Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to participate in the next International PNH Symposium on April 23rd to 26th, 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey.

PNH is a progressive and life-threatening disease associated with an unpredictable clinical course. We are very proud to have the opportunity to promote awareness of PNH within the international medical community, by providing the most recent and relevant information on PNH and its management.

Throughout this event, there will be an exciting collection of plenary sessions and case studies on PNH. The symposium will create a platform for discussion and exchange on PNH pathophysiology, diagnosis, clinical trials experience and therapeutic challenges. In addition, a full-day will be dedicated to “real life” patient case studies to benefit from the assembled international experience on PNH clinical management.

Participating in this symposium will afford you the opportunity to meet hematologists from Europe and the Middle East, as well as internationally renowned experts in PNH.

The International PNH Symposium is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Alexion. In addition, a CME accreditation has been submitted to the European Union of Medical Specialists and the program has received the scientific contribution of the Turkish Society of Hematology.

The logistic agency, Serenas, based in Turkey, will arrange your complete travel & accommodation requirements plus provide on-site logistical support. As well as your
invitation and a scientific program, you will find a travel & accommodation reservation form attached which should be completed and returned to Serenas at:

- Email: hande.boyacioglu@serenas.com.tr or Fax: +90 (312) 441 4562

It is hoped that this symposium will provide a deeper insight into PNH and its management.

We look forward to seeing you in Istanbul.

With our kind regards,

The Scientific Committee

Prof Mustafa Nuri Yenerel          Dr Petra Muus          Dr Anita Hill

WARNING: Please be aware that you may need a visa to enter Turkey. Please double check with your embassy for visa requirements.
Scientific Program

Scientific Committee:

Prof Mustafa Nuri Yenerel (Istanbul, Turkey) – Chairman of the Symposium
Dr Petra Muus (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)
Dr Anita Hill (Bradford, UK)

Speakers:

Prof Mustafa Nuri Yenerel (Istanbul, Turkey)
Dr Russell Rother (Cheshire, US)
Dr Petra Muus (Nijmegen, The Netherlands)
Dr Anita Hill (Bradford, UK)
Dr Antonio Risitano (Naples, Italy)
Dr Alexander Röth (Essen, Germany)
Prof Eudokia Mandala (Thessaloniki, Greece)
Dr Argiris Symeonidis (Patras, Greece)

Thursday April 23rd, 2009 (Day 0)

Afternoon / Evening
Participants Arrival
Welcome Buffet Dinner
Friday April 24th, 2009 (Day 1)

9:00 am – 10:00 am  Symposium Opening Session
• Introduction
  Prof MN. Yenerel
• Special Guest: Current or Former Turkish Undersecretary of Health Affairs
• Closing of the Opening Session: PNH from a Patient Perspective
  Sandrine Gricar: President of the French PNH Patients Associations

10:00 am – 10:15 am  Coffee Break

10:15 am – 12:15 pm  Session #1: PNH fundamentals & Diagnosis Pathway
• PNH Pathophysiology and Associated Bone Marrow Failures (BMF)
  Dr R. Rother (50’)
• Diagnosis Pathway
  Dr A. Röth (40’)
• Q & A Session (30’)
  Prof MN Yenerel, Dr R. Rother, Dr A. Röth

12:15 pm – 01:30 pm  Lunch

01:30 pm – 03:45 pm  Session #2: Clinical Trials Experience with Eculizumab
• Complement Cascade and Eculizumab Development
  Dr R. Rother (15’)
• Pilot / Triumph / Shepherd Studies: Clinical Data
  Dr A. Hill (45’)
• Thrombosis in PNH: Potential Mechanisms & Clinical Data
  Dr P. Muus (45’)
• Q & A Session (30’)
  Dr P. Muus, Dr A. Hill, Dr R. Rother

03:45 pm – 04:15 pm  Coffee break

04:15 pm – 05:45 pm  Session #3: Therapeutic challenges in PNH
• Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) & Pulmonary Hypertension (PHT)
  Dr A. Hill (30’)
• Fatigue in PNH
  Dr A. Risitano (30’)
• Q & A Session (30’)
  Prof MN. Yenerel, Dr P. Muus, Dr A. Hill, Dr A. Risitano

From 07:00 pm  Dinner
Saturday April 25th, 2009 (Day 2) – “Case Reports” Day

09:00 am – 09:30 am  Day 1 Wrap up & Day 2 Introduction
   • Highlights of Day 1
   • “Case Reports” Day – International Practical Experience in PNH Management
     Prof MN. Yenerel (30’)

09:30 am – 11:00 am  PNH Case Studies – Session #1
   • Low Blood Transfusion Requirement
     Dr P. Muus (30’)
   • Thrombosis & Pregnancy
     Dr A. Hill (30’)
   • Q & A Session (30’)
     Dr P. Muus, Dr A. Hill

11:00 am – 11:30 am  Coffee Break

11:30 am – 01:00 pm  PNH Case Studies – Session #2
   • Iron Homeostasis
     Dr A. Röth (30’)
   • Extravascular Haemolysis
     Dr A. Risitano (30’)
   • Q & A Session (30’)
     Dr A. Hill, Dr A. Röth, Dr A. Risitano

01:00 pm – 02:00 pm  Lunch
Saturday April 25th, 2009 (Day 2) – “Case Reports” Day

02:00 pm – 03:30 pm    PNH Case Studies – Session #3
  • Budd-Chiari Syndrome
    Prof E. Mandala (30’)
  • Turkish Experience
    N.N. (30’)
  • Q and A Session (30’)
    Prof MN. Yenerel, Prof E. Mandala

03:30 pm – 03:45 pm    Coffee Break

03:45 pm – 04:30 pm    Session #4: PNH Registry
  • Patient Registry: Objectives, Update, Demographics
    Dr A. Symeonidis (30’)
  • Q & A Session (15’)
    Prof MN. Yenerel, Dr A. Symeonidis

04:30 pm – 04:45 pm    Symposium Wrap Up – Conclusions (15’)
  Prof MN. Yenerel

From 05:00 pm          Dinner

Sunday April 26th, 2009 (Day 3)

12:30 pm – 02:00 pm    Lunch

Morning / Afternoon    Participants Departure