

## AGENDA



# World Refrigeration Day

*Cool  
Skills*



Thursday  
**26.06.2025**

National Technical University of Athens,  
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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

World Refrigeration Day – Athens 2025

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**9:30-10:00** Welcome - Coffee & Networking

**10:00-12:00** Opening & Greetings

**Moderator: Professor Emmanouil Rogdakis**

10:00-10:30 Opening & Greetings

- Rector of National Technical University of Athens  
**Professor K. Ioannis Chatjigeorgiou**
- Founder of WRD  
**Mr. Stephen Gill**
- Municipality of Athens  
**Deputy Mayor Nikolaos Chrysogelos**
- UNESCO Chairholder on Green Innovation and Circular Economy  
**Professor Konstantinos Aravossis**
- Chairperson of Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants  
**Mr. Georgios Kavvathas**
- Chairperson of Greek Refrigeration Federation  
**Mr. Dimitrios Kontousias**
- Chairperson of ASHRAE Hellenic chapter  
**Mr. Chrysostomos Bouras**

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 Penny 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”**

**Speaker: Mr Trevor Matthews**

*Founder of Refrigeration Mentor*

Shaping the Next Generation of CO<sub>2</sub> Refrigeration Experts

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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**

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- Teacher in EPAL

**Mr Nikolaos Sekeriadis**

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- Multiple voices in the industry

**Mr. Pantelis Chaviaras**

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16:30-17:00 **Interactive wrap-up - “Cool Quiz” & Prizes for the winners**

- Brief quiz on cooling
- Prizes for the winners
- Conclusion - Discussion - Remarks

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