**Greece (GORNA)**

**Educational and scientific activities**

In 2018, GORNA organized a number of educational activities. As always, the annual national congress was the highlight of GORNA’s events. The 29th Panhellenic Congress on Perioperative Nursing was held at the beautiful island of Lefkada, located in the Ionian Sea (Western Greece). More than 400 Perioperative Nurses from all around the country participated in the educational program and were accredited with 18 educational points from EORNA ACE.

Also in 2018, GORNA, in collaboration with the Hellenic Surgical Society, organized a post-graduate educational program, the participants of which have been certified as Instructors. Furthermore, GORNA organized a special seminar on “Criminal and civil responsibilities in the Perioperative Environment”, which was attended by approximately 40 heads and deputies of Perioperative Nursing Departments from the hospitals of Thessaloniki. The participants of the seminar were accredited with 6 educational points from EORNA ACE.

In 2019, GORNA organized the 3rd cycle of the Postgraduate Program of Continuing Education on Perioperative Nursing, in cooperation with the Education Council of the Hellenic Surgical Society and the 3rd Surgical Clinic of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The program duration consisted of one day of lectures and one day of hands-on practice.

Additional to its own educational activities, GORNA collaborates with many Panhellenic scientific associations in Greece and actively participates in their congresses with lectures, round tables, satellite symposiums and clinical seminars. Also, GORNA currently works in collaboration with the Greek Ministry of Health and specifically the National Council for the Development of Nursing in order to upgrade Nursing as a profession and a scientific field, as well as to achieve the official establishment of Perioperative Nursing Specialty. Additionally, GORNA participated in the pilot study of the Erasmus program “Key Skill Management in Operating Room” (KSMOR) for the validation of the respective tool.

Furthermore, GORNA members participated in the 9th EORNA Congress (May 16-19, 2019, The Hague, Netherlands) with 2 oral and 8 poster presentations, one of which was distinguished among the 20 best posters (“Safety culture among health workers in pediatric operating rooms, Athens, Greece: an assessment through Safety Attitudes Questionnaire (SAQ)”).

GORNA publishes the unique in Greece online scientific journal “Perioperative Nursing”, which is available in the Greek and English languages at [www.spnj.gr](http://www.spnj.gr). “Perioperative Nursing” is indexed in the following databases: EBSCO, CINAHL, GOOGLE SCHOLAR, ZENODO, HYPATIA, OPENAIRE, DataCite and Emcare.

Finally, GORNA prepares interesting seminars concerning Perioperative evidence-based Nursing.