

1st Announcement

1st Hellenic Congress on Occupational Health and Safety

“Prevention: a benefit for all”

The Hellenic Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (ELINYAE) is organizing the 1st Hellenic Congress on Occupational Health and Safety which will be held in Athens, at the Athens Hilton hotel, on the 29th and 30th of November 2010.

The congress will deal with **prevention** and is titled **“Prevention: a benefit for all”**.

Aim of the congress

The aim of the congress is to demonstrate the importance of preventing accidents and occupational diseases. The aim of the congress is also to show that prevention should go beyond the implementation of rules and regulations and should be also matter of behavior and education, both of which should be instigated from an early age. The congress will try to demonstrate that prevention is a matter of concern for all: enterprises, employees, insurance bodies, the state and, society as a whole.

With this congress, ELINYAE aims to establish a permanent national event for the exchange of scientific knowledge, new findings and experiences on occupational health and safety.

To whom the congress will appeal to

The congress will treat a subject that is likely to be of interest to everybody. However, it will be mainly directed to employers, employees, trade unionists, members of health and safety committees, insurance bodies, safety engineers, occupational physicians, researchers, students and other professional in the field of health and safety. It is hoped that all will draw useful information.

Main Topics

The congress will host speakers from Greece and abroad and apart from the oral presentations there will be an opportunity to present posters. In addition an exhibition will take place of commercial products and companies associated with health and safety.

The main topics are:

- ❖ the benefits of prevention emphasising socioeconomic costs deriving from lack of preventive measures and policies at the business and sectoral level
- ❖ the progress of research and technology in occupational risks prevention (monitoring OSH methodologies, occupational accidents and diseases recording, prevention measures, innovations, inherent safety)
- ❖ the contribution of the legal and institutional OSH framework to prevention and application problems
- ❖ mainstreaming OSH in education and enhancement of workers' training with the aim to create a safety culture
- ❖ the role of the state, social partners, insurance bodies and the research community
- ❖ occupational risk insurance
- ❖ special topics in relation to application of prevention measures in SMEs
- ❖ interaction between working and general environment
- ❖ the consequences of the economic crisis to working conditions
- ❖ necessary measures dealing with existing problems, difficulties and weaknesses of the current OSH situation in Greece.

Dates and Venue

The congress will take place from Monday, the 29th of November, to Tuesday the 30th of November 2010, in Athens, at the Athens Hilton hotel.

Registration fess

	Until 30/9/2010	After 1/10/2010
Participant	80 €	100 €
Student	30 €	50 €

Official Language

The official language of the congress is Greek. Translation (English – Greek – English) will be provided for keynote lectures that will be presented in English.

Congress Secretariat

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Exhibition

An exhibition will be organized during the congress. Should you be interested to participate with a stand or any other manner, please feel free to contact the Congress secretariat.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: **17 June 2010**

Notification of acceptance: **26 July 2010**

Deadline for full paper submission: **18 October 2010**

Early registration deadline: **30 September 2010**

Call for Papers

Abstracts should be written in Greek and should not exceed 300 words and contain the following obligatory headings:

- *Title*
- *Authors and affiliations*
- *Abstract (up to 300 words)*

Abstracts should be submitted electronically through the congress website <http://www.elinyaecongress2010.gr> in order to be evaluated.

The deadline for abstract submission is the 17th of June 2010. Receipts of accepted papers will be notified by the 26th of July 2010. Authors of accepted papers will be required to write a full paper by the 18th of October 2010 as well as a short abstract in English in order to be uploaded to the Institute's website.

The organizers consider acceptance of a presentation as a commitment by at least one of the authors to register and attend the congress. If extenuating circumstances prevent the author from making the presentation, it is the author's obligation to find a substitute presenter and to notify the organizers.

Organizer

The congress is organized by the Hellenic Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (ELINYAE). ELINYAE, a civic, non profit organization, founded in 1992 following consensus and co-operation between employer groups (the Federation of Greek Industries, the General Confederation of Handicraft and Merchants of Medium and Small Enterprises and the Greek Federation of Traders' Association) and the employee confederation (the General Confederation of Greek Labor).

The ELINYAE conducts research on health and safety matters for different sectors. It visits various working places in order to perform risk assessment studies by first examining the work area, followed by collection of samples for the measurement of hazardous chemical materials in the work environment and biological fluids. For the measurement of metabolites, these chemical and physical measurements are followed by medical examinations of the exposed employees. The ELINYAE also participates in European research programmes, organizes training programmes and seminars. It provides information through its website (www.elinyae.gr), its resources at the library and its publications in the health and safety field.

Organizing Committee

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