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Welcome address

Dear Colleagues,

The Athens University, School of Medicine, Post-graduate program "Global Health – Disaster Medicine" welcome you to the 16th International Conference on "Humanitarian Response in Health Emergencies", in the island of Rhodes, Greece.

The scope is to train our post graduate students but also officials from civil protection agencies, medical and nursing staff and humanitarian organizations representatives while dealing with both manmade and natural disasters so as to acquire the necessary know- how for the effective and efficient management of Major Mass Casualty Incidents. Our vision is to advance learners' critical thinking and problem-solving attitude via a series of simulation exercises in real life settings.

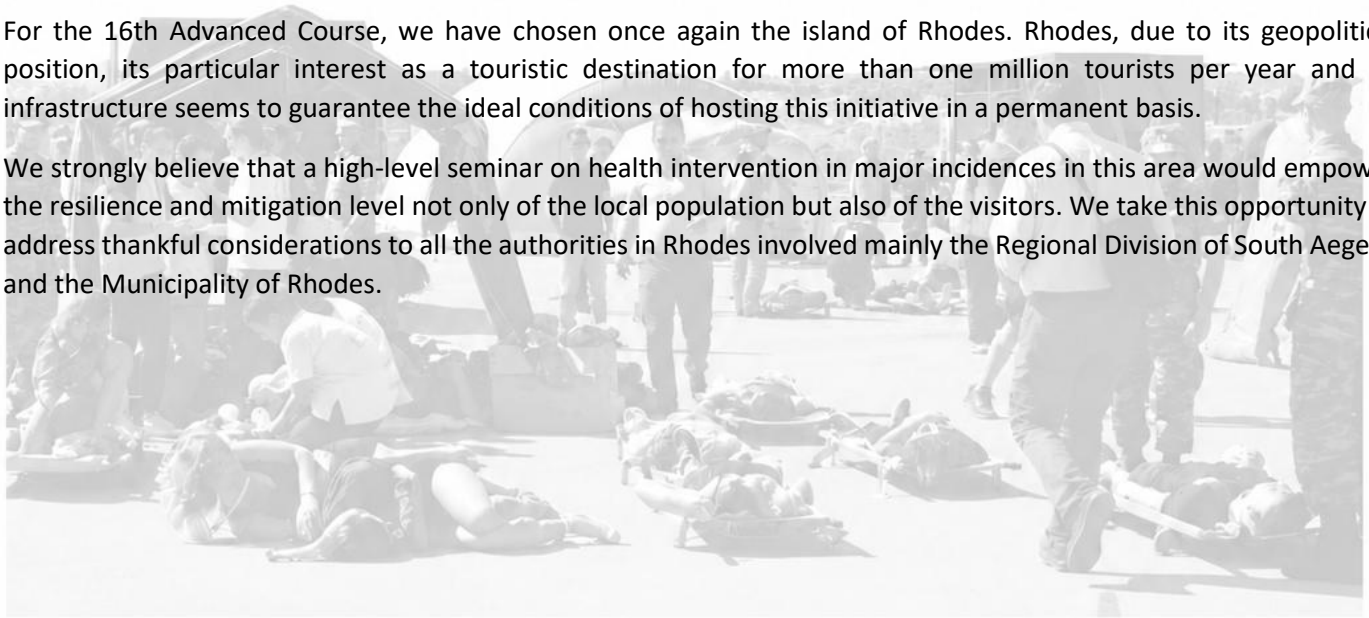
Participants will follow keynote lectures on the most sensitive issues of major disasters and mass casualty crises resulting from earthquakes and fires in urban complexes etc.

This Advanced Course offers comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge to the participants, giving them the opportunity to acquire skills and experience to plan for and respond efficiently in major events both in pre-hospital as well as in hospital settings. Moreover, the participants will receive training in modern search-and-rescue procedures, emergency care of victims and response during the "golden-hour". Training on emergency planning, evacuation procedures and vulnerability assessment using state of the art technologies is also foreseen.

This program is designed to help health professionals, managers and the local communities improve their capacity to cope with Major Mass Casualty Incidents.

For the 16th Advanced Course, we have chosen once again the island of Rhodes. Rhodes, due to its geopolitical position, its particular interest as a touristic destination for more than one million tourists per year and its infrastructure seems to guarantee the ideal conditions of hosting this initiative in a permanent basis.

We strongly believe that a high-level seminar on health intervention in major incidences in this area would empower the resilience and mitigation level not only of the local population but also of the visitors. We take this opportunity to address thankful considerations to all the authorities in Rhodes involved mainly the Regional Division of South Aegean and the Municipality of Rhodes.



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Wed Nov 4th

14:30 **Welcome**
Em. Pikoulis

14:45 **Introduction to the Hands-on Course: Aims and Methods**
E. Karamagioli – K. Tsigkou

Management in Mass Casualty Incident (CSCATTT) (part I)
15:00 **K. Tsigkou – E. Pavlidou – G. Sanidas**

16:00 ***Break***

16:15 **Management in Mass Casualty Incident (CSCATTT) (part II)**
K. Tsigkou – E. Pavlidou – G. Sanidas

17:45 ***Break***

Introduction to the intersectorial Simulation set scenario Exercise (table top): "Multiple injuries
18:00 ***following Blast and Fire in a hotel"***

20:00 ***Dinner***

Thur Nov 5th

09:30 **Facilitators meeting with the teams**

Keynote Speech
Military and civilian integration in disaster and conflict settings
10.30 **The USUHS disaster curriculum**
CAPT Tamara J. Worlton

11:15 ***Presentation of table top exercise: "Multiple injuries following Blast and Fire in a hotel"***

13:00 ***Break***

14:00 **Communication in Mass Casualty Incidents**
D. Allios

15:00 ***Presentation of table top exercise: "Multiple injuries following Fire at the area of Filerimos' Monastery"***

15:30 **Team work**

17:00 ***Facilitators meeting with the teams***

20:00 ***Dinner***

Fri Nov 6th

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09:00 ***Transfer to the field***

10:00 ***Intersectorial Simulation Set Scenario Exercise I: "Multiple injuries following Fire at the area of Filerimos' Monastery"***

15:00 ***Debriefing of the exercise***

16:45 ***Break***

17:00 **Keynote Speech**
Medical ethics in humanitarian response
CAPT Tamara J. Worlton

17:30 ***Introduction to the intersectorial Simulation set scenario Exercise II: "Mass casualty incident in the old city of Rhodes"***

20:00 ***Dinner***

Sat Nov 7th

09:00 **Keynote Speech**
The ACS HOPE programs for Global Surgery
CAPT Tamara J. Worlton

10:00 ***Facilitators meeting with the teams***

14:00 ***Lunch***

19:00 ***Transfer to Rhodes Old City***

20:00 ***Intersectorial Simulation set scenario Exercise II: "Mass casualty incident in the old city of Rhodes"***

Sun Nov 8th

10:00 ***Debriefing of the exercise***

11:00 ***Overall Debriefing of the Hands-on Course***

12:00 ***Closing Ceremony - Awards***

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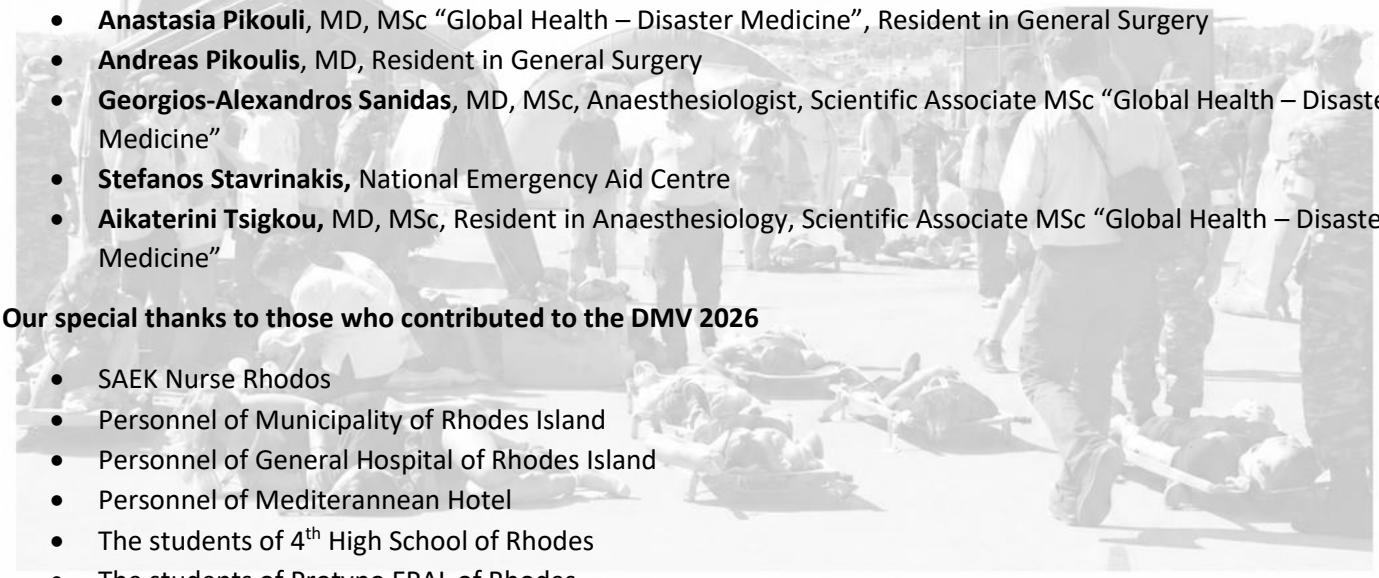
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