The Congress Newsletter No 1
**WELCOME**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Turkish Society of Clinical Biochemistry and congress organizing committee, I am very pleased and honored to invite you to the “5th EFLM-UEMS European Joint Congress in Laboratory Medicine” which will be held in Antalya, Turkey, on October 10-13, 2018 at Titanic Beach Lara Hotel.

Owing to the theme of “Laboratory Medicine at the Clinical Interface”, invited speakers are experts from laboratory medicine and clinical medicine as well. Building on the success of previous congresses, 5th EFLM-UEMS European Joint Congress in Laboratory Medicine will include plenary sessions, symposiums, oral and poster presentations.

The Joint Congress will provide an ideal forum to stimulate intense discussions in laboratory medicine as well as to establish collaborations which is very important for young professionals in the field.

Antalya, the beautiful city on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey, is well known not only with its natural and cultural beauties but also historical places especially ruins of antic cities. The congress venue promises the participants take a break from the intensive scientific program and enjoy Turkish cuisine and social program in the autumn days. Pre and post-congress tours will make your visit unforgettable.

Only through your kind participation, we may enjoy a fruitful congress feast. We are expecting your valuable contributions to the 5th EFLM-UEMS European Joint Congress in Laboratory Medicine.

I look forward to welcoming you all in Antalya, October 10-13, 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ozkan Alatas  
Chair Congress Organizing Committee  
President of Turkish Society of Clinical Biochemistry

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**ABOUT ANTALYA**

Antalya is the largest city on the Turkish Mediterranean coast, and is one of the hubs of the so-called Turkish Riviera.

Situated by the Gulf of Antalya and can be traced back in history as early as the 1st century BC when, as the legend has it, upon discovering this land, King Attalos II told his men that “this must be Heaven”. Today, tourists who come here from all the corners of the world say that only after seeing a sunset at Antalya can one say they have seen everything a man is allowed to see in a lifetime.

Antalya is a tourism destination characterized by a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and fairly warm and rainy winters, one of the reasons why increasing numbers of tourists are turning to Antalya not only as a summer destination but also as a winter vacation resort.

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*Attalos II Philadelphus: Attalid king of Pergamon, ruled 159-138*
FREE REGISTRATION WINNERS
During the 4th Joint EFLM-UEMS Congress in Warsaw, we announced two lottery winners for free registration for upcoming 5th Congress.

SALAM MAZARIB from ISRAEL
MARTA GARCIA COLLIA from SPAIN

We congratulate them again.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION
We would like to remind you that registration and abstract submission is already open at:
http://eflm-uems-antalya2018.org/

Abstracts can be submitted only via the website Abstract Submission System.

Deadline for abstracts submission: May 20th 2018
Guidelines for authors:

ABOUT THE VENUE - TITANIC BEACH LARA
Titanic Beach Lara, with its 586 rooms spread over an area of 95 thousand square meters that attracts attention with its advantageous location close to the city, has its guests experience a magnificent holiday with its thematic architecture, chic decoration, pleasant rooms and warm atmosphere.

Titanic Beach Lara that is in Lara, the pearl of the Mediterranean coasts, offers its guests options of comfort, flavor and entertainment all together and gives them various opportunities to draw away from the rush of daily life in order to have a wonderful time.

Tastes of Turkish and international cuisines prepared by master chefs who turn food into art cook the Turkish and global cuisines very meticulously with the healthiest ingredients are waiting for you to add a different taste to your accommodation in the restaurants of Titanic Beach Lara with different concepts.

Hotel serves in all inclusive concept.
Looking forward to seeing you all in Antalya!

**Side** (meaning pomegranate) is located in the region of Pamphylia in Anatolia (modern-day Turkey) and was both a prosperous Aegean trading centre in Hellenistic and Roman times and a base for Cilician pirates in the 1st and 2nd centuries BCE.

Side is a site with a long history which has left behind numerous buildings and ruins for us archaeology and history fanatics to explore. The most complete ruin at Side is the theatre complex which is the largest in the Roman style in the region. It could seat around 15,000 people and was converted into an open-air sanctuary with two chapels during the Byzantine Era. The seats still contain the inscriptions of names of patrons and on occasion shows are still carried out there. The city walls also remain alongside the Hellenistic main gate. There are colonnaded streets with many of the marble columns still standing and many others nearby. The local museum is housed in the remains of the public bath house and elsewhere the agora and temple of Tyche from the 2nd century BCE are still visible. There are also the remains of a Byzantine hospital and a basilica and three temples. An aqueduct (probably supplied by water from the Melas River) and nymphaeum (an elaborate fountain building spanning three stories and decorated with marble reliefs) can also be seen in a fair state of preservation near the city gates.

The state agora is still visible within the sand dunes of the eastern beach at Side. It is an amazing site, surrounded by columns which held a giant cross in the centre during the Byzantine period. It would have been decorated with copies of Greek statues, some of which remain on display in the Side Museum. There may also have been a library at this site. The ancient harbour was constructed during the Hellenistic period and is located on the southeast part of the peninsula next to the temples of Athena and Apollo which are still standing in part on the beaches of Side.