

POSTGRADUATE COURSE ON DIAGNOSTIC IMMUNOLOGY AND HISTOCOMPATIBILITY.

On January 15th-18th, EFI's member A.E. Germenis who recently has taken the position of the Professor of Immunology in the Medical School of the University of Thessaly (Larissa, Greece), organized an Advanced Postgraduate Course on "Diagnostic Immunology & Histocompatibility". The Course was held in the University Hospital of Larissa and was attended by 250 participants from Central and Northern Greece.

With the contribution of EFI's Commissioner Prof. C. Stavropoulos-Giokas, a whole day of the Course was dedicated to the "Immunobiology of the Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) and its Clinical Applications" (see program). The main speaker of the day was Prof.

D. Charron, while C. Navarette, V. Lepage, I. Doxiadis, E. Naumova and nearly all the distinguished Greek specialists on the field of histocompatibility contributed with their lectures to the successful outcome of the day. Following an extended introduction of the genetics and the biology of the HLA system, hot topics of the field, like the



advanced techniques of HLA-typing, the contribution of flow cytometry in the tissue typing laboratory and the process of EFI's accreditation, were extensively presented.

The day after the Course, the speakers had the opportunity to visit Meteora, the unique monument of nature and christianism.

Although the Immunology Department in Larissa is very new, it was tremendously supported in this first attempt by all the foreign and Greek scientists on the field. For that, Prof. Germenis wishes to thank each one of them and to express that since the Course was more than successful it might be established as an activity of the Department.