandroupoli** lies about 2 km east of the centre of the town in the **region of Maistros**. The museum is fully equipped and harmoniously blends with the local natural environment. Its objective is to **protect biodiversity** on all levels and show the **interaction between ecosystems and genetic structures**. Its exhibits reflect the geophysical and ecological particularities of the region of the **Evros River** which is **home to a wide range of faunal and floral species**. The modern facilities and equipment of the museum – allowing access to **multimedia technology and a huge bank of information** – enable visitors to understand the importance of the local natural wealth. The museum is equipped with **computer-assisted projection systems** thus offering tourists the chance to learn about the biodiversity of the Evros region. Information on elements of nature is presented in an interactive way. Through its exhibits and the educational programmes it organises, the museum aims at promoting visitors' recreation as well as information and awareness on environmental issues.

The Ethnological Museum Of Thrace Alexandroupoli

Clothing

Clothing in Thrace developed out of the demographic shifts and changes provoked by the historical events in the region, which were in turn determined by its distinctive geophysical features. The styles of dress peculiar to the various ethnic groups who co-existed all over Thrace from the start of the Ottoman period — Greeks, Pomaks, Armenians, Jews, Turks, and Roma — made up the sartorial picture of the region. Following the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923, the refugees



from northeastern Thrace, the Black Sea, and Asia Minor who came and settled all over northern Greece, including Evros prefecture, changed the map beyond recognition. The oldest types of costume we know of date from the end of the 19th century. After the Second World War, they were modified, and new ones were devised, which co-existed alongside the old ones. In the 1960s, when the region underwent profound social changes, accompanied by emigration both within Greece and abroad and the advent of television, lifestyles changed and traditional garb was abandoned.



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

BCR 2010 invites all participants to submit abstracts for the scientific sessions and scientific exhibition. Accepted abstracts will be presented in oral or poster presentation.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Abstracts must be submitted only via the symposium website at www.bcr2010.gr
2. Abstracts received by fax will not be considered: Should you have any problem regarding the on line submission, please contact the Organizing Secretariat PRC Congress & Travel.
3. Abstracts must be submitted and presented in English.
4. 250 words maximum (not including titles, authors name and affiliations).
5. Presenting author's name is underlined.
6. Please note presentation preference (oral or poster)
7. Structure your abstract following the headings below.
 - a. Objective
 - b. Method
 - c. Results
 - d. Conclusion
8. The final decision for the inclusion of an oral presentation in a specific session will be made by the program committee.
9. After having submitted your abstract, you will receive the confirmation by e-mail with an arn (abstract reference number).
10. All authors will be notified by e-mail on results by Friday **17th September 2010**.
11. Upon acceptance of the abstract, presenting authors are expected to register and to present their works at scientific sessions or scientific exhibition.
12. Upon submission, indicate your preferred presentation form oral or poster and the following category that best describes the abstract:

Authors and abstracts will be published in the congress final program book only if the presenting author is registered with full payment.

Posters dimensions: Length 1,00 m. X Height 1,00 m.



