

WELCOME

From Prof. Panos Kostarakis

Dear colleagues,

First of all I would like to wish you a pleasant stay in Varna, the best place to host a meeting in Bulgaria.

Varna is in fact a beautiful place and very attractive to be.

The natural beauties of this place that come in addition to Michel's great experience and expertise, along with the organization and scientific skills of his team, assures a very successful and productive meeting that will give positive answers to most of the current open issues on the Biological Effects of EMF.

As you know, the effort of organizing this workshop on Biological Effects of EMF started back in 1997, and after 3 years of discussions, administrative arrangements and organizational details, the Millennium Workshop took place in Crete island in October 2000.

At that time we could never imagine that this meeting could be so well established and successfully endorsed by the international scientific community.

And here we are now, 14 years after the first workshop in the opening of the 8th Workshop on Biological Effects of ElectroMagnetic Fields in Varna.

Introducing this workshop more than 14 years ago, we had many motivations to make something different. We had in fact a different approach on both the organization and scientific content than other existing conferences with similar topics. Some of the more important characteristics that remain intact till today are:

To have a meeting in the Mediterranean area that could be easily attainable by any one, w/o formalities etc.

To have an open meeting without a structure imposed by any national or international organization. A meeting that is not property of anyone, and belongs 100% to the participants.

To provoke one more open scientific discussion at international level and give to the workshop a truly international character.

To bring together scientists from different disciplines that is people that creates and manages the Electromagnetic fields and people that studies the consequences of the EMF in the Human body

To try to have a clear answer to the primitive question ARE the EMF harmful and in what level, contributing thus to standards creation.

To help young scientists (also PhD students) to be easier endorsed by the international scientific community

To keep the workshop at low registration fees and zero overall balance by providing the maximum possible support to participants.

The increasing endorsement from the international scientific community of this Workshop clearly shows that this forum makes a significant contribution in the area of Biological Effects of Electromagnetic Fields not only by presenting today's international state of the art status on the subject and giving particular answers and solutions but also by acting as an important scientific forum that promotes further investigation, results and international collaborations.

Following the tradition established in our Community, the next 9th Workshop will be hosted in an other Mediterranean country what will be assigned during this meeting by the Committee members meeting following the rules we adopted in the past.

Dear colleagues, I am sure you will all be simulated by some exited technical presentations and enjoy the life, the culture and the natural beauties of Varna.

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