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4th Congress of the Gastroenterology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation

1st Congress of the Gastroenterology Nurses Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina



1st Congress of the Clinical Nutrition
of Bosnia and Herzegovina 26 - 27 May, 2011

7th ACCN Basic Course of the Clinical Nutrition 27 - 28 May, 2011

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF LIVER DISEASES

Regional Bridging Meeting:
New Frontiers of Viral Hepatitis – AASLD, 25 May, 2011

Sarajevo, 25 – 28 May, 2011, Hotel Holiday Inn

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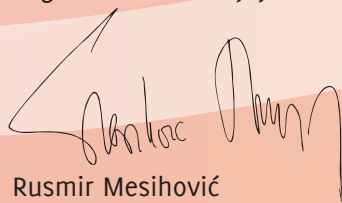
WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 4th Congress of the Gastroenterology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the beautiful and cosmopolitan city of Sarajevo. It is the first time that international congress which joins together expertise and knowledge of outstanding organizations such as: World Organization of Digestive Endoscopy (OMED), World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO), European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE), American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD), together with Gastroenterology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina, will take place in a exciting setting of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Scientific programme offers the most up to date scientific research and clinical guidance from experts around the globe, for all those interested in the GI and liver disease. Joint OMED/WGO/ESGE/ASGE workshop-live demonstration with the most interesting and complexed cases will take place followed by a very exciting Meeting endorsed by AASLD, devoted to regional problem - Viral Hepatitis. There are eight general sessions and ten parallel sessions of outstanding quality. The Programme will be completed with four parallel symposia per day and State - of - the-Art- Lectures given by world known experts. 1st Congress of the Clinical Nutrition of Bosnia and Herzegovina will be organized on second and third day of Congress together with 7th ACCN Basic Course of the Clinical Nutrition. The rich cultural ambience of Sarajevo and well known Bosnian hospitality will add to our contentment and favour new scientific collaborations and friendships. Finally, I wish you a pleasant and fruitful attendance of this 4th Congress of Gastroenterology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina and an enjoyable and memorable time in Sarajevo.




Rusmir Mesihović
President of the Congress

ABOUT AGEHA

Gastroenterology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina for its goal has the promotion of elite branch of medicine - gastroenterohepatology in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as in the region. Around 150 members of association besides gastroenterologists, include abdominal surgeons, radiologists pathologists, GP's and medical staff with one goal, and one goal only - to promote and develop gastroenterology and hepatology for brighter future of those in whose favor all the work is done - patients!

Association is organizing six meetings yearly among other activities and traditional conference in Sarajevo which has become trademark as leading gastroenterology meeting in this part of Europe.

Association has put as its goal to offer guidelines for best clinical practice in endoscopy procedures, hepatology, IBD, GI oncology and nutrition. Also, by being up-to-date with worldwide and European standards AGEHA has first put out the standards and normative for acquiring licence for working as a gastroenterohepatologist, and set suggestions in sync with EU guidelines for specialization in gastroenterohepatology. At the moment, we are finalizing the program of post graduate study in gastroenterology and hepatology. We hope that it will become a part of regular postgraduate study of Medical schools at Universities of Sarajevo, Tuzla, Mostar and Banja Luka.

We hope that our activities will contribute to promotion of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a country well known for its high class gastroenterohepatology.



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SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

4th Congress of the Gastroenterology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina and 8th Annual Conference of the Gastroenterology was built a reputation as one of the largest and most prestigious GI meeting in the region.

Particular high-lights will include:

- ▶ Clinical updates by international experts
- ▶ Live endoscopy sessions - OMED/WGO/ESGE/ASGE workshop
- ▶ Range of interactive formats such as debates and practical hands-on learning, for example, for endoscopy and ultrasound
- ▶ Coverage of GI oncology, as response to the evolving role of the gastroenterologists
- ▶ New Frontiers of Viral Hepatitis/AASLD - Endorsment meeting
- ▶ Update and basic course in clinical nutrition
- ▶ Congress for the gastroenterology nurses

This is a unique opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with your colleagues, medical experts and common interest groups. We urge you to contribute to this meeting by participating!

FORMAT DESCRIPTION

Opening Plenary Session

The Plenary Session will be held on Thursday to Saturday and will include official speeches and the opening of the core scientific programme with a mixture of invited speakers and presentations of the best submitted abstracts.

OMED/WGO/ESGE/ASGE Workshop: Live Demonstration 25 May, 2011

Live endoscopy will be included in the main programme and the Postgraduate Course.

Top international experts will demonstrate cutting-edge techniques and new approaches in a lively and exciting format.

The usage of multiple parallel cases as well as the experience of the chairman will ensure interactive learning without unnecessary gaps.

New Frontiers of Viral Hepatitis – AASLD, 25 May, 2011

Congress offers one day of Viral Hepatitis course featuring leading experts in hepatology with the main topics: Chronic hepatitis B and C, and Complicated viral hepatitis.

Interdisciplinary symposia will cover new approaches to diagnosis and treatment, management of hepatic disorders and basic science, including state of the art lectures as well as already mentioned lectures.

Free paper sessions

We will have original research presentations delivered orally with emphasis on interactive format.

These sessions will allow presentation and lively discussion of the best original research submitted to the AGEHA meeting. This is your opportunity to hear about GI and liver research in the region before it is published, and to talk to the researchers and ask them questions about their work.

Poster Exhibition

Poster sessions will feature a room layout and poster format. Poster Rounds will be held during the lunch period at the congress. Posters will be displayed from Thursday to Saturday and will be changed. Selected experts will visit groups of posters, and the presenter will be expected to give a 1 – 2 minute summary of the major findings described in the poster. The experts will lead the discussion with other members attending the poster session.

It is the presenter's responsibility to make sure that at least one of the authors is present during the lunch sessions to take part in the poster discussion.

Learning area (organised by Olympus and Aloca)

The Learning Area will be divided into two sections:

the Hands-On Training Centre, which will offer various forms of hands-on training throughout the congress and an Ultrasound Learning Centre which will promote the role of the main diagnostic and interventional tool in gastroenterology. The Learning Area will be open during the general opening hours of the congress.



President of the Congress

Rusmir Mesihović


Chairmen of the Education Committee

Zora Vukobrat – Bijedić

Stevan Trbojević

Chairman of the Scientific Committee

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4th Congress of the Gastroenterology Association
of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation
8th Annual Conference of the Gastroenterology Sarajevo 2011

Preliminary Programme

OMED/WGO/SGE/ASGE workshop – live demonstration

25 May, 2011

Time: 08.30 – 14.00



World Organisation
of Digestive Endoscopy
(OMED)



World Gastroenterology
Organisation
(WGO)



European Society of
Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
(ESGE)



American Society for
Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
(ASGE)

Main Topics:

- ▶ Imaging in upper and lower gastrointestinal endoscopy
- ▶ Mucosal resection and submucosal dissection
- ▶ Haemostasis of bleeding ulcers and varices
- ▶ EUS for staging, FNA
- ▶ Capsule enteroscopy
- ▶ Dilatation of gastrointestinal strictures and stenting
- ▶ Therapeutic ERCP
- ▶ Percutaneous gastrostomy and jejunostomy
- ▶ Hot topics in endoscopy

Faculty

Lars Aabakken, Norway
Antony Axon, United Kingdom
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Jacques Deviere, Belgium
Pietro Fusaroli, Italy
Srđan Gornjaković, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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Thomas Roesch, Germany
Nadan Rustemović, Croatia
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Nenad Vanis, Bosnia and Herzegovina

4th Congress of the Gastroenterology Association
of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation
8th Annual Conference of the Gastroenterology Sarajevo 2011

Preliminary Programme

Regional Bridging Meeting: New Frontiers of Viral Hepatitis

*This meeting has been endorsed by the American Association for the Study of
Liver Disease (AASLD)*

25 May, 2011

Time: 11.00 – 18.00



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF LIVER DISEASES

Organising Committee

Rusmir Mesihović, President of the BiH Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association

Rajko Ostojić, President of the Croatian Gastroenterology Association

Goran Janković, President of the Serbian Hepatology Section of the Society for Gastroenterology

Borut Štabuc, President of the Slovenian Society of the Gastroenterology

Main Topics:

- ▶ Current and perspective therapeutical options in chronic hepatitis B
- ▶ Predictors of response to Pegilated interferon therapy in chronic hepatitis B
- ▶ Antiviral treatment of patients with genotype D in HBeAg negative chronic hepatitis B
- ▶ HBV treatment and drug resistance
- ▶ HCV biology and therapeutical options
- ▶ HCV: New antivirals
- ▶ Prediction of treatment response based on genetic markers in HCV
- ▶ Novel immunomodulatory therapies: therapeutic vaccines in hepatitis C.
- ▶ Antiviral treatment in special population groups
- ▶ Viral hepatitis and liver transplantation (MELD and UKELD)
- ▶ Cellular mechanisms of liver fibrosis in viral hepatitis: new therapies for liver fibrosis
- ▶ Treatment of viral hepatitis in children
- ▶ Overlap syndrome

Preliminary Faculty

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4th Congress of the Gastroenterology Association
of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation

Opening ceremony and welcome reception

25 May 2011

Time: 20:00

Preliminary Programme

Room A

26 May, 2011	27 May, 2011	28 May, 2011
08.00 - 10.00 Endoscopy session 1	08.00 - 10.00 IBD session	08.00 - 10.00 Surgery session
10.30 - 12.00 Endoscopy session 2	10.30 - 12.00 Functional GI disorders session	10.30 - 12.00 Radiology and patology session
12.00 - 13.00 Satellite symposium	12.00 - 13.00 Satellite symposium	
14.00 - 15.00 Acid related disorders session	14.00 - 15.00 Oncology session 1	
15.00 - 16.00 Satellite symposium	15.00 - 16.00 Satellite symposium	
16.30 - 18.30 Hepatology session	16.30 - 18.30 Oncology session 2	

4th Congress of the Gastroenterology Association
of Bosnia and Herzegovina with international participation

Preliminary Programme
Room B

26 May, 2011	27 May, 2011	28 May, 2011
08.00 - 10.00 Hepatology session	08.00 - 10.00 Oncology session	08.00 - 10.00 Selected topics
10.30 - 12.00 Pancreatology session	10.30 - 12.00 Acid related disorders session 2	10.30 - 12.00 Selected topics
14.00 - 15.00 Endoscopy session 1	14.00 - 15.00 Acid related disorders session	
16.30 - 18.30 Endoscopy session 2	16.30 - 18.30 IBD session	

1st Congress of the Clinical Nutrition of Bosnia and Herzegovina



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Hotel Holiday Inn

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Dina Ljubas, Croatia
Remy Meier, Switzerland
Živa Mravlje, Slovenia
Marina Panišić, Serbia
Pierre Singer, Israel
Kalina Stardelova, Macedonia
Dino Tarabar, Serbia
Daria Bender - Vranešić, Croatia

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Mirsada Prašo
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Stevan Trbojević
Nenad Vanis

Main Topics:

Nutritional assessment and techniques
Approach to oral, enteral and parenteral nutrition
Nutritional support in intestinal diseases
Nutrition in pediatric patients
Nutritional support in liver and pancreatic diseases
Nutritional support in the perioperative period
Nutritional support in cancer patients
Nutritional support in ICU patients

1st Congress of the Clinical Nutrition of Bosnia and Herzegovina
7th ACCN Basic Course of the Clinical Nutrition



Preliminary Programme

Sarajevo, 26 May, 2011
10.00 -13.00 / Life Long Learning (LLL) programme

26 May, 2011	27 May, 2011
14.00 Welcome and introduction	
14.15 - 16.00 Nutritional assessment and malnutrition	08.00 - 10.00 Nutrition in pediatric patients
16.30 - 18.30 Nutritional support in the perioperative period and ICU patients	10.30 - 12.00 Nutritional support in cancer and gastrointestinal diseases

7th ACCN (Adriatic Club Clinical Nutrition)
Basic Course of the Clinical Nutrition
27 - 28 May, 2011



Main Topics:

Basic of enteral nutrition
Basic of parenteral nutrition
Malnutrition
Nutritional techniques
Nutrition in cancer
Nutrition in pediatric patients
Nutritional support in ICU patients
Pre- and Probiotics
Hot topics

ACCN Faculty

Nada Kozjek, Slovenia
Željko Krznarić, Croatia
Živa Mravlje, Slovenia
Marina Panišić, Serbia
Kalina Stardelova, Macedonia
Nenad Vanis, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Daria Bender - Vranešić, Croatia

Faculty guests

Alastair Forbes, United Kingdom
Gintautas Kekštis, Lithuania
Alessandro Laviano, Italy
Remy Meier, Switzerland
Rusmir Mesihović, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**1st Congress of the Gastroenterology Nurses Association
of Bosnia and Herzegovina**



**Sarajevo, 26 May, 2011
Hotel Holiday Inn**

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Main Topics:

Gastroenterology nursing education
Management of upper and lower gastrointestinal bleeding
Maintenance of endoscopic instruments
Advances in EUS and ERCP technology
Care for gastrointestinal cancer patients
Role of nurses in safe application of gastroenterology drugs.
Sedation in gastroenterology
Endoscopic equipment: what's new?

1st Congress of the Gastroenterology Nurses Association
of Bosnia and Herzegovina



Preliminary Programme

26 May, 2011	
08.00 - 18.15	Welcome and introduction
08.15 - 10.30	Maintenance of endoscopic instruments
	Urgent endoscopy
	Primary care of patients with acute pancreatitis
	Percutane endoscopic gastrostoma
11.00 - 13.00	Education of endoscopy nurses
	Reprocessing of endoscopic equipment - Endoscopic accessories and reprocessing of endoscopes Croatia/United Kingdom
	Evaluation of drying cabinet used in endoscopy
	ESGENA activities
14.00 - 16.00	Selected topics
16.30 - 18.00	Diagnostic algorithm of chronic B and C hepatitis
	Endoscopic equipment: What's new?
	Biologic therapy of inflamatory bowel disease
	Discussion and closing remarks

General Information

Call for Abstracts & Guidelines

Participants are invited to submit original scientific abstracts for oral and poster presentations provided that the abstracts have not been previously published as a academic journal article, book or thesis form. Note also that abstracts presented during national or international meetings may be submitted. Authors are requested to conform to guidelines for submission of abstracts. Abstracts not conforming to the guidelines will not be reviewed. The abstracts must be submitted in English language. Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of experts and may be selected for oral or poster presentation (or may be rejected). Submission of an abstract constitutes a formal commitment by the author to present the abstract in the session and at the time decided upon by the Scientific Committee. Accepted abstracts will be published in indexed journals. Detailed information, guidelines and recommendations for oral or poster presentations, as well as time allotment, date, hour and venue, will be sent in due time.

How to Submit an Abstract

1. Abstracts may be submitted only by using the online form from www.gastrosa.ba.
2. Abstracts sent by mail, e-mail or fax will not be accepted.
3. Title format Arial, size 12pt, capital letters; body text format: Arial, size 11pt, maximum 1600 characters

Guidelines for Abstract Presentation

- ▶ A title (in capital letters) that clearly indicates the nature of the investigation needs to be provided.
- ▶ Abbreviations should be avoided in titles, but may be used in the text if they are defined at first usage.
- ▶ The author name (full first names, family names) and place of work (institution, city, country) must be shown, but omit degrees, titles, appointments, postal address and acknowledgement of support.
- ▶ The abstract should be as informative as possible:
 - ▶ State the specific objective of the study
 - ▶ State the methods used, if pertinent
 - ▶ Summarise the results obtained
 - ▶ State the conclusions reached
- ▶ Choose one primary topic which best corresponds to the content of your abstract. Please note the first main topic and indicate a keyword of the main topic category.

Topic list:

1. Oesophageal, gastric and duodenal disorders
2. Intestinal disorders
3. IBD
4. Colonic and anorectal disorders
5. Liver
6. Biliary
7. Pancreas
8. Nutrition
9. Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology
10. Surgery
11. Oncology
12. Gastrointestinal bleeding
13. Endoscopy and imaging
14. Therapeutic endoscopy and interventional radiology

Information and registration

Registration fee:

26 May, 2011	Paid before 28 February 2011	Paid after 28 February 2011 and on site registration
4 th Congress of Gastroenterology Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina	200€	250€
1 st Congress of Clinical Nutrition of Bosnia and Herzegovina	100€	150€
1 st Congress of the Gastroenterology Nurses Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina	50€	75€

Registration fee for all participants includes:

- ▶ Admission to all scientific sessions and access to Exhibition
- ▶ Welcome Reception
- ▶ Name badge
- ▶ Congress bag (Final Program, Abstracts Book, Certificate of Attendance)
- ▶ Lunch and dinner
- ▶ Scheduled coffee breaks and soft drinks during the breaks.
- ▶ Public Transportation Pass valid within the Sarajevo network (airport not included)

CONGRESS INFORMATION

Confirmation

Upon receiving of the registration and the corresponding payment, the congress office will send a confirmation to the participant which also serve as an invoice. Please show this confirmation of registration at the congress counter when picking up your congress material.

Cancellation

If the attendance at the congress is cancelled by May 01, 2011, the registration fee minus a processing fee of 25% will be refunded. No refund will be made if the registration is cancelled at a later date.

Payment

When registering please arrange payment of the registration fee. All payments can be made in KM (BAM) or in EUR. You can choose between two forms of payment, credit card or bank transfer.

- ▶ Credit card (Mastercard, VISA)
- ▶ Bank transfer to the congress bank account - Bank details
- ▶ KM: 161-00000-113-000-26
- ▶ EUR: 502015000-34018
- ▶ USD: 502016000-34018
- ▶ Raiffeisen Bank D.D., Danijela Ozme 3, Sarajevo
- ▶ Bank: Raiffeisen Bank dd BiH Sarajevo
- ▶ Swift code: RZBABA2S
- ▶ IBAN CODE: BA391611000001225847

ALL BANK FEES ON YOUR ACCOUNTS

(Bank commission, transaction fee and all other expences at your end)

Congress venue

Hotel Holiday Inn, Sarajevo, 25 – 28 May, 2011

Congress registration desk

The congress counter will be located in the entrance hall of the Holiday Inn Hotel.

Opening Hours

Wednesday	May 25, 2011	08.00-18.00 h
Thursday	May 26, 2011	07.30-18.00 h
Friday	May 27, 2011	07.30-18.00 h
Saturday	May 28, 2011	08.00-14.00 h

Posters exhibition

Poster Rounds will be held during the lunch period at the congress.

Congress web site

Further and updated information will be available on the internet www.promotours.ba. Registration, hotel reservation and submission forms are available on-line.

Congress language

The official congress language: Languages of the people in Bosnia and Herzegovina and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Final programme and abstracts

The final program will be published on the internet at www.gastrosa.ba, prior to the congress. Participants will receive a copy of the final program and the abstract book with their congress material.

Letter of Invitation

The congress will be pleased to send a formal letter of invitation to any individual requesting one. Letters of invitation may be requested from the congress office. The letters will be sent as e-mail attachment.

Visa

Please check the current visa requirements with your travel agent or the local Consulate/Embassy before your departure to Sarajevo

Certificate of Attendance (CME)

Upon arrival all registered participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Climate

Sarajevo's weather changes from cold and damp in winter to bright and warm in the summer.

Electricity

Electricity in Bosnia and Herzegovina is 220-volt current, AC.

Time Zone

Sarajevo time zone is CET and is 6 hours ahead of the US - Eastern Standard time.

Hotel accommodation

There are numbers of hotels in Sarajevo which can provide a comfortable accommodation in Sarajevo. The official hotels for congress are.

1. Hotel Holiday Inn ****
2. Hotel Europe *****
3. Hotel Bosnia ***

Hotel reservation

Due to limited room availability in Sarajevo, we do advise you to make your reservations as early as possible. All reservations must be made either online via the hotel online booking form or via fax, using printable accommodation form that can be downloaded from the hotel booking site.

Payment and confirmation

Please note that in order to secure your hotel reservation, we will charge to the credit card provided the room deposit, which will vary depending on the chosen hotel.

Changes and cancellations

All changes and cancellations must be sent in writing (fax, letter or email) to: PROMOTOURS D.O.O.

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ABOUT BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND SARAJEVO

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a country in South-Eastern Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula. Bordered by Croatia to the north, west and south, Serbia to the east, and Montenegro to the southeast with 26 kilometers (16 miles) of Adriatic Sea coastline.

The country is politically decentralized and comprises of two governing entities and one district.

Sarajevo is the capital and largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with population of 305,242. Sarajevo is located in the Sarajevo valley, surrounded by the Dinaric Alps and situated around the Miljacka River. The city is famous for its traditional religious diversity, with adherents of Islam, Orthodoxy, Catholicism and Judaism coexisting in Bosnia and Herzegovina for centuries.

Due to this long and rich history of religious diversity and coexistence Sarajevo has often been called the “Jerusalem of Europe”. Although settlement in the area stretches back to prehistoric times, the modern city arose as an Ottoman stronghold in the 15th century. Sarajevo has attracted international attention several times throughout its history: In 1914 it was the site of the assassination that sparked World War I. Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914 by a self declared Yugoslav, Gavrilo Princip. While seventy years later it became the host city of the 1984 Winter Olympics. Sarajevo Olympics are also known for Olympic Mountains of Sarajevo Bjelašnica, Jahorina, Trebević and Igman.

Today the city is a major center of culture and economic development in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Lonely Planet has named Sarajevo as the one of the top 10 best cities in the world to visit in 2010. Sarajevo moves to the rhythm of an Austrian waltz with a Slavic lilt and a Turkish flourish in its architecture, thriving arts scene and temperament it betrays evidence of all three. It's a neatly contained and walkable city, hemmed in within the leafy valley of the Miljacka River. The old city, based on Baščaršija, has long been the redoubt of poets, filmmakers, authors and musicians.

Sarajevo has a continental climate, lying between the climate zones of central Europe to the north and the Mediterranean to the south. The proximity of the Adriatic Sea moderates Sarajevo's climate somewhat, although the mountains to the south of the city greatly reduce this maritime influence.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

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18 October, 2010

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04 April, 2011

Deadline for Abstract Submission

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Early registration payment deadline

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