



# HELLENIC SOCIETY OF BIOCHEMISTRY & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (HSBMB)

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Dear members,

The Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (HSBMB), continuing its long-lasting mission of promoting scientific excellence in Greece, organises its 58<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, which will be held 9-11 November 2006 at the Conference and Cultural Centre of the University of Patras.

The members of the Organising Committee of the Conference are Denis Drainas (Chairman), Alexis Aletras, Constantin Flytzanis, Dimitrios Kalpaxis, Zoi Lygerou, Dennis Synetos, Evangelia Papadimitriou, Nikoletta Papageorgakopoulou, Georgia Sotiropoulou, Nikos Tsopanoglou, Dimitrios Vynios and Yiannis Zarkadis. Distinguished scientists from Greece and abroad have been invited and will participate as main speakers in the conference. The three keynote lectures will be given by Sidney Altman (Nobel 1989, Yale, USA), Venki Ramakrishnan (Cambridge, UK) and Gregory Stefanopoulos (MIT, USA).

The thematic areas of the conference include most scientific fields of biochemistry and molecular biology, including: Cellular organization - Cell cycle - Cell death, Cell communication - Extracellular matrix - Membranes - Signal transduction, Flow of genetic information - Gene regulation, Protein structure and function, Molecular bases of diseases, Protein structure and function, Evolution - Differentiation - Growth, Bioinformatics and Biotechnology. The following speakers have been invited: Frank Uhlmann (London Research Institute), Vasso Episkopou (MRC-Imperial College, London), Dimitris Kardasis (School of Medicine, Crete), Panagiotis Kouklis (School of Medicine, Ioannina), Anastasios Perrakis (Netherlands Cancer Institute), Stavros Taraviras (School of Medicine, Patras) and Anna-Pavlina Charamis (Netherlands, Cancer Institute).

I invite you to participate actively in the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of HSBMB, organized in Patras, the Cultural Capital of Europe for 2006.

The successful outcome of this very important conference will help our efforts to establish the Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology as one of the most important scientific societies in our country.

Denis Drainas  
Chairman of the Organizing Committee

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