

3rd Joint Meeting of the European Calcified Tissue Society & the International Bone and Mineral Society

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Just one more week to go before the **ECTS/IBMS 2011** meeting starts in Athens, Greece. We hope that you are able to join us for this exciting event.

If you have not registered yet, please click [here](#) to go directly to online registration.

If you have registered for the congress, all updates can be found on the [Athens meeting website](#). A [delegate briefing](#) has been created to help you plan your trip.

CME INFORMATION

The **3rd Joint Meeting of the European Calcified Tissue Society & the International Bone and Mineral Society** is designated for a maximum of 27 hours of European external CME credits and the ECTS Training Course: **Joints: formation, function and failure with a focus on osteoarthritis** for a maximum of 6 hours of European external CME credits. For more information on CME click [here](#).

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME – HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE;

ECTS/ASBMR Debate – Let the battle begin!

As part of our continued collaboration with the ASBMR, the opening ceremony will include the popular joint [ECTS/ASBMR debate](#). This debate has developed over the past 4 years and takes place at our respective annual congresses in Europe and the US to discuss topical issues and encourage lively debate and audience participation. The debate will take place on Saturday 7 May at 19.00 and Thomas Einhorn (USA) and Bo Abrahamsen (Denmark) will discuss if Atypical femoral shaft fractures are a consequence of biphosphonate therapy.

[Symposia](#)

- Symposium 1: Stem cells, bone and bone marrow
- Symposium 2: Cartilage development and engineering
- Symposium 3: The musculo-skeletal unit: from development to ageing
- Symposium 4: Advances in osteo-immunology
- Symposium 5: Hypoxia signaling
- Symposium 6: Male osteoporosis
- Symposium 7: LRP5 and Wnt signaling in bone

[Workshops](#)

- Workshop 1: Three approaches to anti resorptive treatment
- Workshop 2: Genome-wide association studies in osteoporosis
- Workshop 3: Three approaches to anabolic treatment
- Workshop 4: Epigenetic regulation of gene transcription
- Workshop 5: Cancers and bone
- Workshop 6: Fracture risk in childhood

There is more! To view a PDF version of the Programme Outline please click [here](#)

SOCIAL EVENTS

Use the [on-line registration form](#), reserve a place for the Welcome Reception, Football Tournament and Cultural Event/Party – act quickly as tickets are selling out fast!

Opening ceremony/Welcome Reception**Saturday 7 May**

20:40-22:00 – Megaron Athens ICC

The OPENING CEREMONY will take place in the main auditorium of the Megaron Athens ICC following the ECTS/ASBMR debate, and will include traditional Greek dancing and music. Delegates will then be invited to join the WELCOME RECEPTION to share some Greek hospitality whilst meeting friends and colleagues. A unique traditional Greek band, including the harp and flute, will be playing music from famous Greek composers. Drinks and light refreshments are included free of charge, but delegates are requested to register for this event by selecting the appropriate box on the registration form.

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