



GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates, Location & Venue

The Agora Thessaloniki will take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th May 2004 at Cedefop's premises in Thessaloniki
123 Europe str. | 57001 Pylaia | Thessaloniki.
Tel.: (30) 2310 490 068

Agora THESSALONIKI
organised by
Cedefop
10 and 11 May 2004

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 7 Euro, depending on the distance. Should you wish to call a radio taxi, upon arrival in Thessaloniki, please call one of the following numbers: 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.

Secretariat and information desk during the conference

The Secretariat desk will be located at the conference venue, and will operate:

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| Monday, 10 th May 2004 | 9.00 - 19.00 |
| Tuesday, 11 th May 2004 | 8.00 - 18.00 |

Tel.: (30) 2310 490 068 | Fax: (30) 2310 490 240

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the conference from English, French, German, Greek, Italian and Spanish into English, French and German.

Internet facilities

Two workstations with internet/ e-mail access will be available for participants outside the conference room.

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.

Thessaloniki has been selected as one of the Olympic cities where the football preliminaries and semi-finals will take place during the Olympic Games 2004 held in Athens.

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.

REGISTRATION

Registration to the conference is made by duly completing the registration form and sending it by fax or email to ARTION Conferences & Events.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Saturday 8th May 2004

Welcome evening in a Greek taverna

On Saturday evening, delegates and their accompanying persons are invited to the welcome dinner in a Greek taverna. The name of the taverna and the precise address will be announced to all participants in due time.

Sunday 9th May 2004

Mount Athos tour

Southeast of Thessaloniki is Mount Athos or "Aghion Oros", a unique place to visit. The "Holy Mountain" has been an autonomous monastic state since the 11th century by order of an Imperial Byzantine decree. It still enjoys a special status of autonomy within the Greek State.

Having reached Ormos Panagias, by coach, we will board the ship for a cruise around the coastline of the monastic republic of Athos. The cruise around Mount Athos is a wonderful combination of knowledge and pleasure. We will have the chance to enjoy the view of the beautiful scenery and the Byzantine monasteries of exceptional and unique architecture. According to regulations we will have to maintain a distance of 500 metres from the shore during the entire cruise. From the bridge of the ship, a tour guide will explain the historical background and give a full description of the Monasteries, helping us get more familiar with the landscape and the history of the world-wide unique peninsula. The cruise ends as we cross back to Ouranoupolis where we will stop for lunch in a Greek taverna. From there, the boat and the coach will take us back to Thessaloniki.

How to book for the cultural programme

To book for the welcome evening in a Greek taverna and the Mount Athos tour, please complete the relevant section of the registration form.

AGORA PARTICIPATION PACKAGES

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| Package A | City Centre | 405 euro |
| | Seaside | 354 euro |

Includes:

- Registration Fees
- Hotel Accommodation in a **3 star hotel**, single B&B room, for 3 nights
- Transfer from and to the airport and the hotel
- Transfers from and to Cedefop & the hotel, according to the conference programme
- 2 lunches (Monday & Tuesday)
- 2 dinners (Saturday & Monday)
- Conference material
- 3 coffee breaks



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| Package B | or |
| | City Centre 498 euro |
| | Seaside 390 euro |

Includes:

- Registration Fees
- Hotel Accommodation in a **4 star hotel**, single B&B room, for 3 nights
- Transfer from and to the airport and the hotel
- Transfers from and to Cedefop & the hotel, according to the conference programme
- 2 lunches (Monday & Tuesday)
- 2 dinners (Saturday & Monday)
- Conference material
- 3 coffee breaks

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| Package C | or |
| | 657 euro |

Includes:

- Registration Fees
- Hotel Accommodation in a **deluxe hotel**, single B&B room, for 3 nights
- Transfer from and to the airport and the hotel
- Transfers from and to Cedefop & the hotel, according to the conference programme
- 2 lunches (Monday & Tuesday)
- 2 dinners (Saturday & Monday)
- Conference material
- 3 coffee breaks

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| Package D - ONLY FOR LOCAL PARTICIPANTS & OWN HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS | or |
| | 160 euro |

Includes:

- Registration Fees
- 2 lunches (Monday & Tuesday)
- 2 dinners (Saturday & Monday)
- Conference material
- 3 coffee breaks

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| Cultural Programme – Boat Tour around Mount Athos | and |
| | 70 euro |

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| Accompanying Person | and |
| | 150 euro |

Includes:

- Double room supplement
- Cultural Programme
- 2 dinners (Saturday & Monday)
- Transfer from and to the airport and the hotel

For all invited speakers that have selected package A, B or C the amount of 150 euros will be subtracted from the total amount due.

All rates are in EURO (EUR) and include all taxes

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hyatt Regency ★★★★★

Hyatt Regency is located only 13 kilometres from the city centre, 10 minutes from Cedefop and just 5 minutes from Thessaloniki International Airport - Macedonia.

13 km Thessaloniki-Perea | GR-57001 Thessaloniki | Greece

Tel.: (30) 2310 401 234 | Fax: (30) 2310 401 100

E-mail: hotel@hyatt.gr

URL: <http://www.thessaloniki.hyatt.com>

City Hotel ★★★★★

Located literally in the centre of the city, the hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 30 minutes from Macedonia Airport.

11 Komninon Str. | GR-54624 Thessaloniki | Greece

Tel.: (30) 2310 269 421 | Fax: (30) 2310 274 358

E-mail: city@cityhotel.gr

URL: <http://www.cityhotel.gr>



Sun Beach ☆☆☆☆

Sun Beach is located just 25 minutes from the centre of Thessaloniki, 15 minutes from Cedefop and 12 minutes from Macedonia Airport.

Agia Triada | GR-57019 Thessaloniki | Greece

Tel.: (30) 23920 51 221 | Fax: (30) 23920 51 245

E-mail: sunbeachth@otenet.gr

URL: <http://www.sunbeach.gr>

Luxembourg Hotel ☆☆☆

Situated right in the middle of the cultural and commercial centre of Thessaloniki, Luxembourg Hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 16 km from Macedonia International airport.

6 Komninon St. | GR-54624 Thessaloniki | Greece

Tel.: (30) 2310 252 600 | Fax: (30) 2310 252 605

E-mail: hotel@mycosmos.gr

Golden Star ☆☆☆

Golden Star Hotel, set at Perea, one of Thessaloniki's attractive outskirts, is 10 minutes from Cedefop, 20 minutes from the centre of Thessaloniki and the International Fair, and only 10 minutes from "Macedonia" international airport.

73 Aktis Str., Perea | GR-57019 Thessaloniki | Greece

Tel.: (30) 23920 23 741 | Fax: (30) 23920 26 046

E-mail: info@goldenstarhotel.com

URL: <http://www.goldenstarhotel.com>

Reservation procedure

Hotel reservations are made by selecting A, B or C package and sending the registration form to ARTION Conferences & Events. Reservations should be made by **30th April 2004**. May we suggest that you make your hotel reservation as early as possible and meet the above deadline.

How to secure your hotel 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.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Full payment of total amount due is requested in EURO **no later than 30th April 2004** 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 e-mail and wish to pay by credit card, please return by fax the relevant page of the registration form with the credit card section duly completed and signed.



CANCELLATION POLICY

Packages A, B & C

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 30 th April | Refund of the total amount due less 25% administrative charge |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 30 th April | Refund of the total amount due less 65% administrative charge |
| 3. Written cancellation received after 6 th May | No refund |

Package D

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 30 th April | Refund of the total amount due less 25% administrative charge |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 30 th April | No refund |

All refunds will be processed after 10th June, 2004

USEFUL INFORMATION JUST BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Airport welcome desk

Upon arrival at the Macedonia Airport on **Saturday 08th May** look out for the "Agora Thessaloniki" 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.

Transfers

Bus transfer from and to CEDEFOP will be provided for all participants that have chosen packages A, B & C on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th May 2004, according to the conference programme. If you are late you can always take a taxi as there is no public transport to CEDEFOP.

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 season when trees and shrubs are in full bloom, with temperatures ranging between 12°C and 25°C. Sweaters and light jackets are recommended for the evenings. Most of the indoor venues are air-conditioned. Swimming is possible at that time of the year.

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

CEDEFOP and 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.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Conference information

www.cedefop.eu.int

Professional Conference Organiser

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

Information on Thessaloniki as a travel destination

http://www.greektourism.com/travel_guide/regions/macedonia/thessaloniki/

[http://philippos.mpa.gr/gr/recovered/thessaloniki/try\(5\)/eng/history.html](http://philippos.mpa.gr/gr/recovered/thessaloniki/try(5)/eng/history.html)

Mount Athos

<http://www.macedonian-heritage.gr/Athos/>

<http://www.monachos.net/monasticism/athos/>

http://www.culture.gr/maps/macedon/ag_oros/ag_oros.html

<http://www.medialab.ntua.gr/athos/uk/general/top.htm>

<http://whc.unesco.org/sites/454.htm>

Weather in Thessaloniki

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

USEFUL PHONES

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| Police | 100 |
| Tourist Police Station | 2310 554 870, 554 871 |
| Ambulance | 166 |
| Emergency Phone (not Greek speakers) | 112 |

INFORMATION

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact the

Agora THESSALONIKI Secretariat



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E-mail: agora@artion.com.gr

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

Please ask for: Ms. Valentini Amaranidou, Conference Coordinator
Ms. Alexandra Fafa, Conference Coordinator assistant
Ms. Zografia Theoharidou, Conference Secretariat

We look forward to meeting you soon

