



Joint Action Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting
Conference on Planning & Educating Health Workforce without borders
Varna, Bulgaria, 18th and 19th of February 2016

SOCIAL EVENTS

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Dear participant,

After the conference sessions on 18th and 19th February you are invited to join our social program.

*On the **evening of 18th February**, we offer you the opportunity to take part to the Varna Archeological Museum tour. After this tour we invite you to the dinner.*

*On the **evening of 19th February**, we propose you to take part to a thematic dinner.*

Please, note that you have the opportunity to register to those activities separately via our electronic registration form.

18th of February 2016

Tour of Archeological Museum in Varna

Departure from International Hotel to visit the museum will be at **6.00 pm**, meeting point – hotel lobby. The transportation time from International Hotel to the Archeological Museum is approximately 30 minutes. The transport will be arranged by the Medical University of Varna and will be by bus. Buses will be back in International Hotel for the dinner at **8.00 pm**.



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The cost for the tour will be covered by the Medical University of Varna.

You will find more information about the Varna Archeological Museum hereunder.

Address of the Archeological Museum: 9000 Varna, 41, Bul. Maria Louisa.

Dinner

Dinner will be served in the restaurant of the International Hotel at 8.00 pm. The dinner will be on buffet with a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes.

The cost for the dinner will be covered by the Joint Action.

The oldest gold treasure in the world

Varna Archeological Museum was established in the beginning of the 20th century. Throughout its existence of over 120 years, archaeologist members of the Varna Archaeological Museum have constantly carried out archaeological investigations and excavations on various sites all over Northeast Bulgaria. The Varna Archaeological Museum now holds over 100 000 various objects of the region's past epochs.

The most important monument is the world-famous **Eneolithic Necropolis – Varna**, exhibited in three separate museum exposition halls. **This is the oldest gold treasure in the world.** It has been accidentally found during construction works in western industrial zone – Varna in 1972 and soon turned into sensational scientific discovery with break-through importance well over the borders of prehistory of contemporary Bulgarian territory. The studies completed until now have discovered 294 tombs. Only gold objects are more than 3 000 and weight in total well over 6 kg, with stunning variety – over 38 various types. The quantities of other artifacts found are very important too – there are over 160 copper tools; over 230 flint tools; almost 90 are made of stone or marble. Many shells of Mediterranean crustaceous *Dentalium* and *Spondillus*, out of which have been produced about 1 100 jewels – bracelets, necklace pieces and applications, have been found. The ceramics – over 650 clay made utensils, is



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very often found in various tombs. Two utensils are very interested among the ceramics – these are painted with gold paint.

The type, location and quantities of artifacts found in the Eneolithic necropolis – Varna and the significant network of sunk lake settlements, as well as additional facts, give grounds to conclude that within the region of the Varna Lake, sometime during the Late Paleolithic Age was born the **first European civilization**. The quantity of gold found in the Eneolithic necropolis – Varna exceeds both in number and weight all prehistoric gold artifacts of the same age found all over the world.

For more information about the Museum exhibitions, please check the official website:
<http://www.archaeo.museumvarna.com/en/>.





19th of February 2016

Thematic Dinner:

“Be creative, stay sustainable, share ideas, join the action”

Creative dinner on the topic “Sustainability” with many surprises;

Traditional Bulgarian reception with bread and salt;

Dinner on the buffet with vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes, as well as traditional Bulgarian kitchen;

Folklore show with Bulgarian dances;

Dinner price: 35€ per person;

Location: Varna. The exact address of the restaurant and details will be communicated later depending on the number of participants.

Transport:

- by taxi – English speaking operator will be provided. The best option is Triumph Taxi. The single trip from Golden Sands to Varna is about BGN 20-25 (approx. EUR 10-13). Duration of the trip is around 15-20 minutes. Varna team will provide you the phone number and will support you by arranging a taxi.
- by bus – lines № 9 and 109. You have to take the bus from bus station “Republika” or bus station “Aqua Park” – Golden Sands in direction to Varna. Duration of the trip is around 30-40 minutes. The single trip from Golden Sands to Varna is BGN 3 (approx. EUR 1.50). You can find more information about bus stations and schedules at: <http://varnatraffic.com/en-US/Line/Routes/9>.

We wish you interesting cultural and networking moments!

Yours sincerely,

Joint Action Team



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