Welcome to Belgrade, a city that has been a meeting point for different civilizations over the centuries. It is a unique riparian metropolis with its numerous floating restaurants and discos, docked alongside 220 km of river banks. Enjoy this river based lifestyle at the confluence of two great rivers: the Danube and the Sava. The new industrial heritage site is the latest hotspot to be experienced.

From the buzz of its streets and busy cafés to the peaceful oasis of the royal courts just minutes away, you can acquire a taste of Belgrade’s cosmopolitan lifestyle. Relax after your day at the congress in one of the numerous cafes downtown. Ensure you visit one of the taverns in the 19th century Bohemian Quarter for a live performance of a tambourine orchestra accompanied by traditional food and a barbecue.

The Lonely Planet Guide recently referred to Belgrade’s nightlife as “One of Europe’s 10 hot spots” and the Sunday Times has declared Belgrade “A new capital of cool”. The fusion of cultures is best expressed by the traditional organic cuisine of Serbian “Soul-food” which is exceptionally tasty.

Located just minutes away from the major hotels and the city centre, Lake Ada is another oasis in Belgrade; a lake island located on the river with a forest and 8 kilometres of beach, it is a perfect place to escape from the intensity of the congress and the hustle and bustle of the city. From golf to water skiing, from the natural environment to its relaxing café culture and hidden restaurants, you will want to linger in Belgrade.
Welcome Address

Dear Colleague,

The beautiful city of Belgrade will host the 27th European Congress of Pathology in 2015. Pathology undergoes many important changes from within and outside. By novel techniques we get better understanding of disease enabling us to make better diagnosis. Geneticists, molecular biologists, bioinformaticians, information technologists all have increasingly tools and knowledge that improves our work. The theme for the 2015 ECP congress, Pathology, breaking barriers in medicine is therefore very timely: we as pathologists have many interactions with other disciplines and our developments have influences on medical decision in everyday practice.

It is not easy to keep up with everything that is ongoing, but the ECPs try to serve the educational need for pathologists. But not only that. The European Society of Pathology feels strongly about the role of science in the developments that steer our practice. Therefore, the educational needs are always integrated in the scientific progress. A good diagnosis is based on the understanding of the processes we see through our microscope (or, increasingly, on our screen!).

The congress will have the organ-based session as programmed by our working groups, the special session on teaching, quality assessment and public awareness, and of course the keynote lectures enlighten us on developments outside pathology, but influencing us very much. No other meeting for pathologists has such a broad scope and at the same is so focussed on what we do, in academia and in general pathology laboratories.

Belgrade is a city with a long, often turbulent history and has the last years seen rapid developments. It is therefore a good place to feel the old and the new, and, like in pathology, we need to cherish them both!

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Scientific Information

The aim of the organisers is to provide an up-to-date scientific programme covering all major areas of diagnostic, translational, molecular and investigative pathology. Special emphasis will be put on both recent discoveries in pathology, and the reinforcement of close clinico-pathological cooperation. The motto of the Congress, Pathology – breaking barriers in medicine, is guiding the design and content of the scientific sessions. The core programme, prepared with a strong input from the ESP Working Groups, will encompass the following topics:

- Breast Pathology
- Cardiovascular Pathology
- Cytopathology
- Dermatopathology
- Digestive Diseases Pathology
- Electron Microscopy
- Endocrine Pathology
- Gynaecological Pathology
- Haematopathology
- Head and Neck Pathology
- Infectious Diseases
- Molecular Pathology
- Nephropathology
- Neuropathology
- Ophthalmic Pathology
- Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology
- Pulmonary Pathology
- Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology
- Telepathology and IT in Pathology
- Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology

A wide range of clinically orientated and scientific sessions will be offered, comprising Slide Seminars, Short Courses, Symposia, Videomicroscopy and Special Sessions, as well as Oral Free Paper and Poster Sessions.