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9<sup>th</sup> SPAEN Annual Conference  
1 – 3 February 2019, Athens/Greece



**Kalí méra - Kalosoríste**

**Welcome On Behalf Of The  
SPAEN Board of Directors...**

**Markus Wartenberg**

*Das Lebenshaus e.V. GIST/Sarcomas, Germany  
Chair SPAEN Sarcoma Patients EuroNet Assoc.*





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**Welcome Note...Estelle Lecointe...**



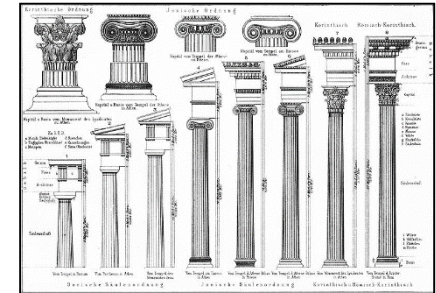
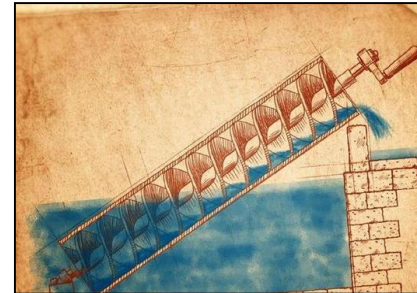
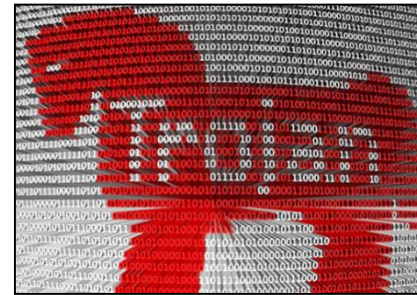
## Introduction...

- 9<sup>th</sup> Conference...
- 75 participants from 18 countries
- 2019: Anniversary 10 Years of SPAEN...
- Special Welcome to the US Sarcoma Coalition...



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## Some Important Greek Inventions / Influences...



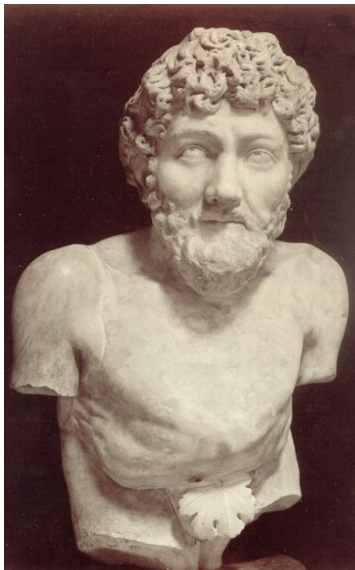


## Greece: Many “Celebrities” ...Quiz...

- Socrates
- Pythagoras
- Hippokrates
- Vangelis
- Archimedes
- Konstantinos Karamanlis
- Aristoteles Onassis
- Maria Callas
- Spyridon Louis
- Nana Mouskouri
- Äsop
- Philosopher
- Philosopher, Mathematician
- Physician
- Composer (Film Music), Record Producer
- Mathem., Engineer, Inventor, Physicist, Astron.
- Politician
- Business Man, Ship Owner (Tanker)
- Opera Singer
- Marathon Runner
- Singer, Songwriter, Politician
- Poet of Fables and Beast Epics (Animals)

## Äsop...

Poet of Fables and Beast Epics (Stories with Animals)  
6th century B.C.



*Beware the wolf in sheep's clothing.*

*Do not count your chickens  
before they are hatched.*

*One swallow doesn't make a summer.*

*Slow and steady wins the race.*

*Union gives strength.*





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**An In Addition: Have Fun!!!**





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## Timing Should Be **Impeccable!**

Recommendations:

- Punctuality - Starts, Breaks, Ends
- Presentations /Speaking time  
Breakaways / Workshops, etc.
- Time Q&A / Discussions is limited
- Personal Stories





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## Some Logistical Issues...

### Meals:

- Gallo Nero – Breakfast Room
- Internal Dinner – 8<sup>th</sup> floor St\*Astra
- External Dinner – Restaurant  
(19:15 Meeting Lobby)





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### Summit:

- Conference Booklet
- Plenary = Green Garden A
- Restrooms – stairs – M1
- Presentations/USB:  
Early enough before the sessions!
- During the Conference: Feel free!
- Photographer (Conference Photo)
- Video Journalist: Short questions...
- Feedback – short evaluation form
- Conference Report
- Attention: Pickpockets!!!



## Big Thank You! Let's Give Them A Hand...

- Our Sustaining Partners / Corporate Members
- Experts / Speakers / Presenters
- SPAEN Board Colleagues
- Michi Geissler & Kathrin Schuster





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## Finally: A Personal Update...

**Brigitte**  
**August 29, 2017**  
**Brain Hemorrhage**  
**(Bleeding)**  
**Aneurysm**

Oct. 2017



Jan. 2018



Jan. 2019

