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URL: www.minervapremier.gr

Hotel A.D. Imperial Palace 4* city center

Single BB 85€ Double BB 95€

The A.D. Imperial Palace is right in the heart of the historical and commercial Thessaloniki centre. The elegant neoclassic facade has been reconstructed to its original glory. A.D. Imperial Hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 12km from Macedonia Airport.

13 Antigonidon St, GR-54630 Thessaloniki

Tel.: (+30) 2310 508 300 Fax: (+30) 2310 548 698

URL: www.ad-imperial-hotel.gr

Egnatia Hotel 3* city center

Single BB 75€ Double BB 90€

Situated right in the middle of the cultural and commercial centre of Thessaloniki, Egnatia Hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 12 km from Macedonia Airport.

16 Antigonidon St.; GR-54630 Thessaloniki

Tel.: (+30) 2310 530 675 Fax: (+30) 2310 531 761

URL: www.egnatia-hotel.gr

***All hotel rates are in EURO, per person, per night and include taxes and American buffet breakfast
From all the hotels, bus transfer to and from Cedefop will be provided on 18th, 19th & 20th May
according to the conference programme.***

Hotel Reservation procedure

Hotel reservations are made by duly completing the online registration form or the pdf / word download to be sent to ARTION Conferences & Events. Reservations should be made by **9th May 2008**. May we suggest that you make your hotel reservation as early as possible and meet the above deadline.

How to secure your booking

All hotels require credit card details to guarantee your hotel booking. Please fill in the credit card section regardless of chosen method of payment to secure your hotel reservation.

Social Programme

Sunday 18th May 2008

Welcome Dinner - Reception in a Greek taverna, offered by Cedefop

On Sunday evening, delegates are invited to a welcome dinner in a Greek taverna, offered by CEDEFOP. The name of the taverna will be announced at a later stage.

Monday 19th May 2008

On Monday evening Cedefop is offering a dinner on a wooden ship boat, Sophia Star, to cruise around the bay of Thessaloniki during dinner, with a Greek live band to accompany guests during cruise & dinner.

“Sophia Star” is one of the very few, proud, much travelled seagoing wooden ships left in Greece. It was built in 1955 as a fishing boat. In 1995, after a sequel of ownership and forty years service as a fishing boat, it was included in a European Community programme for the subsidised retirement and breaking up of all the proud wooden ships that for years had plied the Mediterranean Sea. In October 1995 “Macedonian Yachting” purchased the ship with its own funds, with no state or other subsidy and undertook an ambitious and innovative project conceived by its owner, Nikolas Papandreou, to restore, maintain and modernise this antique ship, while preserving its traditional lines. In May 2002 “Sophia Star” was listed as a historical monument, requiring special state protection as it is an interesting example of a wooden ship which is important for the study of the history of shipping in Greece.

How to book for the social programme for an accompanying person

To book for the above social programme (welcome dinner - reception in a Greek taverna, Boat Cruise & Dinner) for your accompanying person, please complete the relevant section of the registration form.

Cost 60 EURO/person

Thessaloniki

Set on the northern shores of the Thermaikos Gulf that opens into the Aegean Sea, Thessaloniki is approximately 550 kilometres north of Athens and in close proximity to Chalkidiki's beautiful beaches. It is the metropolis of Macedonia, one of Europe's oldest cities and the second largest city in Greece.

Founded in 316 BC by Cassander, King of Macedonia, the city was named after his wife, Thessaloniki, sister of Alexander the Great. It was here that Alexander the Great established the seat of his great Macedonian Empire, imparting a legacy that has left modern Thessaloniki dotted with the treasures, temples and monuments of one of history's greatest leaders.

Thessaloniki has the largest university in Greece, Aristotle University, which is one of the most established universities in the academic community in Europe.

A few of the city's many attractions include the 16th century White Tower, Thessaloniki's many churches, in particular the 4th century Rotonda dedicated to St George, containing mosaics of the period, and the 8th century Agia Sofia, which was converted into a mosque during Ottoman rule.

Useful information just before you arrive

Airport welcome desk

Upon arrival at the Macedonia Airport on **Sunday 18th May** look out for the "Cedefop Agora Conference" welcome desk, where our welcome staff will provide you with guidance and assistance.

Please complete your flight details on the registration form in order to help us welcome you to the city. Airport to hotels transfers are not provided for.

Transfers

Sunday 18th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th May 2008, according to the conference programme and to all social events.

If you are late you can always take a taxi, as there is no public transport to CEDEFOP.

Find your way to Cedefop

From the airport or any part of the city or the city's suburbs, Cedefop (Europe 123, Pylea - Thessaloniki) is easy to access by taxi within maximum 30 minutes. A taxi will cost around 10 Euro, depending on the distance. Should you wish to call a radio taxi, upon arrival to Thessaloniki, please call one of the following numbers: (+30) 2310525000, 2310866866 and make your appointment. In general, taxis are easy to find, at the airport and all over the city; taxis are blue and white, and are easy to stop in the street. Please don't be surprised if other passengers are picked up along the way to your destination.

Time

Greece is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +2) throughout the year.

Language

Greek is the official language but English is widely spoken as well as German and French.

Currency

The Greek currency is EURO. Credit cards are widely used in most establishments. Most currencies and traveller's cheques can easily be changed either at banks, hotels or money-changers with some handling charges.

Weather in May

The climate in Thessaloniki is Mediterranean with a definite seasonal variation. In May it is the peak of blooming and vegetation with temperatures ranging between 17°C to 25°C. Light sweaters and jackets are recommended for the evenings.

Power supply

The standard current in Greece is 220 volts. Plugs are European standard with two round pins.

People & Life

Thessaloniki is a popular destination. You will certainly enjoy a pleasant and interesting stay in the city. People are friendly and happy to help with any questions. The atmosphere is unique during the day in the commercial and shopping centre, but especially during the evening, in the wide variety of bars, restaurants and theatres for entertainment. Thessaloniki is renowned for its unique location, along the Thermaikos Gulf, its sunsets, its long history, its monuments and museums as well as its distinguished cuisine.

Liability

ARTION Conferences & Events act as agents of the event only in securing hotels, transport and travel services and in no event shall be liable for acts or defaults in the event of injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind whatsoever during arrangements organised through contractors or the employees of such contractors in carrying out services. Hotel and transportation services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public in general. The Host Committee reserves the right to make changes where deemed necessary, without prior notice to parties concerned. All disputes are subject to the Greek Law.

“MACEDONIA” Airport (<http://www.hcaa-eleng.gr/thesdat.htm>)

The Airport is located 13 Km east from the city of Thessaloniki in the region "Mikra" and in the Thermi Municipality.

Companies with direct flights at Thessaloniki's airport:

Aegean Airlines, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, British Airways, Cyprus Airways, Malev, Olympic Airlines, Swiss Airlines

Payment details

Full payment of the hotel accommodation and accompanying persons' fee is requested in EURO **no later than 9th May 2008** by one of the following methods:

I. By bank transfer to ARTION Conferences & Events

Beneficiary: ARTION
Account no: 704-00-2002-004606
Swift number: CRBA GRAA
IBAN No: GR77 0140 7040 7040 0200 2004 606
Bank: ALPHA BANK, TSIMISKI BRANCH (704), GR-THESSALONIKI

II. By credit card

Visa, Mastercard or American Express

If registering via the online registration form please return by fax the payment directions page to be forwarded to you after your registration with the credit card section duly completed and signed.

Cancellation Policy

Hotels

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 9 th May: | No cancellation fees |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 9 th May: | One night hotel cancellation fee applies |

Accompanying persons

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 9 th May: | No cancellation fees |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 9 th May: | No refund |

All refunds will be processed after 20th June 2008

Useful Websites

Conference information

<http://agora.cedefop.europa.eu/vetfinancing2008/>

Professional Conference Organiser

<http://www.artion.com.gr>

Thessaloniki

<http://www.saloniki.org>

<http://www.thessalonikicity.gr/>

<http://www.tcvb.gr>

Museums

http://www.macedonianmuseums.gr/Archaeological_and_Byzantine/Arx_Thessaloniknhs.html

<http://www.mbp.gr/html/gr/index.htm>

<http://www.greekstatemuseum.com/>

<http://www.thmphoto.gr/>

<http://www.cinemuseum.gr/>

<http://www.techpath.gr/en/>

Weather in Thessaloniki

http://weather.yahoo.com/forecast/GRXX0019_c.html

Information on Greece as a travel destination

<http://www.gnto.gr/?langID=2>

Useful Phones

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| Police | 100 |
| Tourist Police Station | 2310554870, 2310554871 |
| Ambulance | 166 |
| Emergency Phone* | 112 |
| Phone book information | 11888 |

**After a recorded message in English and Greek, an operator receives the call in English, French or Greek, puts the caller through to the necessary service, and assists with interpretation, if necessary.*

Information

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the

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We look forward to seeing you there!