Dear colleagues and friends,

The primary aim of the Bulgarian Association for Prevention and Infection Control “BulNoso” is to enable its members and the wide spectrum of specialists in clinical and preventive medicine with a regular source of information on current European standards and worldwide achievements in this area of infectology in order to support their continuing professional qualification and everyday practice perfection. For this purpose 3 main instruments are developed: the scientific journal “Nosocomial infections”, the renovated web page www.bulnoso.org and the annually held national forum, which has changed its format since this year to become a National Congress on Nosocomial Infections (NCNI) with international participation. Traditionally, this Forum incorporates an educational module of lectures presented by leading national and international experts.

In 2010, for the first time, a short pre-congress course on wound management “Wound healing as a multidisciplinary business” will be organized for the educational purposes with an international expert in the field as a lecturer. The major topic of the surveillance of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) with its epidemiologic, etiologic and clinical aspects, as well as the complex of measures aimed at prevention of HAI will be discussed during the sessions of the congress. Through the industry symposia and exhibitions, current developments will be illustrated in the technology of production and methods of administration of the products for use in hospital hygiene, disinfection and sterilization.

8th National Congress on Nosocomial Infections will continue to support the initiatives of WHO Global Alliance for Patient Safety focusing primarily on hand hygiene adherence: education, monitoring and different approaches for improvement.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee we invite all medical specialists, biologists, chemists and other specialists who have scientific or practical interests in the topics related to the infection control to join us for this year congress of BulNoso at the conference centre of the MILITARY MEDICAL ACADEMY-SOFIA.

President of BulNoso Board: Assoc Prof Dr Nina Gatcheva
President of the Organizing Committee: Assoc Prof Dr Rossitsa Vacheva-Dobrevska

MAIN TOPICS OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME:
1. Patient safety – surveillance and prevention of nosocomial infections
2. Hand hygiene – education, monitoring and evaluation
3. Cleaning, disinfection and sterilization in the hospital
4. Personnel and patients protection through immunoprophylaxis

PRESENTATIONS & SYMPOSIA
The duration of oral presentations is 10 min; for the presentations and the symposia sponsored by the companies – 30 min and 60 min, respectively. Multi media projector will be available.

CREDIT EVALUATION
Every year the Forum is awarded a high evaluation as a national event of significant scientific and practical importance. The Congress will be accredited by the Bulgarian Medical Association and the Association of Professionals in Healthcare; the participants will receive their certificates included in the set of congress materials.

LANGUAGE
Bulgarian is the official language of the Congress. A consecutive interpretation will be arranged for the English speaking lecturers.

REGISTRATION

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The registration fee will be collected before and during the conference.

Registration form (available at www.bulnoso.org) should be sent:
- by post: to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rossitza Vacheva-Dobrevska, National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, 26 Yanko Sakazov Blvd, 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria
- by e-mail: info@bulnoso.org
- by fax: tel/fax +359 2 946 15 89.

All fees should be paid ONLY via bank transfer.
The bank details are as follows: IBAN BG73UNCR76301075846587, BIC code: UNCRBGSF, UniCredit Bulbank, recipient: BAPIC BulNoso.
In the payment order, please, specify that the bank transfer is for the 8th Congress on Nosocomial Infections and the name of the participant.