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14<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONGRESS  
ON NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS

OF THE BULGARIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PREVENTION AND  
INFECTION CONTROL „BULNOSO” and  
BULNOSO ACADEMY, 2023

Co-organized with  
the University Hospital “St. Anna” – Sofia

Sofia, 26-27 October 2023

*First Announcement*

### *Dear colleagues and friends,*

Bulgarian Association for Prevention and Infection Control “BulNoso” is well known as a society gathering together a broad spectrum of healthcare professionals from clinical and preventive medicine (doctors and nurses, medical and technical specialists) willing and ready to bring together their efforts to support the activities aimed at prevention and control of nosocomial/ Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs).

BulNoso is registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) on 16 April 2003 with the substantial support of Inter-Governmental Bulgarian-Swiss Hospital Hygiene Programme (**BSHHP**) and is a member of IFIC. The present status of the Association is characterized with an upward trend of membership including a total of more than 50 hospitals (10 university hospitals, 30 regional and 13 municipal hospitals) from all over the country by 2022.

BulNoso strives to provide its members with updated information on European standards and innovation necessary for their professional development through:

- **Bulletin “Nosocomial Infections”, and series of manuals “Tool for clinicians”**
- **website [www.bulnoso.org](http://www.bulnoso.org), and**
- **the annually held National Congress and BulNoso Academy seminar with international participation.**

**14<sup>th</sup> National Congress on Nosocomial Infections will take place in Sofia on 26-27 October 2023 as a Jubilee Congress to celebrate 20-year anniversary of the Association.**

For its members BulNoso will prepare and ensure as part of the Congress materials the Jubilee issue of the journal “Nosocomial infections” and the newly developed Manual of the specialist in prevention and control of HAIs

The Congress will be hosted by one of the **BSHHP Model Hospitals, University Hospital “St. Anna”- Sofia**, an example of successful combining the best traditions with the progress in introduction of the European healthcare standards.

On behalf of the Organizing committee of the **14<sup>th</sup> National Congress** on Nosocomial Infections and the BulNoso Board we would like to invite all professionals who are interested to obtain and share scientific and practical knowledge in the different topics of the forum, **to join us for BulNoso 2023** at the conference centre of the **University Hospital “St. Anna” in Sofia, Bulgaria.**

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***BulNoso Founder and Honorary President***

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

## **MAIN TOPICS:**

- 1. Patient Safety: Hand Hygiene and prevention of HAIs associated with invasive procedures.**
- 2. The role of IPC measures for control of MDR pathogens spread in healthcare setting. Antimicrobial stewardship and AB policy.**
- 3. Personnel and patient's protection through immunization: hepatitis B, influenza.**
- 4. Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in hospital practice**
- 5. Viral hepatitis B and C: burden, prevention and elimination programmes**