From Istanbul to Belgrade: new destination proposal for ECI 2021
6th European Congress of Immunology 2021
Belgrade, Serbia
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BELGRADE, SERBIA

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Distinguished Colleagues,

As a joint proposal of Turkish Society of Immunology (TSI) and Immunological Society of Serbia (ISOS), we hereby invite you to support our new venue to stage ECI 2021 in Belgrade. Mutual historic and cultural similarities of these two nations as well as long term professional cooperation in the field of immunology through Balkan Society of Immunology will ensure successful co-hosting of ECI 2021.

With the high quality and exceptional scientific program, ECI 2021 in Belgrade promises to be an exciting venue not only for the Western European nations but also would be a great opportunity to engage scientists` participation from Eastern European and Balkan countries. TSI and ISOS as co-hosts of this prestigious event anticipate the success of this event in Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe and make a memorable experience for all parties in years to come for all EFIS Immunologists.

Welcome to Belgrade...
Welcome to Belgrade
The city of endless encounters

The best way to start a day is a Serbian traditional “Turkish” coffee with locum
Welcome to Belgrade

With a 7,000 year history, Belgrade is one of the oldest cities in Europe.

From ancient Slavic tribes, over Roman and Ottoman Empire, to Austro-Hungarians, Belgrade has always been a meeting point among different civilizations.

The fusion of cultures is best expressed in the Serbian traditional cuisine, music and folklore, creating a unique ambience and a very hospitable atmosphere.

Today, Belgrade is a modern European capital with over 2 million citizens, an economic and scientific hub of the entire region, the most accessible Balkan country and the city where European Congress of Immunology will be given the utmost attention, making all delegates feel very special and distinguished while in Belgrade.

Still, not under the limelight of European tourists, Belgrade is there to provide lots of hidden and untouched spots reminiscent of old European charm promising a memorable and unforgettable stay.
29 March 2018

European Federation of Immunological Societies - EFIS -

Subject: Letter of Support to organize 6th European Congress of Immunology (2021) in Belgrade, Serbia

Distinguished EFIS Board Members,

In the era where countries and nations are trying to create prosper of their people, need of knowledge, education, international networks and meeting new people is rising. Therefore, as the Foundation we are supporting organization of the European Congress of Immunology in Belgrade.

The Belgrade has already been proved as the great host of international events. Our scientists, researchers and doctors always do their best to show their colleagues a great hospitality and professionalism.

Assuring you that during the European Congress of Immunology in Belgrade, all dear European immunologists and friends of immunology, will be more than satisfied, and that the final outcomes and results will create further advancements in the field, It would be my great pleasure to welcome you in Serbia.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

HRH Crown Princess Katherine
International Access

Direct flights USA
   Direct flight to New York

Direct flights Asia
   Direct flight to Beijing

Direct flights to cities in the Middle East

Direct busses and trains to Balkan countries

Direct flights to 65 cities in Europe
International Access

Air Serbia official airline of ECI Congress

Most convenient way for ECI delegates to fly to Belgrade is via Air Serbia

Discounted flights for all delegates
Belgrade Nikola Tesla International Airport (BEG) is the main gateway to Serbia. There are more than 1,100 flights per week with over 5 million passengers per year.

Direct flights from 65 major European cities and 15 from USA, China and Middle East cities.

Excellent bus and train connections covering the region from the neighboring countries in Balkans.

Visa free
- all EU countries
- Swiss, Norway, Iceland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro
- Turkey, Russian Federation, Belarus, Ukraine, Israel, Iran
- China, India, USA

Taxi From/to Airport
Congress venue: 10 min, fixed price 12€
City center: 20 min, fixed price 15€

Public Transportation From/to Airport
Congress venue: 30 min, fixed price 1€
Benefits and unique offers

• Advantageous for Balkan and Eastern European participation
• Encourages smaller and less fortunate member societies engagement with EFIS
• Easy access with visa free for EU and Turkey (opportunity for larger Turkish participation which otherwise won't be possible)
• Economical both for the attendees and for the organizers
• Young and dynamic city will attract young/early career researchers
Sava Centar is one of the largest congress centers in the region, offering variety of meeting rooms, exhibition and poster area, as well as large catering options. In its building A and Building B, the center has 15 meeting halls and rooms with a maximum capacity of 7000 in total.

Sava Centar is located 5 minutes from city center and easily reachable from all parts of city. Taxi costs are around 5€, while over 30 public lines have a stop within proximity of the congress center.

Total of 1.000 hotel rooms is located within walking distance, while other hotels can be easily reached by taxi or public transport.
Congress Venue

1- Blue Hall
2- Pacific / Atlantic
3- Amphitheatre
4- Hall 1
5- Hall 1/A
6- Hall 1/B
7- Hall 2
8- Mediteran/Adriatic
9- Art Cafe
10- Hall 15
Congress Venue

With vast experience in organizing large scale international congresses, Sava Centar will surely create a great opportunity and a successful event for all Congress participants, exhibitors and organizers.

Following is the list of some of the largest congresses that were organized and are confirmed for Sava Centar in period of 2010-2020:

- SICOT Orthopaedic World Congress: 4.000 delegates
- European AIDS Conference: 3.500 delegates
- Heart Failure Congress: 3.900 delegates
- European Congress of Neurosurgery: 2.500 delegates
- European Congress of Pathology: 2.300 delegates
- European Cystic Fibrosis Conference: 2.300 delegates
- World Congress of Perinatal Medicine: 2.200 delegates
- WordCamp Europe: 2.000 delegates
- European Academy of Dermatology: 1.600 delegates
- European Society of Coloproctology: 1.300 delegates
- Society of Electrochemistry: 1.300 delegates
References for period 2004-2015

2015
- 27 European Congress of Pathology -ECP-
- Congress European Society for Developmental Perinatal & Paediatric Pharmacology ESDPPP
- Annual European Haemophilia Consortium Conference
- AGM & Annual Scientific Conference of the European College of Veterinary Public Health -ECVPH-
- European Balkan Congress Hearing Implants and High Tech Hearing Aids
- Annual General Meeting of the European Association of Pharmaceutical Full-line Wholesalers -GIRP-
- 10 Congress of the European Association of Neuroscience Nurses -EANN-

2014
- European Conference on Visual Perception -ECVP-
- European Forum of Medical Associations and WHO -WHO-EFMA-
- European Paediatric Rheumatology Congress
- International Danube Neurology Symposium
- Spring Symposium of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology -EADV –
- Pan European Regional Congress Of Military Medicine
- International Conference of Young Scientists -ICYS
- International Conference Advances in Diabetes and Insulin Therapy ADIT 2014
- Eurasia Congress of Infectious Diseases (EACID)

2013
- Annual Meeting of the European Venous Forum
- Congress of the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations
- European Design Conference -ED-Conference-
- Scientific and Annual Meeting of the European Society of Coloproctology -ESCP-
- European Congress of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association -E-AHPBA-
- International Joint World Cultural Tourism Conference
- Meeting of the Section Fodder Crops and Amenity Grasses -EUCARPIA-
- Session of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization -WTO-

2012
- International Congress of the International Federation of Wine Brotherhoods
- Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Underwater and Baromedical Society -EUBS-
- European Maintenance Congress -EFNMS-
- European Meeting of the Int. Society for Heart Research
- International Endohermia Society Meeting -IEHS-

2011
- European AIDS Conference -EACS-
- European Conference on Analytical Chemistry
- Annual General Conference of the International Aeronautic Federation - FAI -
- European Federation of Journalists Annual Meeting
- 24th General Assembly of the IAPMC

2010
- 47th Congress of the International Hotel and Restaurant Association -IH&RA
- First Aid Convention in Europe - FACE 2010
- 28th Conference of the European Society for Veterinary Pathology –ESVP
- 7th International Symposium of Coloproctology
- 7th International College for Maxillo-Facial Surgery Meeting –ICMFS
- 39th General Assembly of the European Olympic Committee

2009
- Board Meeting and General Assembly of European Travel Commission - ETC
- 22nd World Canal Conference
- 16th International Meeting of the European Society of Gynecological Oncology -ESGO
- 33rd Meeting of the European Strabismological Association - ESA
- 31st General Assembly of the International University Sports Federation -FISU

2004-2008
- ECM - European City Marketing Conference and General Assembly
- IPI – International Press Institute World Congress
- Danube Tourist Commission
- 15th Congress of the Int. Association of Agricultural Museums -AIMA-
- Meeting of the Int. Organization for Standardization -ISO/TC 176- Quality Management & Assurance
- 4th European Congress for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology
- 18th Annual General Meeting of the Society of Mining Professors – SOMP -
- 100th Seminar of the European Association of Agricultural Economists - EAAE-
- Annual Congress of Aircraft Engineers International -AEI-
- Workshop European Society of Gynecological Oncology -ESGO
- 14th European Annual Meeting of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development -EBRD –
- 10th Congress of the European Automobile Engineers’ Cooperation -EAEC-
- 12th Annual Conference of the European Association for Psychotherapy -EAP-
- 12th Congress of the European Association for Psychotherapy
Congress Venue

Features total of 15 meeting rooms of various fixed and flexible seating arrangements.

Largest plenary disposes with 3.672 seats.

2.000sqm of gross exhibition space is located just in front of plenary, offering great visibility for exhibitors.

Additional 2.000sqm of gross exhibition space is located in front of additional meeting rooms.

Multi-purpose area around meeting rooms is ideal for poster sessions and catering corners, creating the seamless flow of delegates through entire congress center providing networking possibilities.

Additional meeting halls: Brand new Crowne Plaza hotel is connected via indoor passageway to Sava Centar and offers additional 13 state of the art meeting rooms.
Congress Venue

Sava Centar disposes with state-of-art AV equipment, ideal to fulfill most demanding event requirements.

Entire congress center and all meeting rooms are completely covered with high-speed Wi-Fi and WLAN coverage.

Business and internet center can also be organized to all speakers and participants of the ECI 2021 in Belgrade.

Catering stations will be located within exhibition and poster area enabling maximum exposure to all sponsors and exhibitors, while ensuring great networking opportunities.
Congress Venue - Registration area
Congress Venue - Meeting rooms
Congress Venue - Exhibition area

Approximately 85 Booths
Exhibition Area: 860 - 900 sqm
Congress Venue - Exhibition area
Congress Venue - Exhibition area
Congress Venue - Poster area
Congress Venue - Catering while visiting Exhibitions and Posters
Congress Venue - Catering while visiting Exhibitions and Posters
Proposed hotel structure for the ECI 2021

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Previous experiences from international congresses organized in Belgrade majority of delegates will prefer hotels within close proximity to Congress center and max 10 minutes drive.

All official hotels to offer free transportation card for every registered delegate staying at their property.

These rates includes breakfast.
Social events venues
The Serbian Royal family is more than looking forward to welcoming ECI 2021 invited speakers and special guests for a Royal reception (Gala reception). The beautiful royal gardens will be a perfect venue to witness the charm and exquisite lives of the Serbian royalty.
**Congress Farewell Party**

For all delegates of ECI 2021 Congress, we will organize a farewell party in Kovilovo resort. Delegates will enjoy the party in pristine nature. The venue is just 15 minutes from the Congress center. Local barbeque, lots of refreshments including entertainments will make an unforgettable farewell.
ECI 2021 Organization

Congress President
Prof. Dr. Gunnur Deniz

Scientific Committee
Co-Presidency
Prof. Dr. İhsan Gürsel
Prof. Dr. Miodrag Lukić

Local Organizing Committee
LOC President
Prof. Dr. Djordje Miljkoviić
15 Serbian Society Members
10 Turkish Society Members
The **scientific program** will be comprised of five tracks dedicated to the fields of

- innate immunity including nucleic acid cytosolic sensors
- adaptive immunity
- diseases/dysregulation of the immune system
- immune disorders including allergy/asthma as well as autoimmunity and autoinflammatory disorders
- immune interventions with an emphasis on protective and therapeutic cancer vaccines
The 5-track program will streamline symposia (22-24 in total), workshops (≈12 overall throughout 4 days of congress period) as well as guided poster sessions (3-4 sessions).

This will be blended with wide array of plenary and keynote speaker sessions that will provide an opportunity for all parties to engage and promote discussions and foster cross-talks between basic and applied immunologists including clinical partners.

The cutting-edge and innovative research efforts from young investigators will be covered in special sessions.

The plenary lectures (≈8-10) will be planned for every day in the morning and afternoon sessions.
The keynote lecturers will include at least 2 Nobel Laurates and 6-8 ERC advanced grant holders. Of note, there will be one President`s Symposium on day #3 early afternoon.

Several industry sponsored lunch symposia (4-5) will be included in the scientific program.

The program will also cover all aspects of T- and B-cells including effector functions as well as regulatory mechanisms. ILCs and macrophages with their subsets will be given special emphasis. An emphasis on tumor immune microenvironment including TILs and MDSCs will be included along with i/nTregs.

We plan to organize special sessions on interdisciplinary modern immunological studies including nanobiotechnology nanotheranostic applications concerning modern immunology.
The program will also address recent trends on immunometabolism as well as microbiota and influence of dysbiosis.

Molecular mechanisms of tolerance and memory along with tissue specific regulation of T- and B- cell and inflammatory and tolerogenic DC differentiation in addition to systems biology for immune intervention will be discussed.

In ECI 2021 congress we will specifically dedicate sessions to identify new discoveries in basic and applied immunology that hold special promise for diagnostic and therapeutic strategies. Finally, it is our intention to cover recent developments on translational immunology efforts in this Congress.
## Program Layout

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Symposia and Workshops/
Symposia and Workshops / Industry Sponsored Symposia/Guided Poster Session
Symposia and Workshops / Industry Sponsored Symposia/President’s Symposia/Guided Poster Session
Symposia and Workshops /Industry Sponsored Symposia/Guided Poster Session
## Budget Information

### PROPOSED BUDGET for 3000 PARTICIPANTS

**ECI 2021 BELGRADE**

### FORECASTED CONGRESS INCOME

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### GRAND TOTAL

|                  | 1,727,800,00 € |

### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES:

- Member: 398 Euro
- Non Member: 552 Euro
- Student: 195 Euro
  - calculated for 3000 registrants

### EXHIBITION SALES:

- 700 sqm of space: 500 Euro * 700 sqm = 350,000 Euro
- 4 Hospitality Suites of Island Booths 15000 * 4 = 60,000 Euro

### FORECASTED CONGRESS EXPENSES

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### GRAND TOTAL

|                  | 1,159,500,00 € |

### TOTAL PROFIT: 568,300,00 €

- Itemized and detailed budget is provided as an attachment
Must do while in Belgrade
**Kalemegdan fortress - the meeting point of civilizations**

Located in the heart of the city, the Belgrade fortress is a must-see. Numerous hidden secrets are there to be explored.

**The Rose Church** is one of the most beautiful historic places in the world according to world association of tourist guides. Find out why.
Multicultural spirit goes around the city

Various empires lived and ruled on territory of today’s Serbia. Each left the best of their tradition and customs and is best preserved today in modern Serbian architecture, cuisine and tradition.

**Belgrade mosque** is located in the heart of city, just minutes from Kalemegdan fortress.
Green oasis - to enjoy, to relax and to be live again

Ada Lake, the Belgrade Sea.

Just 5 minutes away from the city center one can relax at one of the beach bars. Enjoy 8km long beach or try out one of many different sport activities.

September brings great weather, so who wants to try water ski or golf. Please enjoy the “Belgrade Sea” to its fullest.
Local entertainment - atmosphere so deep you can cut it

Bohemian Quarter

During evenings you will enjoy typical local restaurants and Serbian cuisine.

Of course, performance of live tambourine orchestra is something you will cherish forever.

Remember, all songs are about love.
Every night is Saturday night

Do not miss the opportunity to experience why Belgrade is the city that never sleeps.

River-docks and old warehouses are now some of Belgrade’s best and most stylish restaurants, bars and clubs.
Meet the greatest minds of Serbia

Nikola Tesla - a man of legendary imaginative power and wonder.

His museum is a unique institution of science and culture in Serbia but also worldwide.

It is the only museum which preserves the original and personal inheritance of this famous Serb.
Meet Yugoslavia history

Titos’ Museum

Leader of nonalignment movement made important changes for Yugoslavia and world.

Experience the history of Tito as leader of one different country.
Old-school barber shop to sharpen the hair

New urban & cultural center of Belgrade, located on the river bank, offers numerous galleries, bars and restaurants as perfect introduction to energy of Belgrade’s creativity.
Style is what counts.
For all ladies we suggest visiting some of the local designer stores.
These shoes are made for walking.
Pre & Post Tours

Within only 1 hour driving distance we have prepared various experiences for ECI 2021 delegates.
The city where everything is simple

City of Novi Sad

Second largest city in Serbia, European Youth and Cultural Capital, and explore Petrovaradin Fortress located on the Danube, most popular and attractive cultural and historic site featuring numerous underground galleries and corridors.
Explore life of the Serbian Royal family by visiting **Oplenac**, historic place that keeps secrets of the Royal life. Don’t forget to visit Royal vineyards and wine cellar, and taste some of the exquisite wines from our region, produced according to royal recipes.
heritage of roman empire

viminacium, one of the most important roman cities and military camps, now is an important archeological site. experience roman lifestyle and discover ancient remains of a highly-developed infrastructure. dress roman toga and act as a roman.
PCO: GL Events - Serenas Group

GL events that is operating in 5 continents and 19 countries with its 4.252 professional employees organizes each year more than 300 international fairs, exhibitions, congresses, meetings, cultural and sport events, public sector events and shows worldwide.

Following the partnership between GL events and Serenas Group in 2011, GL events assembled its Turkey investments and operations under the name of GL Events Turkey.

Serenas Group has been operating for more 15 years in the area of public sector events and incentives and in particular medical congresses, with its professional project groups and improving its quality of service, technological investments and all its standards and making no compromises on its ethical values. With its Financial Power, Human Resources and the Number of the Organizations it has Managed, Serenas Group has Become Turkey’s Biggest Professional Congress Organizer in the MICE Sector.
Welcome to Belgrade 2021