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### Athens 2024 seminar: Introduction to Tourette syndrome (TS) for the general public

The [European Society for the Study of Tourette Syndrome](#) (ESSTS) in collaboration with [Tics & Tourette Around the Globe](#) (TTAG) are organising a one-day seminar on Tourette syndrome in Athens, Greece.

We are aiming at disseminating specialised knowledge, addressing recurrent misconceptions, and accommodating concerns and queries from the audience in a comprehensive manner.

This event is dedicated to the newly founded patient association, **Tourette Greece**, which we are certain will mark a shift in raising awareness nationally, and we shall continue to support through our activities.

All the talks will be held in **English**. Greek-speaking collaborators will be present and eager to facilitate with the occasional linguistic difficulties.

#### When

Saturday, **23 November** 2024, **10:00-17:00**

(See detailed programme below)

#### Where

Philippos Hotel, Mitseon 3, Athens 117 42

#### For whom

- General public: parents, family members and people touched by Tourette syndrome.
- Healthcare professionals: a round table for discussion with the speakers will be held in the afternoon.

#### Registration

Attendance is **FREE** of charge.

Online registration is mandatory to secure your participation.

[Register](#)

#### Room capacity

40 Attendees

**Kindly note:**

- This event is strictly available to **adults and minors aged 16-17 years old**. Underaged attendees will not be permitted access.
- The seminar is offered for educational purposes; clinical consultations with any of the invited healthcare professionals will not be provided onsite.
- Only registered participants may attend the event. We will regrettably not be able to admit other non-registered visitors accompanying you.

**Invited speakers**

(in alphabetical order)

**ESSTS**

- Prof [Andreas Hartmann](#), France

Neurologist, Department of Neurology, Hôpital de la Pitié-Salpêtrière, Paris, FR  
Former ESSTS Chair

- Dr [Christelle Nilles](#), France

Neurologist, Department of Neurology, Rothschild Foundation Hospital, Paris, FR  
ESSTS Secretary

**TTAG**

- [Michele Dunlap](#), Germany

President & Acting Treasurer

- [Marla Shea](#), UK/USA

Secretary

**Tourette Greece**

- Christina Papakaliatis

Founder

**Seminar programme****10:00 Introduction & welcome**

- Tourette Greece

- TTAG

- ESSTS

**10:45 Session I: What is Tourette syndrome? (And what is *not*.)**

Speaker: [Andreas Hartmann](#)

- Assessment (including differential diagnosis)
- Natural course and prognosis
- Epidemiology
- Causes & mechanisms
- Q&A

**11:45-12:00: Coffee break**

**12:00-13:00 Session II: Comorbidities, or *co-occurring* conditions**Speaker: [Christelle Nilles](#)

- ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)
- OCD (Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder)
- ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)
- Learning disabilities
- Mood (anxiety & depression)
- Sleep
- Q&A

**13:00-14:00: Lunch break****14:00-15:00 Session III: Treatment**Speaker: [Andreas Hartmann](#) & [Christelle Nilles](#)

- Available treatments
- Clinical cases
- Comprehensive Q&A with the audience

**15:00-17:00 Session IV: Round table**

Discussion with local colleagues &amp; healthcare professionals attending the seminar.

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