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## INTERNATIONAL PATHOLOGY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN GREECE

Greek Pathologists celebrated International Pathology Day with several events.

Centrally, by the Hellenic Society of Pathology activities aiming at the education of the public and communication of the value of the Pathologist in patient care were organized.

In Athens, at the central metro station of Syntagma square, a Pathology stand was placed, for two days (18 and 19 of November). There, using of a double-headed microscope, people were introduced to the pathology images. Pathology residents and mostly young Pathologists were present to answer questions. An informative leaflet was also given to any interested person. In addition, attractive posters advertising the day were hang in several metro stations in Athens (Figure 1a and b).

Parallel activities were held in Thessaloniki, capital of Macedonia, in northern Greece. There, our stand was placed in the central square of Aristotelous square (Figure2).

In both cities, the public interest was high, and people noted that they, for the first time, became aware of the contribution of the Pathologist in patient's care.

In smaller cities, relevant attractive posters were created and exhibited by Pathologists, and Pathology laboratories were open to the public for educational tours both in the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of November (Figures 3,4). School visits were arranged (Figure 5), as well. In University Hospitals, medical students were also involved in the celebration (Figure 6). Furthermore, in Hospital amphitheaters Pathology talks were organized.

Finally, a newsletter was distributed to the media (electronic and printed version), a short video, explaining in an attractive way the role of the Pathologist, was created and played in TV channels, and press conferences in national and local television and radio stations were given.

At the end of the day, the celebration was very successful, not only for the education of the public but also for the positive feedback to Pathologists who enjoyed a day of appreciation.

We are looking forward to next year celebration.

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