

# SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE QUALITY OF THE INDOOR ENVIRONMENT IN HOSPITALS

*Prague, 6–7 October 2005*

Charles University in Prague  
First Faculty of Medicine  
General University Hospital  
Institute of Hygiene  
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Association of Hygiene & Community medicine (CZ)  
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This international conference follows the first conference on this subject held in Prague in October 2002. Hospitals are amongst the biggest employers and there are numerous occupational exposures to pollutants in the hospital environment. These include anaesthetic gases and vapours, fixatives, disinfectants and biocides as well as a range of airborne infectious agents.

Perhaps of even greater importance is the fact that so many patients in hospitals are particularly vulnerable following surgery or have impaired immune systems or are diseased or debilitated or are elderly or newborn. There is a need to protect both workers and patients and to prevent nosocomial infections. Operating theatres and intensive care units require particularly clean air and thus specialised ventilation systems. The conference will address a range of hospital hygiene problems due to poor quality in their indoor environment and will explore possible methods for amelioration.

**Vladimir Bencko**  
*Chair of the Conference*

**Main Topics** of the conference are:

- hospital infections control;
- sterile air supply;
- ventilation systems;
- air cleaning systems-irradiation, filtration;
- disinfection and validation systems;
- protective clothing and equipment;
- anaesthetic gases and vapours;
- fixatives;
- monitoring of pollutants;
- case studies.

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**Abstracts** of not more than 250 words should be submitted by April 22nd 2005 with an indication of preference for oral or poster presentation. The organising committee reserve the right to designate papers as oral or poster. Notice of acceptance will be sent by June 8th 2005. Abstracts may be in Czech with an English translation or preferably in English.

Abstracts may be sent as printed text, e-mail attachments or on disk to:

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**Papers** may be submitted for publication in “Indoor and Built Environment“. Papers of no more than 10 pages including tables, figures and references should be submitted by June 8th 2005: Instructions for authors can be obtained from the website

www.ISBE.demon.co.uk.

Papers should be submitted by email or on disk with one paper copy to the organising committee. Files should be submitted in rich text format (rtf).

Keynote **presentations** will be of 20 minutes duration. Other oral presentations will be 20 minutes including discussion time.

Power-point, overheads and slide projection facilities will be available.

**Posters** of maximum size 1.1m (wide) x 0.9m (high) will be presented in the main foyer where coffee/tea is served and adjacent to the trade exhibition.

#### **Conference Venues**

**Day 1:** Thursday 6 October 2005. Congress Centre, Institute of Clinical & Experimental Medicine (IKEM), Vídeňská 1958, CZ 140 21 Praha 4,

**Day 2:** Friday 7 October 2005. Medical House, Lecture Hall, Sokolská 31, CZ 120 26 Praha 2,

#### **Registration fees:**

Participants from Western Europe, USA etc. (includes conference dinner) €250\*

Participants from Central/Eastern European Countries and students €50

\* If payment made before August 1st 2005 the registration fee will be at a lower rate of €200

#### **Trade exhibition**

Commercial organisations are invited to exhibit their products or services. Stands will be available in the coffee/poster area at the Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine on October 6, 2005.

The price of a stand is €500 which entitles the exhibitor to two free registrations for the conference.

Potential exhibitors are invited to contact the conference chairman - Professor Vladimir Bencko.