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Welcome Message

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee and the International Scientific Committee, it is our great pleasure to invite you to the joint **19th International CMV Workshop and European Congenital Cytomegalovirus Initiative (ECCI) 2026**, which will take place from **1-4 November 2026** in the beautiful and historic city of **Athens, Greece**.

Together with CMV laboratory and clinical scientists, the ECCI Board, and the Scientific Committee, we are committed to delivering a high-quality, engaging, and dynamic scientific meeting. A Meeting that will provide an opportunity for the CMV research community to reconnect, foster new collaborations, and advance our shared mission.

Over the course of four full days, we will exchange knowledge and explore the latest data through vibrant scientific discussions. The program will feature *State-of-the-Art* keynote lectures from international experts covering a broad range of topics, including **treatment strategies, future vaccines, congenital CMV, CMV in transplantation**, and various aspects of **CMV immunology and virology**.

Participants will also have the opportunity to present their own research, engage with colleagues sharing similar interests, strengthen existing collaborations, and build new professional relationships. We warmly encourage you to submit your work, contribute your expertise, and join us in making this event a success.

Athens, with its rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and modern infrastructure, offers the perfect setting for our conference. To that end, and in addition to the scientific program, we are organizing a warm and engaging social program to enhance your experience and encourage meaningful connections among attendees.

All in all, we aim at providing a holistic scientific and social networking experience, re-instating the **19th International CMV Workshop and ECCI 2026** where it really belongs: at the pinnacle of the CMV related events! Your active participation will not only be an invaluable contribution to that, but it will definitely be the deciding factor to its success. Thanking you in advance for your support, we look forward to welcoming you to Athens in November 2026!

Co-chairs of the CMV-ECCI 2026

Prof. George Sourvinos

Prof. Vana Papaevangelou



Local Co-Chairs

George Sourvinos

Vana Papaevangelou

Scientific Committee

Anna Alarcon	Tiziana Lazzarotto	John Sinclair
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Stipan Jonjić	Shannon Ross	Dana Wolf
Camille Kotton	Mark Schleiss	Andrew Yurochko

Preliminary Topics

CMV Virology	Maternal Immunity & transmission (primary and non-primary maternal infection)
Virus Host interactions	Prenatal Diagnosis
Latency	Prognosis of fetal infection
Immune Responses	Diagnosis and treatment in pregnancy
CMV immunocompromised host	Placenta
Transplantation and Immune responses	Primary, secondary and tertiary prevention
CMV vaccines	Postnatal treatment & prognosis
CMV antivirals	Newborns with asymptomatic cCMV
cCMV epidemiology - burden of disease	Hearing Loss and Other Sequelae
Prenatal and neonatal screening in pregnancy	Neonatal neuroimaging in cCMV

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Athens. The host city

Surrounded by a lining of stunning seas and mountains, Athens is filled with gems just waiting to be discovered. Located at the crossroads of three continents, the capital of Greece with an overall population of close to four million has often been the hub of many cultures. Characterized by a culture and people that are welcoming and hospitable, every visitor just feels at home.

Athens is an ideal congress destination, combining state-of-the-art infrastructure, excellent congress facilities and easy access from all over the world with world-class cultural attractions, modern amenities, diverse entertainment and natural beauty.



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Congress Venue

The **Megaron Athens International Conference Centre** is one of the finest and most technologically advanced conference venues in Europe. Situated in the city centre yet surrounded by its own extensive landscaped gardens, Megaron offers a stunning environment, exceptional aesthetics, cutting edge technology and unrivalled client service.



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Key Dates

Call for Abstracts open	9 March 2026
Abstract submission deadline	7 June 2026
Abstract notification	31 July 2026
Late breaking abstract opens	17 August 2026
Late breaking abstract deadline	31 August 2026
Late breaking notification	25 September 2026

Meeting Secretariat



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