

Accommodations

The Osaka Royal Hotel is adjacent to the Osaka International Convention Center. There are also many attractive hotels in this area. The Congress Secretariat will block rooms in a selection of hotels and provide reduced hotel rates.

Group bookings will receive special treatment and assistance through the Congress Secretariat.

Detailed information on the accommodations will be posted on the Congress website.

Social Program

The WFHSS and JSMI invite all congress delegates to a Welcome Party on the first evening after registration opens.

The Congress Gala Dinner is scheduled for Friday evening at very traditional Japanese restaurant that was once residence of a nobleman. Detailed information on the Social Program will be posted on the Congress website.

Excursion

The Osaka International Convention Center is directly connected to a train station, so you can easily visit Kyoto (traditional Japanese city), Kobe (beautiful bay city) and Nara (ancient capital of Japan 1,300 years ago) in less than an hour's ride.

The Shinkansen Bullet Train network can get you to a lot of hot spots up and down the Japan islands in the most beautiful season of the year. Detailed information on the Excursion Program will be posted at the Congress website.

2nd Announcement

The 2nd announcement will be published on the Congress website in January 2012.



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Annual WFHSS and JSMI Conference 2012

13th World Sterilization Congress

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Japanese Society of
Medical Instrumentation

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Message

The World Forum for Hospital Sterile Supply (WFHSS) and Japanese Society of Medical Instrumentation (JSMI) are delighted to welcome you to Japan for the Annual WFHSS and JSMI Conference 2012 (13th World Sterilization Congress) to be held on November 21-24, 2012. It is a great honor for us to host this annual conference in the Asian region for the first time in WFHSS history. We sincerely hope that this will be a fruitful experience for sharing knowledge and best practices that will help develop hospital sterile supply around the world.

Takashi Okubo, M.D., Ph.D. (JSMI President)
Hiroyoshi Kobayashi, M.D., Ph.D. (Congress Chair)

General Conference Information

The Annual WFHSS and JSMI Conference 2012 (13th World Sterilization Congress) will be held at the Osaka International Convention Center on November 21-24, 2012.

Osaka is the second biggest city in Japan and has an attractive bay area and many historical, commercial and entertainment districts. It is easy for you to visit Osaka because there are two airports (Kansai International Airport and Osaka International Airport) and a station for the Shinkansen Bullet Train.

The Kansai (Osaka, Kyoto, Nara and Kobe) is where the ancient state of Japan was born and served as a capital for a long time, so there are many famous temples and shrines in the area.

For general visitor information on the Kansai, please visit the Congress website (<http://www2.convention.co.jp/wfhss2012/>) or the official tourism websites (<http://www.osaka-info.jp/en/> <http://www.kyoto.travel/> <http://narashikanko.jp/en/> http://www.-kobe.jp/_en/).

Registration Information & Fees

Registration will open in February 2012 and early bird bookings on the Congress website will offer a reduced price for registration fees compared with regular registration or on-site registration.

Please visit the Congress website for further information on registration fees and other registration conditions.

Scientific Program

The scientific program of the Congress will consist of plenary and parallel sessions with oral presentations, poster presentations and workshops.

Special attention will be given to the following themes.

- Washing, disinfection, and sterilization of medical devices
- Decontamination of flexible endoscopes
- Validation of equipment
- Risk management in CSSD
- Education and training of professionals
- New technologies in CSSD fields

Call for Abstracts NEW

The organizing committee of the Annual WFHSS and JSMI Conference 2012 (13th World Sterilization Congress) welcomes the submission of abstracts. Abstracts will be selected for the scientific program or poster presentations.

Online abstract submission via the Congress website will be available on **November 7, 2011**.

The deadline for online abstract submission is **January 15, 2012**.

Exhibition

The organizing committee of the Annual WFHSS and JSMI Conference 2012 (13th World Sterilization Congress) would like to invite you to the Exhibition that will take place during the Congress.

You can touch actual equipment and devices at the Exhibition. You can also exchange information with other participants from all of the world. Companies interested in participating are welcome to contact the Congress Secretariat or visit the Congress website for more information.

