



# World Refrigeration Day Cool

### Thursday **26.06**.2025



National Technical University of Athens, Ceremony Hall - Lysandros Kaftanzoglou, Averof Building

## World **Refrigeration** Day

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#### **WELCOME LETTER**

Dear Colleagues, Students, Customers and Friends of the Refrigeration Industry, It is my great pleasure and honor to welcome you to a special event celebrating World Refrigeration Day 2025, which we are delighted to host for the first time in Greece, at the National Technical University of Athens, NTUA.

This year's theme, 'Cool Skills' highlights a vital pillar: technical skills, both for the training of young people and for the continuous development of experienced professionals. In an era of great technological progress and innovation, modern technical competencies are essential for business sustainability and environmental protection.

I would like to sincerely thank all participants - speakers, students, and professionals - as well as the organizers for today's event. Special thanks go to the NTUA for its hospitality and to our sponsors for their support.

I wish you all a joyful and inspiring World Refrigeration Day - the 'coolest' event of your professional calendar this year!

Sincerely Yours, Stephen Gill

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AGENDA

AGEND	
9:30-10:00	Welcome - Coffee & Networking
10:00-12:00	Opening & Greetings Moderator: Professor Emmanouil Rogdakis
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	<ul> <li>Rector of National Technical University of Athens</li> <li>Professor K. Ioannis Chatjigeorgiou</li> </ul>
	Founder of WRD     Mr. Stephen Gill
	<ul> <li>Municipality of Athens</li> <li>Deputy Mayor Nikolaos Chrysogelos</li> </ul>
	UNESCO Chairholder on Green Innovation and Circular Economy <b>Professor Konstantinos Aravossis</b>
	<ul> <li>Chairperson of Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants</li> <li>Mr. Georgios Kavvathas</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Chairperson of Greek Refrigeration Federation</li> <li>Mr. Dimitrios Kontousias</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Chairperson of ASHRAE Hellenic chapter</li> <li>Mr. Chrysostomos Bouras</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	"Cold Chain Logistics"
	Speaker: Ms Christine Weiker
	Secretary General at
	European Cold Storage and Logistics Association "Cold Chain and its role in modern society"
11:00-11:30	"World Refrigeration Day – Cool Skills"
	Speaker: Mr Stephen Gill
	Founder and Secretariat "World Refrigeration Day"
11:30-12:00	"Refrigeration and Sustainability: Future Challenges and Opportunities"
	Speaker: Professor Irene Koronaki
	Professor, NTUA School of Mechanical Engineering, Section of Thermal Engineering

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#### 12:00-12:30 COFFEE BREAK

#### 12:30-14:15 Cool Skills

#### Moderators: Professor Irene Koronaki, Ms Peny Sitaridou

#### 12:30-13:15 "Cool Skills: The people behind the performance"

#### Speaker: Ms Georgia Michalopoulou

Training Project Coordinator at the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen, and Merchants

#### **Speaker: Mr Dimitrios Dalavouras**

Laboratory Research Associate at NTUA School of Mechanical Engineering, Technical Manager at General Refrigeration SA

#### **Speaker: Dr George Antonakos**

Laboratory Teaching Associate at NTUA School of Mechanical Engineering

#### **Speaking on:**

- Vocational training
- · Refrigeration professionals' upskilling
- Market needs
- Generation shifts in the industry

#### 13:15-14:15 "Cooling and Society"

#### **Speaker: Mr Dionisis Grigoropoulos**

President of Greece Cold Storage & Logistics Association **Refrigeration market overview** 

#### **Speaker: Mr Georgios Karampatos**

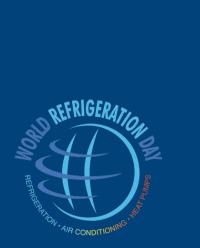
Energy and New Technologies Supervisor AB Vasilopoulos Grocery Cooling: How natural refrigerants can feed people and cut carbon

14:15-15:00 LIGHT LUNCH

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15:00-17:00	Cooling On and Beyond Moderators: Mr Petros Dalavouras, Mr George Orfanos
15:00-15:30	"Cool Skills, Cool Future"
	<b>Speaker: Mr Trevor Matthews</b> Founder of Refrigeration Mentor Shaping the Next Generation of CO <sub>2</sub> Refrigeration Experts
15:30-16:30	"People in HVAC&R: Stories from the Forefront"
	Panel discussion with HVAC&R professionals:
	Young professional recently out of vocational training
	Ms Danai Georgatza
	• Teacher in EPAL
	Mr Nikolaos Sekeriadis
	<ul> <li>Multiple voices in the industry</li> </ul>
	Mr. Pantelis Chaviaras
16:30-17:00	Interactive wrap-up - "Cool Quiz" & Prizes for the winners
	<ul> <li>Brief quiz on cooling</li> </ul>
	Prizes for the winners
	Conclusion - Discussion - Remarks





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