

5th International Symposium on Rapid Response Systems and Medical Emergency Teams

Bridging the gap between patient needs and resources

Dear Colleagues and Friends

We cordially invite you to the 5th International Symposium on Rapid Response Systems and Medical Emergency Teams, taking place in Copenhagen from May 18-19, 2009.

The annual symposium on Rapid Response Systems and Medical Emergency Teams, which have previously been held in Pittsburgh (USA) and Toronto (Canada), represent the largest conferences in this field, and they are attended by more than 300 delegates from all over the world. In 2009, the conference will be organised outside the North American continent for the first time, and the tradition will be carried on in Europe, where Rapid Response Systems play an increasing role in the national health systems.

We are delighted to continue the tradition of the previous years and present an exciting scientific program with an excellent international faculty, including Rinaldo Bellomo (Australia), Ken Hillman (Australia), Michael DeVita (USA) and Andreas Hvarfner (Sweden). The 2009 RRS symposium will introduce the sociological perspective to the study of Rapid Response Systems and Medical Emergency Teams. The program will consist of a mixture of plenary and panel discussions, keynote lectures, poster presentations and round table discussions. The content of the presentations will be divided into several tracks, each covering a specific theme, e.g.:

- Patient safety and Quality
- Novice
- Education
- Nursing
- Research
- Technology and monitoring
- Paediatric
- Social science perspective



Pre-conference course and tour-visits to the Danish Institute for Medical Simulation will be arranged to take place on the 17th of May.

Who should attend the symposium?

Everyone who is involved in Rapid Response Systems as well as all who are considering to implement RRSs, e.g. nurses, doctors, hospital managers or patient safety experts as well as other health care personnel. Novices in the field will have plenty of opportunities for informal meetings with the experts.



Conference venue

The symposium will take place at the Radisson SAS Falconer Hotel & Conference Center, centrally located in the attractive Frederiksberg area in Copenhagen and easy to reach from the airport and central train station. The conference center can provide 2,148 m² of meeting facilities for up to 2000 guests.



About Copenhagen and the Øresund Region

Copenhagen, the Danish Capital, is famous for its historical buildings, the world's oldest monarchy, Danish design, the Tivoli Gardens and, especially, its open and friendly atmosphere. The city offers its visitors good accommodation facilities: a broad selection of centrally located hotels with a total of 15,000 rooms for every budget.

Across the bridge to Sweden, only 30 minutes away, you find the city of Malmö, which offers ample shopping opportunities for every budget, impressive historic buildings, but most of all a cosy alternative to the pulse of Copenhagen.

Copenhagen and Malmö are the hubs of the Oresund Region, one of the most dynamic Regions in Europe, which comprises parts of eastern Denmark and southern Sweden, linked by the impressive Oresund Bridge.

Call for abstracts

The deadline for abstracts is the 15th of February, 2009. Abstracts can be submitted via the website www.rapidresponsesystems.org now.



Registration

Registration is now possible via the website www.herlevsimulator.dk.

Deadline for early registration is the 22nd of March 2009.

Early registration for nurses, respiratory therapists and medical students:	375 €
Late registration for nurses, respiratory therapists and medical students:	450 €
Early registration for all others:	450 €
Late registration for all others:	525 €

The fees include participation in all conference activities during the two congress days. By registering for the conference, you are invited to

- attend all lectures and workshops (within capacity limits)
- visit the industrial exhibition and the poster exhibition
- enjoy free lunch and beverages during the congress
- participate in the official reception on May 18, 2009

For more information, hotel accommodation at reduced rates, transportation information etc. please visit the website www.herlevsimulator.dk or www.rapidresponsesystems.org. If you have any questions, please contact us per e-mail at dims@heh.regionh.dk.

So why not grasp the opportunity to meet experts from all parts of the world, get to know your colleagues from other countries, meet old friends, discuss science, develop new ideas, and at the same time enjoy the magnificent spring atmosphere in the beautiful Oresund region?

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to Copenhagen in May 2009!

The organizers

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