

ZOMES IX

PCI complexes and ubiquitin
defining a hub for protein homeostasis

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I am pleased to announce the **ninth edition** of the international conference **ZOMES**, scheduled to be held from **14th to 17th February 2017** in **Rome** at **Hotel Aran Mantegna**.

What is Zomes? History and Major Achievements

The biannual Zomes conference series was initiated as a grassroots initiative of scientists studying three related protein complexes, the 19S proteasome, the COP9 signalosome, and the translation initiation factor eIF3 (aka PCI complexes, the “Zomes”). ZOMES I, held in Israel in 1999, brought together, for the first time, researchers from different fields with common interests in these protein complexes of seemingly unrelated cellular functions. This included scientists working on plant development, mammalian cell signaling, yeast and mammalian cell cycle, the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway, and the cellular protein synthesis machinery. One tangible outcome of this meeting was the unified nomenclature of the COP9 signalosome [1]. ZOMES II was held in 2002 in Antalya, Turkey, while ZOMES III met in Berlin, Germany in 2004 [2]. 2006 saw the first Zomes conference on US soil with Zomes IV taking place in New Haven/Yale [3]. The conference then moved to Yokohama, Japan, in 2008 (Zomes V, [4]), back to Israel in 2010 (Zomes VI, Safed), and on to Munich, Germany in 2012 (Zomes VII). In 2014, the conference took place in Xiamen, China (Zomes VIII).

The most important outcome of the Zomes series has been the early and continued realization that the three PCI complexes are not only related structurally but also intimately connected in function. For example, the three complexes share common subunits [5, 6] and even form supercomplexes [7–10]. Secondly, the recognition that cullin-ubiquitin ligases are regulated by CSN-mediated deneddylation – a finding first presented at Zomes III - has had a lasting impact on the proteolysis field. Just to mention two more examples- the molecular architecture of the proteasome and the crystal structure of the COP9 signalosome were reported in Zomes VII and VIII [11-13]. Much remains to be learned about how “Zomes” integrate the control of protein synthesis and degradation and ultimately regulate protein homeostasis. In Zomes VIII we discussed the use of system dynamics and bioinformatics in the study of these molecular complexes. Zomes IX will continue to provide an efficient platform for scientific exchange at the forefront of this field and will focus on “Zomes” and ubiquitin in the regulation of protein homeostasis, as outlined in the following paragraphs.

The organizers are offering to companies and organizations the opportunity to sponsor the **ZOMES IX**, and to take advantage of this opportunity to promote their products and solutions. Various sponsorship options are listed on the following pages.

Looking forward to our mutual cooperation,

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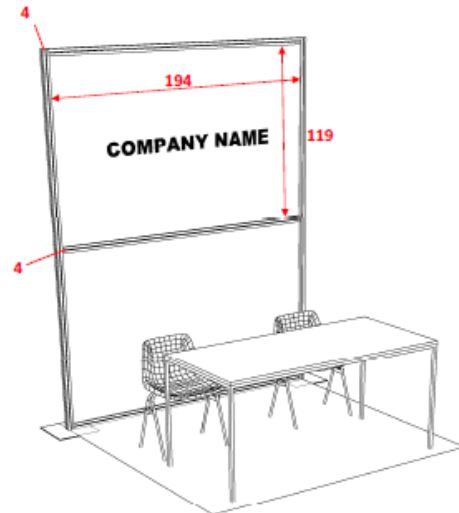
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

• EXHIBITION SPACE (2x2 m.)

The cost of the exhibition space (2 x 2 m) includes the following (see the figure on the right):

- 1 table (160 x 75 x h75 cm)
- 2 chairs (minimum)
- power supply
- garbage basket
- 1 registration free of charge

Contribution: € 2.500 + VAT 22%



• CONFERENCE PROGRAMME & BOOK OF ABSTRACTS



Visibility:

Advertising page at the end of the Conference Program and Book of Abstracts in PDF.

Contribution: € 500 + VAT 22%

• ADVERTISING SPOT IN THE MEETING ROOMS



Visibility:

Advertisement spot in the meeting room (30 seconds) only during the coffee and lunch breaks.

Exclusive sponsorship for each session: € 600 + VAT 22%

• SUPPLY OF CONGRESS MATERIALS



Visibility:

Sponsor supply with the Company logo of:

- 200 pens
- 200 notebooks
- 200 bags
- 200 USB pen drive (4GB)

The material will be part of the package distributed to all conference participants and speakers.

Terms and contribution to be defined.

• CONGRESS BAG LEAFLETS



Visibility:

The sponsor company's leaflet (one leaflet up to A4 or Letter size) will be inserted in each congress bag.

Contribution: € 700 + VAT 22%

• COFFEE BREAK



Visibility:

Close to the coffee station, signs (size 67 x 97 cm) will be placed advertising: "coffee break in collaboration with" and the company logo to be positioned also on buffet tables.

Acknowledgement of the sponsor in the final program and book of abstract.

Cost for exclusive sponsorship for a single coffee break: € 800 + VAT 22%

• LUNCH



Visibility:

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Acknowledgement of the sponsor in the final program and book of abstract.

Cost for exclusive sponsorship for a single coffee break: € 1.300 + VAT 22%

• SPONSOR NAMED EVENT



Visibility:

One talk during the conference (20 minutes) *with a contribution of € 1.500 + VAT 22%*

One poster presentation *with a contribution of € 900 + VAT 22%*

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Sponsorship subject to the approval of the Scientific Committee

• PLATINUM SPONSOR PACKAGE

This is the highest form of sponsorship and includes:

- Exhibition space
- 1 advertisement (one page) in the Final Programme and Book of Abstracts in PDF
- Advertisement spot in the meeting room (30 seconds), during coffee breaks and lunches
- Sponsorship of one lunch buffet*
- Insert of the company logo in the newsletters of the Conference (reserved only for Platinum Sponsors)
- Promotional material in the conference bag (one leaflet up to A4 or Letter size)
- Company logo on the home page of the conference website and acknowledgement as Platinum Sponsor
- One talk during the meeting (20 minutes) or one poster presentation
- 3 registrations free of charge (banquets included)

Contribution: € 8.000 + VAT 22%

**close to the lunch buffet areas, signs (size 67 x 97 cm) will be placed advertising: "lunch in cooperation with" and company logo, to be positioned also on buffet tables.*

• GOLD SPONSOR PACKAGE

This is the second highest form of sponsorship and includes:

- Exhibition space
- 1 advertisement (one page) in the Final Programme and Book of Abstracts in PDF
- Company logo on the home page of the conference website and acknowledgement as Gold Sponsor
- 2 registrations free of charge (banquets included)

Contribution: € 4.000 + VAT 22%