

> Registering for the congress

You can now register on the website <http://congres2007.rodekruis.be/en>. Those registered will receive an invitation in May 2007. This will contain all the information about the congress and the final programme. They will also receive a registration form.

> Giving a presentation or presenting a poster?

Participants who wish to give a presentation or present a poster during the congress should send a completed abstract form to the congress secretariat before 20 February 2007. The abstract form will be available from 10 May 2006 on the website <http://congres2007.rodekruis.be/en>.

The presentations and posters must be in English. No simultaneous translation is provided.

The scientific committee will make the selection based on the abstracts sent in by candidates.

> Translation

For the plenary sessions and the sub-programmes simultaneous translation into English, French and Dutch is provided. Free presentations are in English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

> Congress location

The congress will take place in the Kursaal in Ostend, one of the largest and best-equipped congress venues in Belgium.

> Ostend

Ostend, the 'Queen of the Seaside Cities' is the largest Belgian coastal city and is located close to world famous cities such as Brussels and Bruges. It easily combines the conviviality of a holiday resort with the charm of a historic city. In addition to sun, sea and sand this seaside venue offers congress participants plenty of culture, gastronomy and history.

> Organisation

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European Federation for Open & Distance Learning
The Flemish Institute for Health Promotion
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5th European congress on CPR, Prehospital Care and Prevention

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First announcement



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13-16 September 2007

Ostend, Belgium

> The congress

In 1989 Belgian Red Cross-Flanders organised its first international CPR congress. This initiative brought more than 1,000 persons interested from 24 countries to Antwerp. During subsequent events in 1993, 1997 and 2001, the international character of the congress has grown. Moreover the theme has grown to encompass the full domain of prehospital care. In 2001 attendees from 35 countries took part in the congress.

The 5th European congress on CPR, Prehospital Care and Prevention mainly deals with subjects that fall outside the working field of similar medical congresses: first-aid education and first-aid practice provided by the general public and the (voluntary) first-aid providers. Special attention is given to new technological possibilities. A multi-disciplinary approach is pursued through collaboration with various associations.

> The Red Cross: the reference for first aid

Each year more than 3,000,000 Europeans attend a first aid course at their national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies. This makes the Red Cross the largest provider of first-aid training in Europe. The Red Cross is widely recognised as the reference point for first-aid practice and first-aid education.

> Objectives

The objectives of the 5th European congress on CPR, Prehospital Care and Prevention are:

- announcing and implementing the new European directives for first-aid education as a supplement to resuscitation guidelines;
- exchanging the latest views in the areas of CPR education and practice, prehospital care and prevention;
- providing training on specific topics.

> Target groups

The congress aims at:

- everyone involved in first-aid practice and education;
- scientists;
- first-aid providers during the prehospital phase:
 - professional and non-professional first-aid providers;
 - those responsible for providing first aid;
 - those responsible for primary health care;
 - the government.
- safety experts in companies and organisations active in prevention;
- first-aid teachers;
- those responsible for first-aid education and the training providers.

> Programme

11-12-13 September 2007: Pre-congress

Reserved for delegates from the national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

13 September 2007: Workshops

First-aid providers and teachers can undergo further training in a number of specific workshops that will be led by specialists.

14-15 September 2007: 5th European Congress on CPR, Prehospital Care and Prevention

Plenary sessions

Three plenary sessions are organised, each containing two 30-minute presentations.

Sub-programmes

The following themes will be dealt with:

- 'evidence based medicine' and first aid;
- European guidelines for first-aid education;
- first aid by and for young people;
- first aid in schools;
- training the disabled;
- automatic external defibrillation (AED);
- disaster management and first aid at mass events;
- psychological support and first aid;
- new methods and didactic tools in first-aid education;
- fall prevention;
- first aid in companies.

Free presentations and posters

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Audiovisual corner

The latest audiovisual tools will be presented and demonstrated.

Expo

Companies will demonstrate innovations in the fields of basic, advanced and prolonged life support, ambulance equipment, first-aid material, prevention material, didactic tools and technological developments. Non-profit organisations will present their education and awareness programmes.

16 September 2007: Post-congress

Reserved for first-aid teachers of the Belgian Red Cross.