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„ST. ANNA”



9th NATIONAL CONGRESS

ON NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS

OF THE BULGARIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION

AND INFECTION CONTROL „BULNOSO”

Co-organized with  
the National Reference Centre  
for HAI of the NCIPD and  
University Hospital “St. Anna” – Sofia

Sofia, 25-26 October 2012

First Announcement

## *Dear colleagues and friends,*

The main purpose of the Bulgarian Association for Prevention and Infection Control “BulNoso” is to provide information on European standards and innovation to a wide range of experts from clinical and preventive medicine necessary for their professional development and daily practice in this field of medicine. BulNoso uses for its information and training purposes **the Bulletin “Nosocomial Infections”, the renewed website [www.bulnoso.org](http://www.bulnoso.org) and the National Congress with international participation.**

Traditionally, the main topics of the nosocomial infections surveillance with its epidemiological, ethiological and clinical aspects, as well as the implementation of **complex measures to prevent the healthcare-associated infections**, will be discussed during the working sessions of the congress, and the company’s exhibition will illustrate recent advances in methods and technologies for obtaining and use of **products to ensure hospital hygiene, disinfection and sterilization.**

In 2012 we will celebrate the **10-year anniversary of the Bulgarian-Swiss Hospital Hygiene Programme** organizing a **ROUND TABLE: “BSHHP - What have we succeeded to change”**. **With the participation of specialists trained during the Programme we will try to trace the changes in thinking and practices in the field of nosocomial infections prevention at all levels.** The Congress will be hosted by one of the **BSHHP Model Hospitals – University Hospital “St. Anna” – Sofia**, an example of successfully combining the best traditions with the progress in introduction of the European healthcare standards.

**9<sup>th</sup> National Congress of BulNoso** will continue to support the WHO Initiatives „Global Patient Safety Challenge” by focusing on different aspects of hand hygiene and compliance with the best hygiene standards in healthcare as a means of **quality assurance in hospitals and other healthcare facilities.**

On behalf of the Organizing committee of the **9<sup>th</sup> National Congress** on Nosocomial Infections and the BulNoso Board I would like to invite all of you who are interested to obtain and share scientific and practical knowledge within the different topics of the forum, to join us for BulNoso 2012 at the conference centre of the **University Hospital “St. Anna”** in Sofia, Bulgaria.

*Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nina Gatcheva*

**BulNoso President and Chair of the Organizing Committee**

## MAIN TOPICS:

1. Patient Safety: surveillance and prevention of nosocomial infections.
2. Hand Hygiene: training, monitoring and evaluation.
3. Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in hospital practice.
4. Immunization for personnel and patient's protection.

This year special attention will be given to the *C. difficile* infections, surgical-site infections and nosocomial pneumonia

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The duration of the reports is 10 min, and the duration of the company's presentations – 20 min. Multi media will be available. The Organizing Committee has the right to determine the type of the presentation: oral report or poster. It will let you know in advance.

## CREDIT EVALUATION

Every year the Forum is awarded a high evaluation as a national scientific and practical forum. Doctors and healthcare specialists get a considerable number of credits.

## REGISTRATION: Deadlines and Fees

30 June 2012	Deadline for registration and abstract submission	
FEES*		
For BulNoso members		30 Euros
For other participants		85 Euros

\* Fees for company presentation and/or stand will be agreed with the Organizing committee via E-mail

## Registration forms and the abstracts should be sent:

- **via postal mail:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rositza Vatcheva-Dobrevski, NRC-VBI, National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, 26 Yanko Sakazov Blvd, 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria
- **via e-mail:** [info@bulnoso.org](mailto:info@bulnoso.org) (as attachment)

Updated information, sample of registration form for the Congress and the abstract requirements can be found in "Conferences and seminars" on the renewed BulNoso website [www.bulnoso.org](http://www.bulnoso.org).

All fees should be paid only via bank transfer.

The bank details are as follows:

IBAN: BG45UNCR76301007581207, BIC: UNCRBGSF, UniCredit Bulbank, recipient BAPKNI BULNOSO.

In the payment order one should specify that the bank transfer is for the 9<sup>th</sup> National Congress of BulNoso and the name of the participant.