

Press Release

On February 28, 2013 the Scientific Group of the **Hellenic Copper Development Institute (HCDI)** participated in the **6th National Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Hospital Infections**, Athens, Greece and made a successful presentation under the title: "*Antimicrobial copper (Cu +) implementation and its influence to the epidemiological data in elementary school population.*"

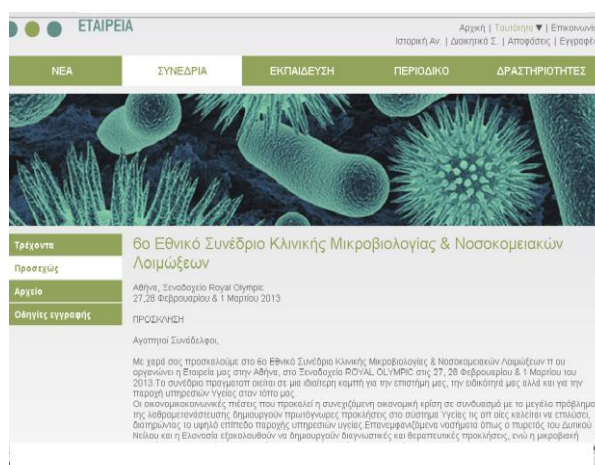
The conference concerned communicable diseases that made their reappearance in our country, such as West Nile fever and malaria due to the ongoing economic crisis coupled with the huge problem of illegal immigration, while microbial resistance to antibiotics continues to put our country under the microscope.

Dr. Katerina Karageorgou, scientist of the Scientific Group of HCDI said:

"The findings of the research and the comparative study of morbidity of students before and after antimicrobial copper implementation recorded reduction of seasonal flu in the school population. The use of antimicrobial copper at multi touch surfaces combined with the modern application of basic infection prevention methods (hand hygiene, etc.) is the best antimicrobial ally to Public Health. "

On March 1st, will also be presented at the same conference two more researches of the Scientific Group of the **Hellenic Copper Development Institute (HCDI)** under the titles of "**Copper alloys beneficial effects on Intensive Care Unit (ICU) operation**" & "**Microbial flora decrease in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) after antimicrobial copper implementation** ", which scientists have already expressed their interest.

Dr.. Panos Efstathiou, Scientific Advisor of **Hellenic Copper Development Institute (HCDI)** and Commander of the National Health Operations Centre (NHOC), Ministry of Health, Greece, commented: "It is a fact that the application of copper alloys with antimicrobial activity apply to all aspects of our everyday life. Such antimicrobial action can reduce microbial flora and result to beneficial effects for the public health.



The image shows a screenshot of a website for the 6th National Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Nosocomial Infections. The website has a header with the logo 'ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ' and navigation links: Αρχή | Τεύχερα | Επικοινωνία | Ιστορική Αν | Δοκίμια Σ | Αποφάσεις | Εγγραφές. Below the header is a menu with categories: ΝΕΑ, ΣΥΝΕΔΡΙΑ, ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΗ, ΠΕΡΙΟΔΙΚΟ, ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΕΣ. The main content area features a large image of various microorganisms. Below the image, there is a section titled '6ο Εθνικό Συνέδριο Κλινικής Μικροβιολογίας & Νοσοκομειακών Λοιμώξεων'. The text below the title provides details about the congress, including the location (Athens, Evrosion Royal Olympic) and dates (27-28 February and 1 March 2013). It also mentions the organizing committee and the congress president, Dr. Panos Efstathiou. The text concludes with a statement about the congress's focus on antimicrobial copper and its role in reducing microbial flora and improving public health.