COURSE AIM:
The aim of this course is to provide medical personnel with knowledge of health consequences of radiation exposure.
Training will include a discussion of the characteristics of ionizing radiation and radioactive materials, the differentiation between radiation exposures and radioactive material contamination, radiation protection procedures for protecting staff from radioactive contamination, biological effects following exposure to ionizing radiation, a review of radiological emergencies focusing on their causes, medical treatment, biodosimetry and lessons learned.
In the course will be discuss the psychological effects of radiation accidents, planning medical response to radiation accidents, international cooperation and providing information for medical radiation accidents.

TOPICS:
Radiation accidents and radiation emergency. Medical preparedness and response;
Biological and health effects of exposure to radiation;
Management of local radiation injuries and radioactive contamination;
Review of ten radiation accidents focusing on their causes, medical management, biodosimetry and lessons learned;
Radiation accident in Stamboliiski, 2011 in Bulgaria and biodosimetry drills;
Psychological effects of long term exposure and radiation injury;
Iodine prophylaxis;
The course is open to medical students and PhD medical students, studying and wants to specialize in the depart-ments of emergencies and disaster situations.

The training course will be in support to build knowledge and skills in the specific research areas of emergency and recovery management. The training course will develop and update the competence of the participants in medical preparedness and response to a nuclear or radiological emergency.

By the end of the course the participants will be able to:

- Recognize and respond to radiation overexposure including establishing and maintaining contact with appropriate response authorities;
- Detecting ionizing radiation and use of monitoring devices;
- Differentiation of deterministic and stochastic effects of radiation;
- Provision of prehospital care for overexposed, injured or contaminated persons;
- Diagnosis and treatment of local radiation injuries;
- Management of emergency medical care on site and at prehospital level;
- Knowledge on the implementation of Biodosimetry;
- Planning and managing of medical response in a radiation emergency.

The Course may be a useful starting point for delineating expected competency levels of health professionals in disaster medicine and public health.

MEETING VENUE:

Conference hall in NATIONAL CENTRE OF RADIOBIOLOGY AND RADIATION PROTECTION
“St.Georgy Sofijski” str, № 3, bild 7
Website: www.ncrrp.org

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Getting off the tram at the stop “Bull. Vazrajdane” - the third stop on your boarding the tram

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