

AGENDA



World Refrigeration Day

*Cool
Skills*



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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 Emm. Rogdakis

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- Rector of National Technical University of Athens
Professor Chatjigeorgiou K. Ioannis

- Founder of WRD
Stephen Gill

- Municipality of Athens
Deputy Mayor Chrysogelos Nikolaos

- UNESCO Chairholder on Green Innovation and Circular Economy
Professor K. Aravossis

- Chairperson of Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen and Merchants
Mr. Kavvathas

- Chairperson of Greek Refrigeration Federation
Mr. Kontousias

- Chairperson of ASHRAE Hellenic chapter
Mr. Bouras

10:30-11:00 “Cold Chain Logistics”

Speaker: Ms Christine Weiker,

Secretary General at ECSLA -

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

Cooling and climate change, natural refrigerants, green innovation

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12:00-12:30 COFFEE BREAK

12:30-14:15 Cool Skills

Moderators: Professor Irene Koronaki and 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 1: Mr Dionisis Grigoropoulos

President of Greece Cold Storage & Logistics Association
Refrigeration market overview

Speaker 2: 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 and Mr George Orfanos

15:00-15:30 “Cool Skills, Cool Future”

Speaker 1: Mr Trevor Matthews,

Founder of Refrigeration Mentor

Shaping the Next Generation of CO₂ 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

Danai Georgatza

- Teacher in EPAL

Mr Sekeriadis

- Multiple voices in the industry

Pantelis Chaviaras

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

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