

Sebastian Crespi

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Short Bio:

Dr. Sebastian Crespi holds an MSc in Biology and a PhD in Medicine and is a Specialist Consultant in Laboratory Medicine. He has served as an Assistant Professor at the University of Barcelona and the Autonomous University of Barcelona. Currently, he is the President and Scientific Director of Biolinea International, a company specializing in Public Health and Environmental Consultancy and Laboratory services, primarily for the travel and tourism industries, including maritime transport and cruise lines worldwide.

Dr. Crespi co-authored the European Technical Guidelines for the Prevention, Control, and Investigation of Infections caused by Legionella species and led the sections on Water Management and Legionnaires' Disease in the ABTA Health & Safety Technical Guide. He has collaborated as a consultant with the WHO, ECDC, SHIPSAN, and the European Commission on travel-related infections. He is the author of Legionella and Legionellosis (2001) and has published several research papers on water safety and Legionella, including the description of a new species, Legionella maioricensis. He has been a course tutor on water safety and Legionella prevention for organizations such as ABTA, SESA, and ESGLI. Dr. Crespi regularly advises major tour operators, hotel chains, cruise liners, and government health bodies, having investigated numerous public health incidents globally. He is a full member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of the Balearic Islands, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH), and a founding member of the ESCMID Study Group for Legionella Infections (ESGLI), where he has served on its scientific committee. He is also a member of the Spanish Society of Environmental Health (SESA).