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**WFHSS**

WORLD FORUM FOR  
HOSPITAL STERILE SUPPLY

COMBINED MEETING



**10<sup>th</sup>**

**WORLD CONGRESS OF STERILIZATION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Announcement  
& Call for Abstracts**



**7-10 October 2009**

**CRETA & TERRA MARIS CONFERENCE CENTER  
CRETE, GREECE**

[www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com](http://www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com)

## President's Greeting

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the Presidents of the Host Society, the Association of Greek Operating Room Nurses Association (GORNA) and the World Forum for Hospital Sterile Supply, we are honoured to invite you to the Next Destination for the 10th World Congress of Sterilization, which will be the beautiful island of Crete, in Greece.

The Congress will take place on 07 - 10 October 2009 at the fully equipped, purpose-built Congress Center, Creta & Terra Maris, in Crete, at the area of Hersonissos.

Crete is a very attractive destination, which traditionally attracts a large number of visitors from all over the world. It is an island of unique interest renowned for its history, its culture, the archaeological sites and the beauty of its natural landscape, and invites you to experience the Greek hospitality.

We strongly believe that this important Congress will provide an opportunity to advance communication between professionals for the further development of Sterilization. It is during this event that participants from the WFHSS, 49 Member Associations, come together whether they are scientists, health care professionals or researchers and have the chance to network, exchange useful knowledge and celebrate the 10th year anniversary of WFHSS congress organization.


In absolute cooperation with the Congress Committees, we aim to reach a very high scientific level and offer an update on current developments related to Sterilization and Disinfection. Internationally recognised scientists and researchers will take part in the scientific programme, and the current status from the diverse spheres of Sterilization will be presented in the form of symposia, workshops, keynote lectures, poster sessions and many other events.

Do join us in Crete, to take part in this congress, which will be a very enjoyable and professionally rewarding experience.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to the delightful island of Crete.



**Aphroditi Faitatzidou**  
GORNA President  
Congress Chair



**Wim Renders**  
WFHSS President  
Congress Chair

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### Official Congress Website

www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for Abstract Submission	31 March, 2009
Acceptance and notification of abstracts	30 April, 2009
Deadline for bookings	30 June, 2009
Congress Dates	7-10 October, 2009
Opening Ceremony	7 October, 2009 • 20:00-21:00
Scientific Programme	7- 10 October, 2009
Closing Ceremony	10 October, 2009 • 14:00-15:00

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Location and Date:** The congress will take place in Hersonissos, a tourist resort which lies 25km east of Heraklion, the city capital of the island of CRETE, from 07-10 October 2009.

**Congress Venue:** The congress will take place at Creta & Terra Maris Conference Center, [www.maris.gr](http://www.maris.gr)

The purpose-built Convention Center at Creta & Terra Maris Hotel, the largest Convention Center in Crete and one of the largest in Greece, is an extremely flexible and sophisticated venue for congress, exhibitions, product launches and banquets. It covers an area of 6.000sqm and with its 68 halls, can accommodate in full function up to 5.500 delegates. The Convention Center is situated on the South Western section of the luxury Creta & Terra Maris Hotels. It is equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, advanced telecommunication infrastructure, excellent technical support and expert staff. High quality accommodation combined with traditional Cretan Hospitality is the prime ambition of the congress venue.



**Official Language:** The official languages of the Congress will be English and Greek. Simultaneous translation will be provided only in the main meeting room.

**Exhibition:** A professional Exhibition with advanced sterilization and disinfection products and equipment will be operating throughout the congress.

**CME Credits:** An application of CME Credits will be submitted once the scientific programme is finalized. Further details will be available in due time on the official congress website

**Congress Badges:** The congress badges are absolutely necessary for the admission and access to the congress halls and exhibition. All badges will bear a barcode which will be checked and controlled by specialized personnel at the entrance of the meeting rooms.

**Weather Conditions:** In October the average temperature on the island of Crete ranges from 17 to 25 degrees Celsius. An occasional rain shower or some clouds might appear, however the period is suitable for walking, sunbathing and swimming.

**Entry in Greece:** Participants requiring an invitation letter in order to attend the Congress may contact the Congress Secretariat. The procedure aims to facilitate participants' visa arrangements and should not be considered as commitment by the Congress Organizing Bureau to provide funds for the attendance to the congress

**Official Congress Website:** The official congress website will be constantly updated with all important information about the island of Crete, the congress venues, the scientific programme and many other important details.

**URL Link:** [www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com](http://www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com)

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME INFORMATION

The Scientific Programme will consist of Lectures, Round Table Sessions, Oral and Poster Presentations, Satellite Symposia and Workshops. Distinguished speakers from all around the world will be invited.

### Preliminary Scientific Programme – Short Overview

Opening Ceremony	Amphitheatre Creta Maris Hotel	7/10/2009	20:00 - 21:00
Opening Cocktail Reception	Congress Center Creta Maris Hotel (Exhibition Foyer Level 1 & O)	7/10/2009	21:00 - 22:00
Plenary Meeting	Zeus Hall, Congress Center Level 1	8-9/10/2009	09:00 - 13:00 15:30 - 17:30
Plenary Meeting	Zeus Hall Congress Center Level 1	10/10/2009	09:00 - 15:00
Workshops	Meeting Rooms Congress Center Level 0	8-9/10/2009	14:30 - 15:30
Parallel Sessions	Meeting Rooms Congress Center Level 0	8-9/10/2009	09:00 - 13:00 15:30 - 17:30
Parallel Sessions	Meeting Rooms Congress Center Level 0	10/10/2009	09:00 - 13:00
Closing Ceremony	Zeus Hall, Congress Center Level 1	10/10/2009	14:00 - 15:00
Satellite Symposia	Pre-Congress	07/10/2009	17:30 - 19:00
Satellite Symposia	During the Congress	8, 9/10/2009	17:30 - 19:00

## PRELIMINARY SCIENTIFIC TOPICS

The preliminary scientific topics that will be handled and discussed during the scientific sessions will be the following:

- Education and Certification of CSSD personell
- What' s new in Standardisation for Sterilization & decontamination
- Legal aspects
- Quality and the sterilization process
- The role of the CSSD in patient safety
- Validation
- Evidence based guidelines for sterilization and disinfection
- Infection control issues
- Emerging pathogens & resistant to sterilants & disinfectants

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Oral and Poster Presentations are welcome to be considered for inclusion in the scientific programme of the congress. Abstracts not accepted for oral presentations, can be accepted as poster presentations.

**Abstract Sessions:** Each abstract will be presented as an oral or as a poster presentation.

**Posters:** A designated area in the Exhibition Foyer will be set up for the poster sessions.

**Abstract Submission Guidelines & Criteria:** Participants interested in presenting a paper are kindly asked to submit their abstracts electronically at: [www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com](http://www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com) – Call for Abstracts Deadline is the **31st of March, 2009**.

The Scientific Committee, will review all abstracts and the authors will be notified about the results of their proposed paper by the **30h of April, 2009**.

Authors of accepted abstracts will have to register by **August 17th, 2009**, the latest. Abstracts without registered presenters will be disregarded and not published.

More information and guidelines for the submission of papers are available at the congress website [www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com](http://www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com).

**Invited Speaker Presentations:** Abstracts for Invited Speakers must be submitted according to the general abstract instructions and should be received by the general abstract deadline of **March 31st, 2009**. Invited speakers are kindly requested to include the note “invited speaker” on their submitted paper.

## REGISTRATION

Registration Categories	Fees
Full Registration Fee	290 €
Accompanying Person's Fee	80 €
Exhibitors Fee	80 €
Guests for Industrial Exhibition	50 €
Student's Fee	30 €

**Full Registration Fee includes:** Participation in all Sessions, Access to Exhibition, Congress Material, Congress Bag, Certification of Attendance, Coffee Breaks, 2 light lunches, 1 advanced coffee break (10/10/2009), Attendance at Opening Ceremony & Welcome Cocktail, Transportation between the congress center and all satellite hotels for all congress days, Shuttle bus Service between the Heraklion Airport “Nikos Kazantzakis” and the congress hotels for the dates 07/10 & 10/10/2009 (only for participants who have booked their accommodation in the official congress hotels and through the official congress secretariat)

**Exhibitors Fee includes:** Participation in all Sessions, Access to Exhibition, Congress Material, Certification of Attendance, Coffee Breaks, 2 light lunches, 1 advanced coffee break, Attendance at Opening Ceremony & Welcome Cocktail, Transportation between the congress center and all satellite hotels for all congress days, Shuttle bus Service between the Heraklion Airport “Nikos Kazantzakis” and the congress hotels for the dates 07/10 & 10/10/2009 (only for exhibitors who have booked their accommodation in the official congress hotels and through the official congress secretariat)

**Accompanying Person's Fee includes:** Attendance at Opening Ceremony & Welcome Cocktail, Access to Exhibition, Transportation between the congress center and all satellite

hotels during the congress days, Shuttle bus Service between the Heraklion Airport “Nikos Kazantzakis” and the congress hotels for the dates 07/10 & 10/10/2009 (only for acc. persons who have booked their accommodation in the official congress hotels and through the official congress secretariat)

**Student's Fee includes:** Participation in all Sessions, Access to Exhibition, Congress, Certification of Attendance, Coffee Breaks, Attendance at the Opening Ceremony & Welcome Cocktail

**Payment & Cancellation Policy for Registration:**

- Full settlement of the registration fees is required in order for registration to be confirmed.
- For any written cancellation of registration until June 30th, 2009, a 50% refund of the registration fee will be possible. After this date no refunds will be possible
- Substitutions can be made only before September, 21st, 2009 and only by written notice
- The above policies are valid also for Group Registrations

Online Registration will be possible through the Official Website [www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com](http://www.wfhss-gorna.creta2009.com)

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Options:			
Hotel Categories		Rates per Person	Extra night
<b>Creta &amp; Terra Maris Hotels (5*)</b> <a href="http://www.maris.gr">www.maris.gr</a>	DBL ROOM BB	260,00 €	83,00 €
	TRPL ROOM BB	202,00 €	58,00 €
	SGL ROOM BB	468,00 €	146,00 €
<b>Silva Maris Hotel (4*)</b> <a href="http://www.maris.gr">www.maris.gr</a>	DBL ROOM BB	230,00 €	68,00 €
	TRPL ROOM BB	165,00 €	47,00 €
	SGL ROOM BB	370,00 €	115,00 €
<b>Aldemar Royal Mare Village (5*)</b> <a href="http://www.aldemarhotels.com">www.aldemarhotels.com</a>	DBL ROOM BB	370,00 €	114,00 €
	TRPL ROOM BB		
	SGL ROOM BB	648,00 €	200,00 €
<b>Aldemar Knossos Royal Village (5*)</b> <a href="http://www.aldemarhotels.com">www.aldemarhotels.com</a>	DBL ROOM BB	340,00 €	104,00 €
	TRPL ROOM BB	306,00 €	93,00 €
	SGL ROOM BB	585,00 €	185,00 €
<b>Aldemar Cretan Village (4*)</b> <a href="http://www.aldemarhotels.com">www.aldemarhotels.com</a>	DBL ROOM BB	292,00 €	88,00 €
	TRPL ROOM BB	263,00 €	80,00 €
	SGL ROOM BB	429,00 €	133,00 €
<b>AKS Anabelle Village (5*)</b> <a href="http://www.akshotels.com">www.akshotels.com</a>	DBL ROOM BB	260,00 €	78,00 €
	TRPL ROOM BB	238,00 €	71,00 €
	SGL ROOM BB	440,00 €	136,00 €

**Above accommodation rates include (Rates per person):**

- 3 overnight stays in the above-mentioned hotel selections with American breakfast
- Transportation between the congress hotels and the Heraklion Airport “Nikos Kazantzakis” for the days 07/10/09 & 10/10/09 and for all scheduled flights.
- All legal taxes

Payment and Cancellation Policy for Accommodation will be available on the official website and the reservation form.



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