



**Balkan Myeloma Study Group  
(BMSG)**

## About BMSG

Balkan Myeloma Study Group (BMSG), as an independent association consists of experts who deal with diagnostics, treatment, research and education in the field of multiple myeloma and associated plasma cell disorders. The work of BMSG is based on a unique diagnostic and therapeutic principles and is a reflection of the exchange of professional experiences and intensive cooperation of participating haematological centres in Balkan countries. Since it's founding on 25th February 2017. in Belgrade with participation of the national representatives from all Balkan countries, BMSG is expanding intensive cooperation with similar national and international associations to exchange knowledge, experience, personnel and scientific achievements.

The BMSG will pursue the following objectives:

- Promote experience, technology and innovation through the exchange of knowledge between scientists and scholars, between the members of the BMSG;
- Favour collaboration, including joint research and development projects, between scientists, scholars, and non-profit, for-profit and governmental organizations in the members of the BMSG;
- Promote the flow of scientists and scholars between the members of the BMSG;
- Design and performance of clinical trials according to the law of each member country;
- Promote, provide information about, and administer fellowships for the exchange of scientists and scholars;
- Identify significant research opportunities - with specific regard to European Union Framework Programmes - for individuals, organizations, institutions, academia and high-tech industry, and stimulate their development;
- Provide advice about the capabilities and merits of individuals and organizations – non-profit, for-profit, and governmental –for scientists, scholars, and entrepreneurs from the member states of the BMSG;
- Advocate the improvement of scientific and scholarly activity and organizations within the members of the BMSG;
- Promote and coordinate the activities of other organizations and associations that link scientists, scholars and professionals in the members of the BMSG;

BMSG constituent bodies are the General Assembly and Steering Committee, which consists of eminent hematologists in the field of multiple myeloma and associated plasma cell disorders from different haematological centers in Balkan countries.

Membership in the BMSG is voluntary and it is acquired by fulfilment of necessary conditions with written statement of accession. Members of the BMSG are specialists in dealing with the diagnosis and therapy of multiple myeloma and associated plasma cell dyscrasias. Furthermore, BMSG membership includes selected individuals from other professions that deal with basic, pharmacological or other research in the field of multiple myeloma and related plasma cell disorders.

Expecting your active participation in BMSG as unified haematological network,

Best regards on behalf of the Balkan Myeloma Study Group.

**Prof. Dr. Meletios A. Dimopoulos**  
**President of the BMSG**

# Founding Assembly

## **Balkan Myeloma Study Group: General Assembly**

**President: Meletios A. Dimopoulos (Greece)**

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## **Invitation Letter**

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to join the Balkan Myeloma Initiative in organizing the Balkan Myeloma Study Group, consisting of representatives of national associations and recognized myeloma experts.

The goal of such initiative would be closer introduction of this region to the international myeloma community, emphasizing the potentials of the region, expanding the participation in the international clinical trials and wider open access to the new treatment options.

With a strong belief that Balkan Myeloma Initiative would be of major significance for the upgrowth of regional multiple myeloma programme, we are looking forward to your responses and future cooperation.

Best regards,

Professor Dr. Meletios A. Dimopoulos  
President of Balkan Myeloma Study Group

# Balkan Myeloma Study Group Database

04.04.2019. Established

Head Administrator: Prof. Dr. Efstathios Kastritis

23.10.2025. Data from more than 5000 myeloma patients!

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