

SPUS 2023 NEWSLETTER #3

September 3rd, 2023

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. We are excited to share with you the most comprehensive Newsletter for SPUS 2023 as we continue to make progress in our planning.

Attached to this email, you will find the Social Program (PLEASE READ IT). However, we kindly request your assistance in confirming a few important details by clicking on the Google Sheet link provided below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10DI20SrfVbKiwFp-59ttX3rJsicwi_HB/edit#gid=838039172

Arrival and Departure Confirmation: Please ensure that your arrival and departure information for Swissotel Istanbul is accurate on the Google Sheet. If you spot any discrepancies, don't hesitate to send an email to Lale at laleak@gmail.com.

Scientific Program Titles: We have so far received 13 lecture titles, we still have 9 more spaces for lectures. Senior members are also welcome to submit. We kindly ask that you provide your titles no later than September 10th, as we will soon begin printing the program.

Early Arrival Dinner (Tuesday, October 3rd): If you will be arriving early, Serdar and Nil would like to invite you to dinner on Tuesday, the 3rd of September. If you are interested, please check the corresponding box on the Google Sheet by putting in the number.

Turkish PU Congress Dinner (Wednesday October 4th): Those attending the Turkish PU Congress on the 4th are cordially invited to a dinner hosted by the faculty, including your partners. Please check the corresponding box on the Google Sheet by putting in the number.

Hammam Experience (Sunday October 8th): If you wish to participate in the optional (extra, please check the attached program) Hammam Experience on Sunday, please make your selection on the Google Sheet. Reservations need to be made in advance, so your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

Farewell Lunch (Sunday October 8th): For those of you staying on Sunday and interested in joining for lunch by Serdar and Nil in Galataport, please let us know by indicating your preference on the Google Sheet.

Last but not least, kindly specify if you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies in the far right column.

And a few more info on other matters:

Transport: Although you can easily get a taxi from the airport, we can provide you a transfer that you have to confirm one week before your arrival-All the details will be at <https://www.spusconference.com/2023-istanbul>

Agenda for Business Meeting: The CV's of new candidates and the agenda of the Business Meeting will be sent to you within the following week.

Your cooperation and timely responses to these matters are essential in ensuring the success of SPUS 2023. We look forward to your participation and a memorable event in Istanbul.

I regret to inform you that due to the recent economic challenges faced by Turkey, including a significant increase in the exchange rate, our costs for the venue and associated services have risen considerably in Euro terms. The tax rate for the rooms and on majority of other expenses has risen min 2% max 12%. Consequently, we find ourselves in the regrettable position of having to maintain our meeting pricing at previous levels:

Members at 800 Euro, Accompanied at 500 Euro, and Senior Members at 650 Euro. If you pay by credit card, we will have to charge you the VAT 18%. We suggest you bring cash as usual. Also, right before you come, we will charge you your remaining room charges at Swissotel to your credit cards, so it will be an easy check in, hope that is ok with you.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding in these circumstances.

Warm regards,

Serdar & Nil Tekgöl