General Information
Balkan Conference on Medical Mycology and Mycotoxicology (Balkan Fungus) is the biannual joint meeting of the Romanian Society of Medical Mycology and Mycotoxicology (RSMMM), Hellenic Society of Medical Mycology (HSMM), Serbian Society of Medical Mycology (SSMM), and Turkish Society of Medical Mycology (TSMM).

Location
Balkan Fungus 2018 will be held in Timișoara - Southwest Romania. The city is connected to European countries by international flights, regional highway and railway networks.

Language
The official language of the conference is English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Website
A to Z information will be available on www.balkanfungus.eu in November 2017.

Second Announcement
The 2nd announcement is scheduled for distribution in spring 2018.

Registration
Registration begins on Friday, 1 December 2017.

Call for abstracts
Abstract submission will start on Monday, 15 January 2018.
It is our great honour to announce that First Balkan Conference on Medical Mycology and Mycotoxicology – Balkan Fungus 2018 will be held in September 13-15, 2018 in the city of Timisoara (Romania) and it is our pleasure to invite you to attend this meeting.

The aim of this regional meeting is to improve the medical mycology knowledge in specialists from all twelve Balkan countries and to make their activity in the field more dynamic and visible. The meeting also represents a great opportunity to identify and solve major gaps in diagnostic and therapy, to exchange ideas with researchers and clinicians from other European countries, to develop common networks and research.

The programme will include sessions on clinical mycology, environmental mycology, toxigenic fungi and mycotoxins, veterinary mycology, antifungal therapy, translational research and drug design. All participants will have the opportunity to interact with outstanding invited speakers during the special meet-the-expert sessions.

The host city – Timisoara, is the Romanian third largest city and it was recently elected as European Capital of Culture for 2021. The charm of this city, settled on the northern bank of the Bega River, lies in its distinct architectural character and vibrant cultural life. Frequently referred to as “Little Vienna,” Timisoara is home to year-round musical and theatrical performances, art galleries, museums and a buzzing nightlife. A progressive, cosmopolitan place, Timisoara was the first city in Europe and second in the world after New York, to use electricity to illuminate its public streets. We hope you will enjoy the conference, find time to sample many of the unique features within the city of Timisoara, and also make new connections and friends that will last a lifetime.

We look forward to welcoming you in Romania!

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Topics
- Epidemiology of fungal diseases
- Clinical mycology
- Invasive fungal infections
- Dermatomycology
- Environmental mycology
- Toxigenic fungi and mycotoxins
- Veterinary mycology
- Antifungal therapy
- Translational research and drug design

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