

Annex 1

Member society profile (for the web site)

(to be prepared as soon as you can and possibly before the October meeting)

1. **Name** of the society*/Institution* (included acronym):

Bulgarian Association for Infection Prevention and Control "BulNoso"

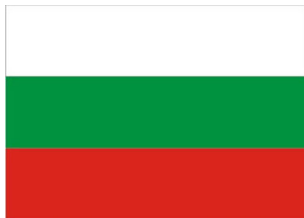
2. **Legal address:**

National Centre for Infectious and Parasitic Diseases
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3. **Logo** of the society



4. **Flag** of the country



5. **President** / legally responsible person:

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6. **Contact person** (who will represent the society in the network):

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7. Short presentation of the society: scope, members, history

BulNoso is a non-profit organization founded to bring together medical specialists involved in the etiology, epidemiology, clinic and treatment; prevention and control of nosocomial infections (NI) to achieve a sustainable NI reduction . The society was founded in 2003. The members are doctors and nurses, medical and technical specialists, willing to work for reducing the risks of NI . The main scope: advices , training and seminars in the field of control and prevention of nosocomial infections. Programs development and implementation to reduce NI in medical facilities; programs and use of information technology in the process the prevention of nosocomial infections; organizing and conducting practical exercises to improve and maintain the required level of professional experts in the field of infection prevention . Publication and dissemination of research and other educational materials - bulletins, instructions and brochures in the field of NI prevention and control . Inform professionals and the public about the problems and approaches in the NI prevention and control . Providing opportunities for contact and exchange of experience and knowledge between members.

8. Members in the last year (2011): 256 individual members and 30 hospitals

9. Web site (if existing), and contact email address.

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10. Publications: i.e. journals, books, guidelines, position papers, others

The BulNoso Bulletin "Nosocomial Infections" is a professional, peer-reviewed journal and the official scientific publication of the Bulgarian Association for Prevention and Infection Control published twice per year in Bulgarian with extended summaries in English of the original articles. The aim of the journal is to support the goals of BulNoso in providing up-to-date research and practice information on all aspects of prevention and control of healthcare associated infections for Bulgarian infection control specialists

11. Main activities: (max 250 words)

The society has successfully organized nine national forums on nosocomial infections with international participation (The 9th Congress to be held 25-26 October, 2012). Until 2008 this was an annual Forum (Symposium on nosocomial infections and disinfection) and in 2010 the format was changed to National Congress on nosocomial infections held on biennial basis. The forum gathers at least 150-200 doctors and nurses working in the field of infection prevention and control as well as a clinical specialists. The scientific programme of the forum to include an educational module focused on the key problems in infection prevention, the hand hygiene compliance being the priority. Regional seminars on the basics in infection prevention, a new activity initiated in 2009.

12. Other aspect of interests

The information exchange of theoretical and practical advances in the prevention and control of nosocomial infections; protect specific needs and interests of its members. Interaction with Bulgarian and foreign associations, organizations and institutions.

