



General Information

Dates, Location & Venue

The Agora Thessaloniki will take place on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February 2004 at Cedefop's premises in Thessaloniki
* 123 Europe str. * 57001 Pylaia * Thessaloniki.
Tel.: (30) 2310 490 068

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:

Monday, 16 th February 2004	9.00 - 19.00
Tuesday, 17 th February 2004	8.00 - 14.00

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.

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A lively modern port city, Thessaloniki also has a fascinating old quarter with relics from Roman and Byzantine times, many of which can be seen at the impressive Archaeological Museum that houses many of the treasures of ancient Macedonia.

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, which holds a collection of Byzantine art, 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 e-mail to ARTION Conferences & Events.

Registration fee

Participant	Early Registration	Late Registration
	By 6 th February 2004	After 7 th February 2004
Delegate	150 EURO	160 EURO
Invited Speaker	FREE	FREE

Registration fee includes: airport welcome desk, conference material, 3 coffee breaks, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and transportation to and from Cedefop from city centre hotels on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 February 2004.

Cultural Programme

Saturday 14th February 2004

Welcome evening in a Greek taverna, offered by Cedefop

On Saturday evening, delegates and their accompanying persons are invited to the welcome dinner in a Greek taverna offered by CEDEFOP.

Sunday 17th February 2004

Vergina-Veria-Naoussa tour

The archaeological site at Vergina testifies to the culture of the Macedonian kingdom. The site contains the remains of the royal family's summer palace, where, in later years, Philip II was assassinated and buried. The discovery of his tomb in 1977 was hailed as one of the greatest archaeological finds of the century. The rich and impressive artefacts that were unearthed can be viewed there along with the tombs themselves and the amazing frescoes, rare samples of painting from antiquity.

After an hour's drive from Thessaloniki, by coach, we will visit Vergina, the museum of Vergina and the ancient royal tombs of Philip, the King of Macedonia and father of Alexander the Great. Veria is our next stop, a picturesque town with unique landscape and architecture. We will drive through the city, see St. Paul's Altar, take a rest and enjoy a coffee at a traditional café and walk for a while through the lovely streets of the city, full of old Byzantine churches and unique historical monuments.



We will then take the coach to Naoussa, for a visit to one of the most well known wineries in Greece. We will be offered a guided tour to the production facilities and cellars, attend a multi-media presentation on the history of wine-making in Naoussa and a wine testing session. We will enjoy a rich lunch in the winery restaurant accompanied by special wines.

How to book for the cultural programme

To book for the welcome evening in a Greek taverna and the Vergina-Veria-Naoussa tour, please complete the relevant section of the registration form. The welcome dinner is offered by CEDEFOP. The cost of the tour per person is:

* Vergina-Veria-Naoussa tour 70 EURO

Hotel Accommodation

Hyatt Regency ☆☆☆☆

Single BB 185 EURO Double BB 225 EURO

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>

Electra Palace ☆☆☆☆

Sea View

Single BB 165 EURO Double BB 182 EURO

City View

Single BB 138 EURO Double BB 165 EURO

Set in the central square of Aristotle, in the financial, cultural and commercial heart of Thessaloniki, Electra Palace is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 30 minutes from Macedonia Airport. Shuttle bus to and from Cedefop is provided on 16th & 17th February.

9, Aristotle Square * GR -54624 Thessaloniki * Greece

Tel.: (30) 2310 294 000 * Fax: (30) 2310 294 001

E-mail: salesepthe@electrahotels.gr

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

Hotel Panorama ☆☆☆

Single BB 105 EURO Double BB 126 EURO

Built on the hill of Panorama, the hotel is just 10 minutes away from Cedefop and 15 minutes from the city centre and Macedonia Airport.

Analipseos 26, Panorama * GR-55236 Thessaloniki * Greece

Tel.: (30) 2310 344 871, Fax: (30) 2310 341 266

E-mail: panorama@the.forthnet.gr

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

City Hotel ☆☆☆

Single BB 106 EURO Double BB 119 EURO

Located literally in the centre of the city, the hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 30 minutes from Macedonia Airport. Shuttle bus to and from Cedefop is provided on 16th & 17th February.

11 Komnion 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>

Egnatia Hotel ☆☆☆

Single BB 70 EURO Double BB 82 EURO

Situated right in the middle of the cultural and commercial centre of Thessaloniki, Egnatia Hotel is 25 minutes from Cedefop and 16 km from Macedonia International airport. Shuttle bus to and from Cedefop is provided on 16th & 17th February.

16 Antigonidon St. * GR-54630 Thessaloniki * Greece

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

E-mail: reservation@egnatia-hotel.gr (subject: Egnatia Hotel)

URL: <http://www.egnatia-hotel.gr>



Nepheli ☆☆☆

Single BB 85 EURO Double BB 110 EURO

Nepheli is situated just 50 metres from the centre of Panorama, 5 minutes from the ring road, 10 minutes from Cedefop and 15 minutes from the airport and downtown Thessaloniki.

1 Komninion Str. Panorama ☌ GR-55236 Thessaloniki ☌ Greece

Tel.: (30) 2310 342 002 ☌ Fax: (30) 2310 342 080

E-mail: nepheli@otenet.gr

All hotel rates are in EURO and include taxes and American buffet breakfast

Reservation procedure

Hotel reservations are made by duly completing the registration form and sending it to ARTION Conferences & Events. Reservations should be made by **6th February 2004**. 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.

Payment details

Full payment of the registration fees, hotel accommodation and the cultural programme is requested in EURO **no later than 6th February 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
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

Registration Fees

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 6 th February: | Refund of the total fee less 25% administrative charge |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 6 th February: | No refund |

Hotels & Cultural Programme

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| 1. Written cancellation received by 6 th February: | No cancellation fees |
| 2. Written cancellation received after 6 th February: | One night hotel cancellation fee applies |
| 3. Written cancellation received after 12 th February: | No refund |

All refunds will be processed after 16th March 2004

Useful information just before you arrive

Airport welcome desk

Upon arrival at the Macedonia Airport on **Saturday 14th February** 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

From the city centre hotels (Electra Palace, City & Egnatia), bus transfer from and to CEDEFOP will be provided on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February 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 February

The climate in Thessaloniki is Mediterranean with a definite seasonal variation. In February the weather is usually cold, with temperatures ranging between 0°C and 10°C. It is mostly rainy but the sky does not remain cloudy for more than a few days in a row. Winter clothes are recommended.

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

<http://www.cedefop.eu.int/events.asp?Action=5>

* 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)

* Vergina

<http://www.culture.gr/2/21/211/21117a/e211qa04.html>

<http://whc.unesco.org/sites/780.htm>

* Weather in Thessaloniki

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

Useful Phones

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

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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

