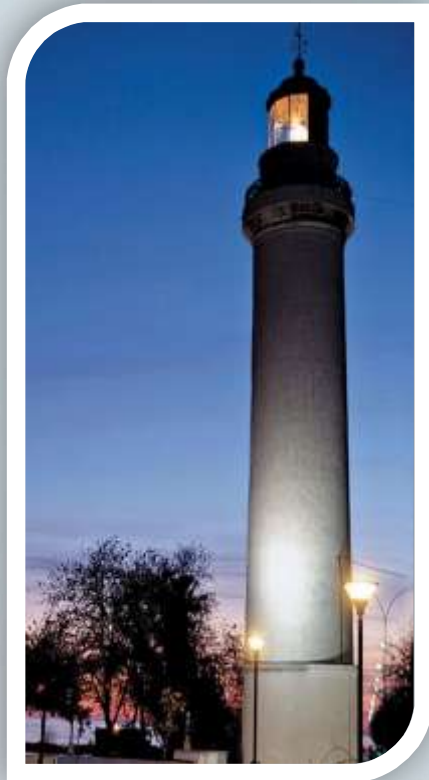


# 41<sup>st</sup> International Congress of the Society for Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease (SOMED)



14, 15, 16 June 2022 | **HYBRID**

**Alexandroupolis, Greece**

At

Astir Egnatia Alexandroupolis, Egnatia Park,  
68100 Alexandroupoli, Thrace, Greece



*Thrace is an area of amazing natural beauty; a land where Greek legend has placed the mythical home of Orpheus. Its pristine and beautiful countryside makes Thrace a great destination for outdoor recreation, adventure and exploration. Few of Thrace's natural landmarks include the Rodopi mountain range and Mt. Saos on Samothrace Island; the rivers Evros, Nestos and Ardas; Dadia forest and the Evros River Delta where internationally acclaimed wetlands are located; fertile valleys, dense forests and endless stretches of white sandy beaches.*



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Democritus University of Thrace

Food Innovation, Research Infrastructure

FOODBIOMES, Research Infrastructure

Risk and Resilience Assessment Center (RiskAC-DUTH)



Dear colleagues,

We invite you to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> *INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE SOCIETY FOR MICROBIAL ECOLOGY IN HEALTH AND DISEASE (SOMED)*. The congress will be held from June 14 to 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 in the city of Alexandroupolis, Greece, and will be the 41st of a series of successful Congresses by our Society.

Our 41st Congress will bring together researchers with expertise across the many disciplines of Microbial Ecology, including but not limited to; *Clinical Microbial Ecology, Intestinal Microbial Ecology, Dental Microbial Ecology, Food Microbial Ecology, Environmental Microbial Ecology and Water Microbial Ecology*. Discussion will range from basic and applied Microbial Ecology, to lectures detailing cutting-edge research being conducted across the field. Special focus shall be given to COVID-19 and its relation to the human microbiome, food, and environment.

This year's congress aims to expand the knowledge-base of experts within the field, and to stimulate partnerships across faculties and international borders.

The Congress is co-organized by the Society for Microbial Ecology in Health and Disease, Food Innovation Infrastructure, FOODBIOMES Infrastructure, RiskAC (KEDIAK) and the Food, Nutrition and Microbiome master's program of the Democritus University of Thrace (DUTH).

The organizing committee has made all necessary arrangements for the accommodation of congress participants at the 5-star Egnatia Park Hotel in Alexandroupolis. While the Congress will largely be held in-person, certain hybrid sessions will be made available to remote participants via Zoom.

For more information concerning the submission of abstracts, attendee rates, and important dates please visit the [SOMED](https://www.somed.eu) webpage or contact us through email at [somed@somed.nu](mailto:somed@somed.nu) or at the following numbers +30 6955419839 (Giorgi Elpida), +30 6947153707 (Stefanis Christos), +30 6981764907 (Christina Tryfonos).

**Abstract submission deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Abstract Acceptance April 3<sup>th</sup>**

We are looking forward to a successful and enriching Congress for all in June 2022.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee  
The President, Prof. Eugenia Bezirtzoglou

***Selected presentations shall be published in the following scientific Journals:***

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# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

## DAY I, SOMED Conference

9:00-13:00

State-of-the-art, Round table, Oral Presentations

13:00-15:00

Break, Poster Presentations

15:00-18:00

Short Communications

## DAY II,

Risk And Resilience Assessment Center

Food Innovation Research Infrastructure

FOODBIOMES Research Infrastructure

Master of “Food, Nutrition and Microbiome (DUTH)”  
presentations

## DAY III, Excursion to regional landmarks

# REGISTRATION / ACCOMODATION / MEMBERSHIP

Fees	Early Fee 05/04/2022	Regular Fee 30/04/2022	Late / On site
Delegate	€ 300	350	400
Delegate - SOMED Member*	€ 200	250	300
Student (Undergraduate, Master, PhD)	€ 100	150	200
Student - SOMED Member* (Undergraduates, Masters, PhD)	€ 50	70	100
Online Session	€ 100	130	150
Accompanying person	€ 200	250	250
Companies	€ 500	550	600

\*SOMED membership annual fee;  
**Students, 20€**  
**Regular, 40€**  
**BANK: CCM BORDEAUX CAUDERAN (FRANCE),**  
**IBAN: FR76 1558 9335 6107 6398 7544 332**  
**Membership dues should be paid before Congress registration.**

Older members should renew their membership in order to be considered and registered as SOMED members.

\* You can also join or renew your annual membership online, clicking [here](#)

## Account details for the Congress Registration;

**PIRAEUS BANK, GREECE**

**IBAN: GR34 0172 5150 0055 1507 5218 913**

Please use “**SOMED CONGRESS**” as a payment reference.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION;

Single room, 90€/night

Double room, 110€/night

Contact info for reservations:

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Please indicate **SOMED CONGRESS** as the discount code to get special prices.

# GUIDELINES

## **ABSTRACT**

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by members from the scientific committee.

You may download the abstract template at the following link: <https://1drv.ms/w/s!AmVwf5yK1wbnlGGPcny7kiRG86yI>

## **ORAL PRESENTATION**

Oral presentations allow speakers to present their research through a 15-minute individual presentation in a ????? min session.

Individual Presentations should include:

- (1) a title with a maximum of 25 words,
- (2) a separate max 250-word abstract,
- (3) a brief summary of the presenter's education and work experience, and
- (4) references.

## **POSTER**

Poster submissions should include:

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