

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the EPHAR Executive Committee, it is a great pleasure for us to invite you to Istanbul, Turkey for the **7<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pharmacology** which will take place between June 26-30, 2016 in Istanbul, Turkey. There are now approximately three months left until the EPHAR 2016 Conference, and we would like to tell you that the Turkish Pharmacological Society has been enthusiastically preparing for this event and all arrangements have been made as planned. We would like to thank the local organizers for all of their efforts to make this event a success, despite its challenges.



The 7<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pharmacology will take place in the Military Museum and Cultural Centre, located in the heart of the city of Istanbul. As the most important aspect of the conference is the scientific programme, the Turkish Pharmacological Society would like to announce that it has been almost completed and assure you of a very high standard of scientific content. You may find further details on the official event website:

[www.epar2016.org](http://www.epar2016.org)

Around 375 free abstracts had been submitted before March 25, 2016. We will have over 100 speakers and chairpersons contributing to the Scientific Programme who will share their valuable knowledge and experience with us; the Turkish Pharmacological Society is deeply honoured to host during this event. Please, also note that the EPHAR Council Meeting with the important role of carrying out the election of the new EPHAR Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Unfortunately, there have been several terrorist attacks in many places in Europe, including Istanbul and the recent saddening event in Brussels. We have received some concerned e-mails, which is of course understandable. Istanbul will continue as the location of the EPHAR2016 congress; this was agreed at a recently held executive board meeting. The aim of terrorist attacks anywhere in the world is to create an atmosphere of chaos and handicap the system itself. Cancelling or postponing the EPHAR conference would only mean that the terrorists have achieved their goals. The safety of participants is paramount and we are in constant contact with the Turkish Society which has reassured us that, in close collaboration with (local) authorities, it will do everything within their capacity to secure the safety of the guests.

We are pleased to inform you that a "**late breaking abstracts / hot topics**" module will be opened on April 4. In addition, the **early registration period has been extended** until Monday the **April 25<sup>th</sup> 2016** in order to give you another chance for participation.

Please, send this letter to all of your members of your Society. We hope to welcome you in the beautiful city of Istanbul this June.

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