

Dear ESS members,

Despite trying times, the ESS team managed to organize an effective congress. Certainly, we all wished it was a physical presence event with all great perks of personal and groups chats as well as social get-togethers but we have to endure. Kudos to Evangelos Giamarellos-Bourboulis, our 2019-21 ESS president for his overall leadership and especially for a superior scientific program and an excellent line-up of expert-speakers! Thanks go also to the congressworld.gr for ensuring a stable and reliable virtual platform. Thank you all, dear speakers and participants, for your support and presence!

**Few quick congress statistics:**

- we featured 49 speakers/moderators,
- were honored to have 788 registered participants
- kept attention of >350 attendees on average per session

The 19th ESS congress was truly international: apart from the EU countries, we were thrilled to have registrations from Argentina, Australia, Brasil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, England, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Palestine, Peru, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, St. Lucia, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, UAE, Uruguay, USA and Yemen. We were really happy and proud to have such a diverse crowd!

*We thank you all and each one of you very much for making this event so great and see you in Vienna in two years (keep your fingers crossed for it).*

*The ESS executive team*