



Global Spine Congress  
**2016**



World Forum for  
Spine Research **2016**

# Preliminary Program



Global Spine Congress and  
World Forum for Spine Research

**April 13–16, 2016 | Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

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# Welcome

Dear colleague

On behalf of AOSpine, it is a great pleasure to invite you to both the **5th Annual Global Spine Congress** and the **5th World Forum for Spine Research** that will be held concurrently in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**, from April 13-16, 2016.

The Global Spine Congress (GSC) is, from 2013, the AOSpine International Annual Meeting. AOSpine launched the GSC in San Francisco (2009), and the event has since travelled to Barcelona (2011), Hong Kong (2013), and Buenos Aires (2015). Together with the concurrent World Forum for Spine Research we expect to continue the rapid growth of participants and faculty to attract a global audience of more than 1400 spine surgeons, researchers, and speakers.

The World Forum for Spine Research (WFSR) is AOSpine's international spine research forum. It is designed to address some of the still unresolved clinical challenges in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. The bi-annual WFSR was first launched in Kyoto (2008), and has since been held in Montreal (2010), Helsinki (2012), and Xi'an (2014). The event attracts more than 200 attendees, including surgeons, clinicians, scientists, government organizations, and regulatory authorities.

We at AOSpine are looking forward to this event and to its unique approach to sharing knowledge and new approaches for the treatment of spinal disorders. Because you can participate at two events for the price of one, this truly is an opportunity not to miss.

**We look forward to welcome you at the 5th Global Spine Congress and 5th World Forum for Spine Research.**



**Jeff Wang**  
Congress Chair



**Daniel K. Riew**  
GSC Congress  
Co-Chair



**Michael Grevitt**  
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**Keita Ito**  
WFSR Co-Chair



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Rajasekaran**  
WFSR Co-Chair

# Executive Committees



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**Jeff Wang**  
Congress Chair



**Daniel K. Riew**  
Congress Co-Chair



**Michael Grevitt**  
Congress Co-Chair



**Abdulrazzaq  
Alobaid**  
Regional Chair



**Lawrence Lenke**  
Scientific Co-Chair



**Ziya Gokaslan**  
Scientific Co-Chair



**Imad Ahmad**  
Local Chair



**Zayed Al-Zayed**  
Local Co-Chair



## World Forum for Spine Research **2016**



**Keita Ito**  
Co-Chair



**Shanmuganathan  
Rajasekaran**  
Co-Chair



**Tim Yoon**  
Scientific Chair



**Abdulaziz  
Al-Mutair**  
Local Chair



**Vafa Rahimi-  
Movaghar**  
Local Chair

# GSC and WFSR 2016 at a glance

## Dates

**From Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
to Saturday, April 16, 2016**

## Location

**Grand Hyatt Dubai Convention Centre  
PO Box 7978  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

## Description

The Global Spine Congress (GSC) and the World Forum for Spine Research (WFSR) events will have two highly-regarded scientific programs. Since AOSpine launched the GSC in San Francisco (2009), the paper submission rate and the number of participants and speakers has grown rapidly from 320 to 1,200.

AOSpine International is the largest international network of spine care professionals, with more than 27,000 members and associates. The AOSpine community is composed of surgeons, researchers and educators who are key opinion leaders and serve in decision-making roles.

The Middle East is by far one of the fastest growing regions in the world and is ready to welcome you to Dubai.

## Organizer

**AOSpine International**, a clinical division of AO Foundation, is a global community of spine care professionals, from spine, neuro and orthopedic surgeons to researchers and educators. AOSpine places great emphasis on the importance of education and research by providing our members with a large portfolio of advanced academic courses and continuing professional development opportunities.

## Vision

AOSpine is the leading global academic community for innovative education and research in spine care, inspiring lifelong learning and improving patients' lives.

## Abstract topics 2016

There will be many opportunities for sponsors and exhibitors at the Global Spine Congress and World Forum for Spine Research 2016 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where delegates will discuss the following:

### Abstract topics

- Degenerative—cervical
- Degenerative—lumbar
- Deformity—thoracolumbar (Adult)
- Deformity—thoracolumbar (Adolescent)
- Deformity—cervical
- Trauma—cervical
- Trauma—thoracolumbar
- Trauma—other
- Tumors
- Arthroplasty—cervical
- Arthroplasty—lumbar
- Diagnostics—clinical
- Diagnostics—non-clinical
- Imaging
- Minimally invasive spine surgery
- Surgical complications
- Epidemiology
- Infections
- Medical economics
- Nonoperative clinical treatments
- Spine biologics, bone—clinical
- Spine biologics, bone—non-clinical
- Spine biologics, other—clinical
- Spine biologics, other—non-clinical
- Disc biologics—clinical
- Disc biologics—non-clinical
- Disc degeneration—clinical
- Disc degeneration—non-clinical
- Back/neck pain—clinical
- Back/neck pain—non-clinical
- Basic Science—other
- Biomechanics—other
- Novel technologies—clinical
- Novel technologies—non-clinical
- Navigation—clinical
- Navigation—non-clinical

# Registration fees and contact details

Registration Fees	BEST VALUE Until December 21, 2015	EARLY BIRD Until December 21, 2015	STANDARD Until April 3, 2016	ON-SITE April 4-16, 2016
AOSpine Member <sup>1</sup>		USD 700	USD 780	USD 855
AOSpine Member Medical/Research Student, Resident, Fellow <sup>2</sup>		USD 200	USD 225	USD 250
AOSpine Member Physician Assistant and Nurse practitioner		USD 350	USD 400	USD 425
Non-member		USD 850	USD 930	USD 1005
Non-member Medical/Research Student, Resident, Fellow <sup>2</sup>		USD 275	USD 300	USD 325
Non-member Physician Assistant and Nurse practitioner		USD 500	USD 550	USD 575
Delegate from low income country <sup>3</sup>		USD 510	USD 570	USD 680
Industry representative <sup>4</sup>		USD 975	USD 975	USD 1000
Accompanying person		USD 50	USD 50	USD 50

Available from January 15, 2016	
Wednesday / Precourses <sup>5</sup>	USD 190
Day rate AOSpine Member: Thursday/Friday/Saturday	USD 395
Day rate Non-member: Thursday/Friday/Saturday	USD 545

Please read the following registration terms and conditions carefully before starting the online registration. Debits to your credit card will appear as O.I.C. Srl Florence (Italy) on the registration statement. All registered participants can attend both the Global Spine Congress and the World Forum for Spine Research.

1. AOSpine members receive a 150 USD discount on the registration fee. To benefit from the discount, you will need to become an AOSpine member before registering. Membership status will be verified by AOSpine. Be aware if your membership is not updated, the "Non member fee" will be applied.
2. To qualify for the medical/research student fellows/residents registration fee, a letter of proof from the training program director needs to be sent to: registrationGSC\_WFSR2016@oic.it
3. World Bank classification 2015.
4. Industry representatives: Non-clinical professionals, with interests in the spine field, but are not treating patients.
5. Only congress-registered participants can sign-up for the precourses. Precourses registration is open on January 15, 2016.

## Contact

Organizing Secretariat  
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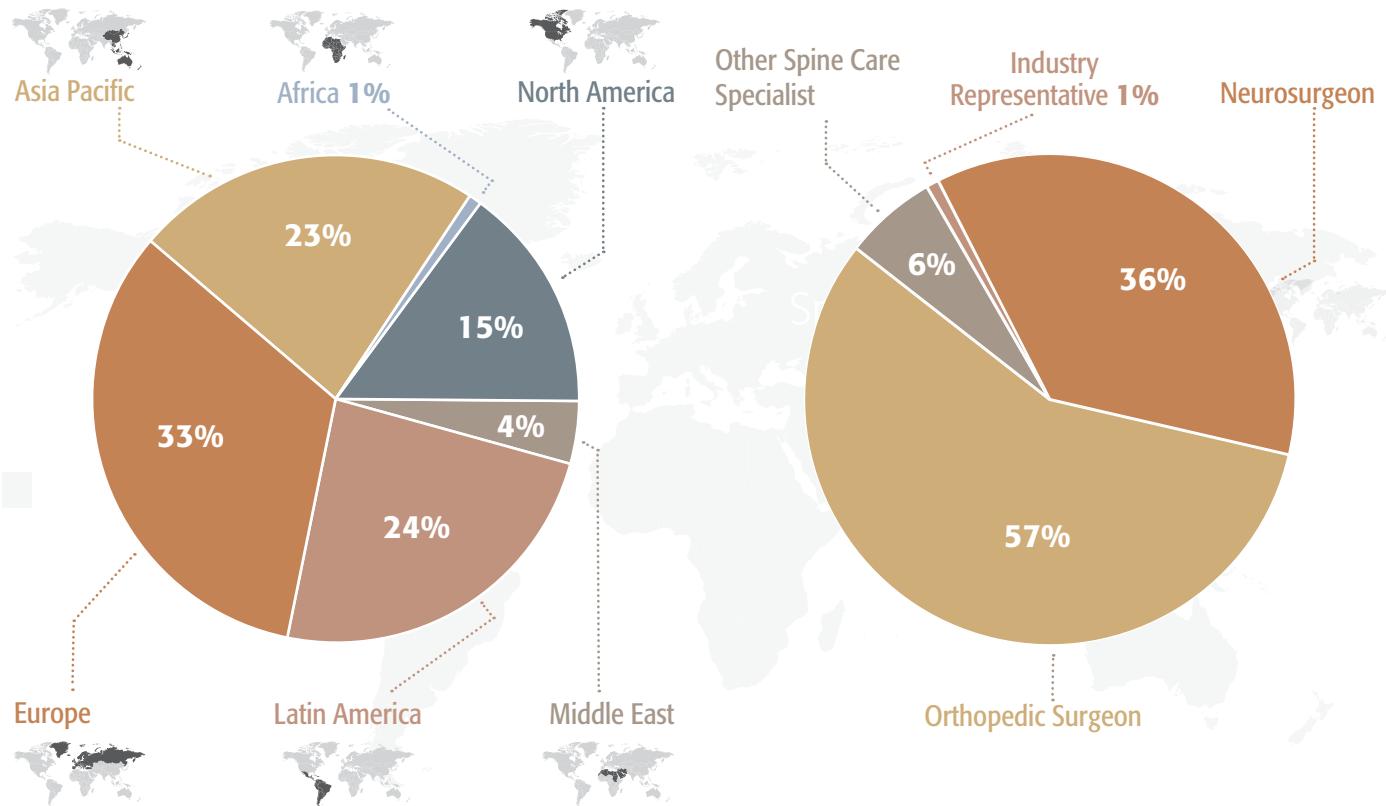
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# About the Global Spine Congress (GSC)



# About the World Forum for Spine Research

## Overview and Target Audience

AOSpine's World Forum for Spine Research 2016 (WFSR) will, for the first time, run concurrently with the Global Spine Congress in Dubai. Since its launch, the WFSR meetings have focused on "Intervertebral Discs." This year's focus will be on "Spine and IVD Biologics." The goal of the World Forum for Spine Research is to bring all those working in a specific field under one roof, to foster discussion and knowledge exchange.

AOSpine has identified an increasing need for these translational meetings, because:

- Firstly, although we are undoubtedly living through some of the most exciting times ever in biomedical research, the constant explosion of new data and keeping abreast of the advances in spine research presents a significant challenge, particularly for busy clinicians and surgeons.
- The complexities of this predicament are increasing, further escalating the need to take an interdisciplinary as well as multidisciplinary approach.

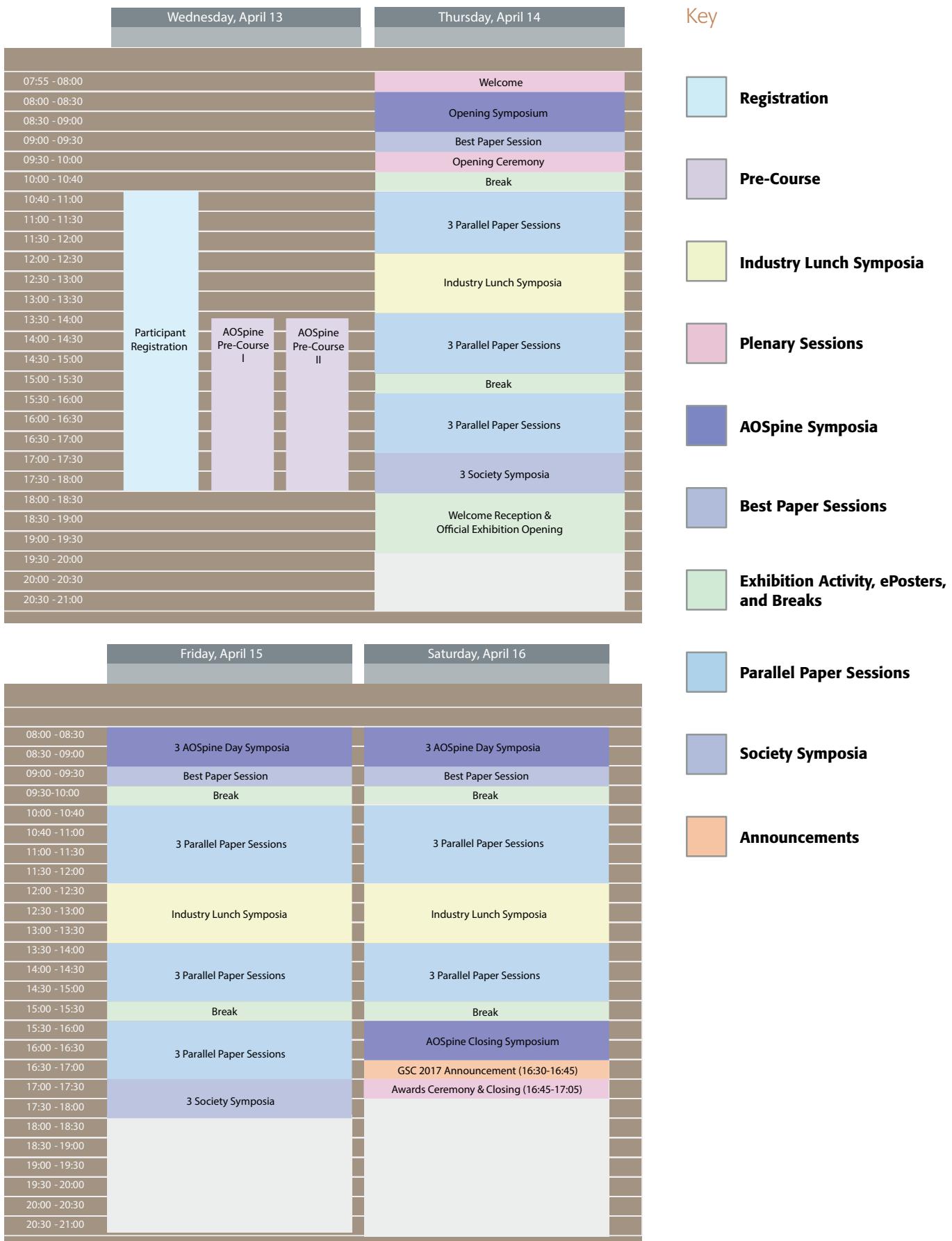
The audience at this forum will consist of surgeons, scientists from both academia and pharma, clinicians, regulatory authorities, governmental organizations/institutes, and pharmaceutical company representatives.

## What's so special about the World Forum?

While conferences in this field are increasingly providing a broad overview of all aspects, the World Forum for Spine Research meetings provide one of the few opportunities to have a clear focus. Furthermore, today's meetings and congresses typically do not provide a forum for researchers and practicing physicians to exchange knowledge, discuss clinically relevant information, and to establish an active link between critical basic research and their clinical applications in the same way as the World Forum. The WFSR has established itself at the forefront of international spine care research through its commitment towards supporting researchers in developing and promoting scientific innovation, collaboration and contributions to the field of intervertebral disc degeneration.



# GSC Program at a glance



# WFSR Program at a glance

Wednesday, April 13	
10:30-11:00	
11:00-11:30	
11:30-12:00	
12:00-12:30	
12:30-13:00	
13:00-13:30	
13:30-14:00	
14:00-14:30	
14:30-15:00	
15:00-15:30	
15:30-16:00	<b>15:30-16:00 Coffee Break</b>
16:00-16:30	
16:30-17:00	
17:00-17:30	
17:30-18:00	
18:00-18:30	
18:30-19:00	<b>18:00-19:00 Poster Session</b>

## Key

- Registration
- Scientific Sessions
- Breaks

Thursday, April 14	
07:30-08:00	
08:00-08:30	
08:30-09:00	
09:00-09:30	
09:30-10:00	
10:00-10:30	<b>10:00-10:30 Coffee Break</b>
10:30-11:00	
11:00-11:30	
11:30-12:00	
12:00-12:30	
12:30-13:00	
13:00-13:30	<b>12:00-13:30 Lunch Break</b>
13:30-14:00	
14:00-14:30	
14:30-15:00	
15:00-15:30	<b>15:00-15:30 Coffee Break</b>
15:30-16:00	
16:00-16:30	
16:30-17:00	
17:00-17:30	
17:30-18:00	
18:00-18:30	
18:30-19:00	
19:00-19:30	<b>18:00-20:00 Welcome Reception &amp; Official Exhibition opening</b>
19:30-20:00	

Friday, April 15	
07:30-08:00	
08:00-08:30	
08:30-09:00	
09:00-09:30	<b>07:30-09:00 Poster Session</b>
09:30-10:00	
10:00-10:30	
10:30-11:00	
11:00-11:30	
11:30-12:00	<b>11:30-12:00 Awards Ceremony and Closing</b>

# The Venue

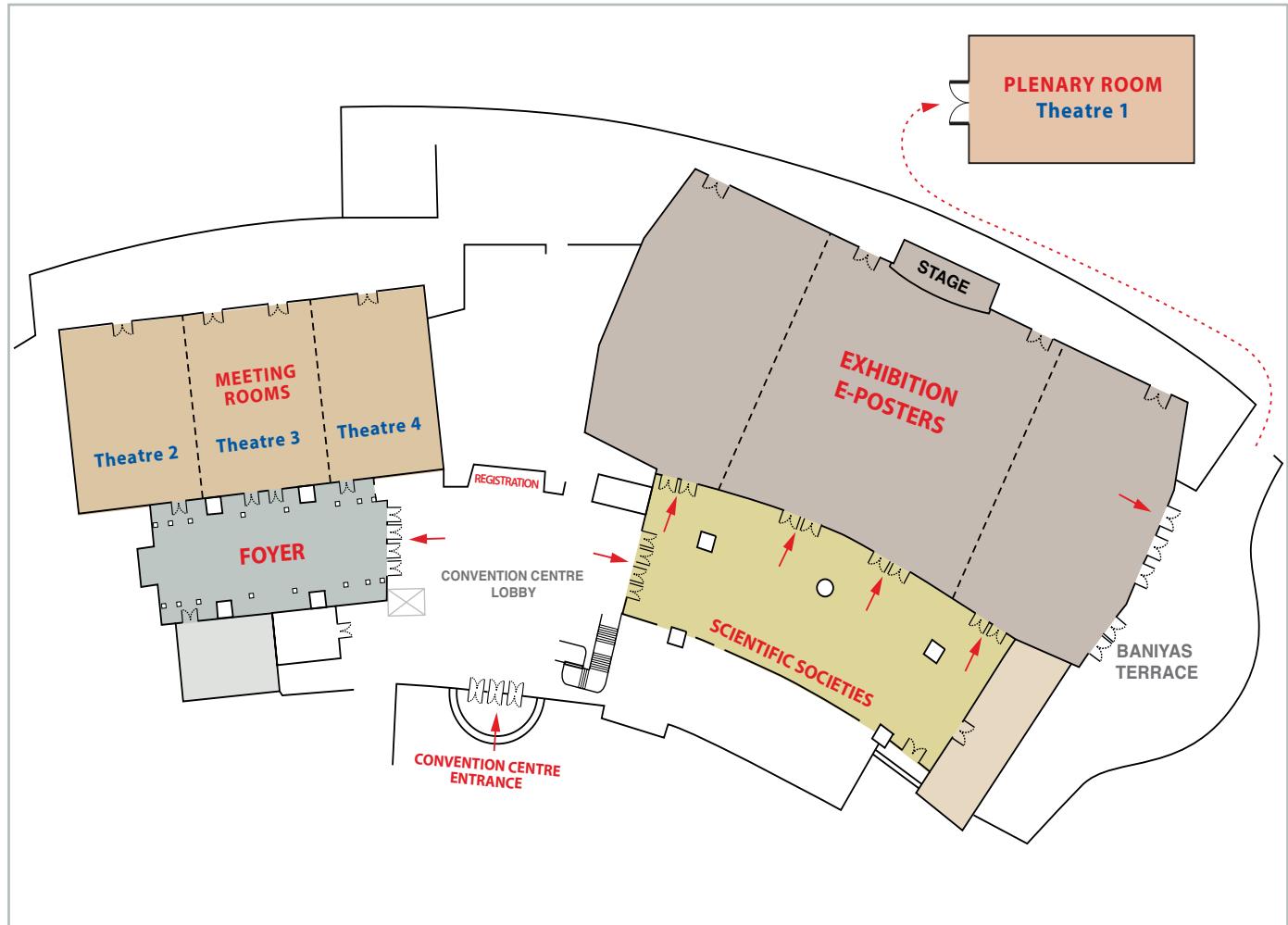
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## Hotel accommodation

A number of designated hotels have been selected by the Congress organizers.

Please visit the website at [www.gsc2016.org](http://www.gsc2016.org) for online booking or directly contact the Organizing Secretariat O.I.C. srl for details and group reservations.





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