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PROGRAMME



8th EUROPEAN COMBINED NEURO-ONCOLOGY COURSE 2026



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SIOPe BrainTumourGroup



GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Athens, TITANIA Hotel

DATES

The Conference will take place from
Tuesday, September 15 to Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

ATTENDEES

MDs
BTG members
Researchers
Medical Students

SPECIAL THANKS



COMMITTED TO BRING
INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS

Focus on Rare Diseases



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**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 15th**

III CYCLE, YEAR N.2

TIME	SESSION / TOPIC	CHAIR (S)	SPEAKERS	SPECIALTY
14:00	Registration and welcome	Kattamis Antonis (GR)		
14.20	Course presentation and housekeeping information	Kattamis Antonis (GR) Roka Kleoniki (GR)	Roka Kleoniki (GR)	
14.30	Start of the scientific program			
14. 30 – 16.30	Session I – Multidisciplinary management of intracranial Germ cell Tumours	Yasmin Lassen (DK)		
14.30 – 14.50	Intracranial germ cell tumours: Current treatment approaches (15' talk + 5' discussion)		Matthew Murray (UK) remotely	Paediatric oncologist
14.50 – 15.10	Neurosurgical aspects /CSF management/ need for biopsy (15' talk + 5' discussion)		Katerina Apostolopoulou (GR)	Neurosurgeons
15.10 – 15.30	Neuro-imaging in Germ Cell Tumour: Tips and pitfalls (15' talk + 5' discussion)		Giovanni Morana (IT)	Neuroradiologist
15:30 -15.50	RT updates in intracranial GCT (15' talk + 5' discussion)		Claire Alapetite (FRA)	Radiation oncologist

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15.50 – 16.30	GCT clinical cases (up to 4 cases)	YI chair (Camilla Satragno) (IT)		
16.30 – 17.00	COFFEE / TEA BREAK			
17.00 – 18.30	SESSION II – WORKSHOPS SESSION			
ROOM 1 17.00 – 17.45 GROUP A 17.45 – 18.30 GROUP B	Simulating planning RT – Techniques, fields, doses, and anticipated toxicities		Yasmin Lassen (DK) Beate Timmermann (GER)	Radiation oncologists
ROOM 2 17.00 – 17.45 GROUP B 17.45 – 18.30 GROUP A	Palliative care workshop		Erna Michaels (NI) Daniele Bertin (IT)	Paediatric neuro oncologist/ palliative care experts
18.30 – 19.00	Quiz and Wrap-up			
19.00	End of DAY1			
20.00 – 22.30	DINNER / SOCIAL EVENT		LOCAL FACULTY	



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**WEDNESDAY
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07.00 – 08.00	Morning Sportive Activity: Run to the hills...and around the acropolis?			
09.00 -10.30	Session III – Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumors (ATRT)	Christian Dorfer (AU)		
9.00 – 9.20	ATRT and neurosurgery (15' talk + 5' discussion)		Kévin Beccaria (FR) TBA	Neurosurgeon
09.20 – 9.40	ATRT systemic treatments (15' talk + 5' discussion)		Pascal Johann (DE)	Ped onc
09.40 – 10.00	ATRT and radiotherapy (15' talk + 5' discussion)		Beate Timmermann (DE)	Radiation oncologist
10.00 -10.30	ATRT clinical cases (up to 3 cases)	YI (Katie Green) (UK)		Neurosurgeons
10.30 – 11.00	Keynote Lecture – Challenges in Management of NF1-Associated Tumors in Children: Who to Treat?		Michael J. Fisher (USA)	Paed Onc
11.00 – 11.30	COFFEE / TEA BREAK			
11.30 – 13.00	SESSION IV – WORKSHOPS DAY 2			
11.30 – 12.15 GROUP A 12.15 – 13.00 GROUP B	ROOM 1 Neurosurgical workshop: Ommaya tapping tips & tricks		Christian Dorfer (AUS), Viviana Minichini (BE), Katerina Apostolopoulou (GR)	Radiation Oncologists
11.30 – 12.15 GROUP B 12.15 – 13.00 GROUP A	ROOM 2 Neuropsychology and QOL		Ulrike Leiss (AUS) Savinna Pantazopoulou (GR)	

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13.30 – 14.30	LUNCH, COFFEE AND COURSE PHOTO			
14.30 – 15.00 ACCROSS TUMOURS ENTITIES LECTURE	What Retinoblastoma and Central Nervous system (CNS) tumors have in common?		Yassine Bouchoucha (FR)	
15.00 – 17.00	Session V – Cranio-pharyngioma (CP) management, from diagnosis to late effects	John Apps (UK) Cláudia Faria (PT)		
15.00 – 16.00	Debate Neurosurgical dilemmas in managing craniopharyngioma 25' each opponent +10' conflict solving & vote		TBA Kévin Beccaria (FR)	Neurosurgeons
16.00 – 16.20	"What did we learn about CP biology and current clinical trials so far?"		Ute Bartels (CAN, GER)	Paediatric Oncologist
16.20 -16.40	RT and late effects in craniopharyngioma		Gillian Whitfield (UK)	Radiation oncologist
16.40 -17.00	Craniopharyngioma clinical cases (1-2)	YI (Vivianna Minichini) (BE)		
17.00	END OF SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM			
17.00 – 17.30	WRAP UP AND FINAL QUIZ			
17:30 – 18.00	AWARDS AND FAREWELLS			



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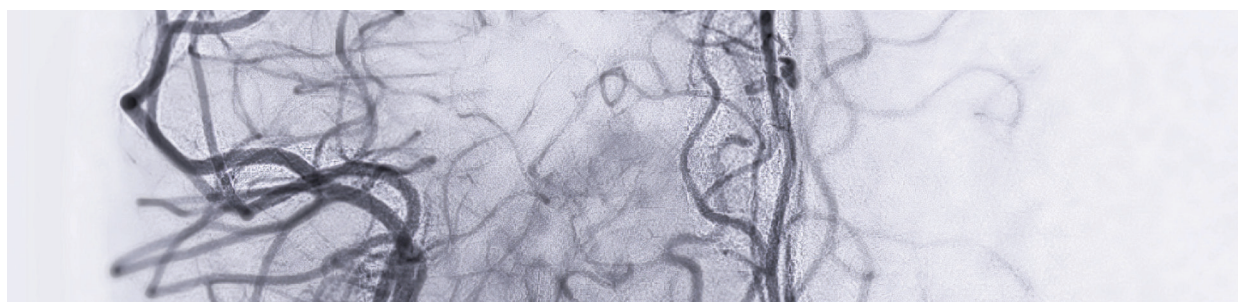
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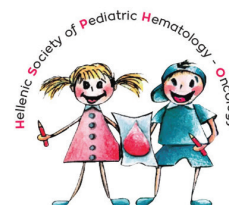
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