Message from the ESS President for the upcoming meeting in Chania, 08\textsuperscript{th}-12\textsuperscript{th} October 2019.

Open the scientific world to shock research!

Dear colleagues, students and friends of ESS,

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the European Shock Society (ESS) to welcome you to Chania, Crete, for the XVIII\textsuperscript{th} Congress of the ESS which is held in conjunction with the IX\textsuperscript{th} Congress of the International Federation of Shock Societies (IFSS).

Following the great success of the congress in Paris at the Institut Pasteur in 2017 with a focus on sepsis, we are looking forward to share our experience and latest research at Chania, with a focus on hemorrhagic shock and associated complications.

The ESS, the International Federation of Shock Societies, IFSS (President: Soheyl Bahrami), Hellenic Sepsis Study Group (Co-ordinator: Evangelos Giamarellos-Bourboulis), and European Society for Trauma & Emergency Surgery, ESTES (President: Christoph Josten) come together with a comprehensive program as dynamic platform for the exchange of the newest clinical and scientific knowledge in shock, trauma, sepsis and multiple organ dysfunction.

Numerous novelties and highlights are waiting for you:

- **Summer school with hands on activities** on Hemorrhagic Shock (for students only)
- **Guided poster tours** for our juniors by experienced scientists and clinicians
- Poster sessions at **prime times** (late morning)
- **Numerous Awards** to be applied for
  - (ENIAC, ESS Travel, IFSS Travel, Aegean Travel, Best Poster)
- Common session with **ESTES**
- Session about **European Collaborative Shock Research**
- **Joint Sessions** with corresponding shock societies under the roof of the IFSS
  - (US, China, Japan, Russia, Latin-America)
- Honorrary Memberships (to be announced)
- **Socrates Principle** (in accordance to Aegean Conferences): all attendees meet together for all meals and events to encourage and foster discussions and **scientific exchange at all levels**

**Cutting edge key note lectures** along with **oral and poster presentations from selected abstracts** are additional highlights.

Overall, the meeting will be organizationally supported by **Aegean Conferences**.

**Abstract submission deadline: May 31, 2019**

Please submit your abstracts online via the link to our congress website:
https://www.aegeanconferences.org/src/App/conferences/view/138

We aspire for an exciting and successful congress which will only be possible through your **active participation**, especially to include not only diversity of scientific pursuits but also diverse cultures.

After a long day of science, the picturesque locales of Crete will perfectly help the participants to network with friends from around the world.

The ESS board and I **look forward to your abstracts** and seeing you in Chania.

Markus Huber-Lang

ESS President