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and other academic and cultural institutions and organisations are pleased to announce the:

20th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHY

ON THE TOPIC:

«GREEK PHILOSOPHY AND ITS RELEVANCE TO ISSUES OF OUR AGE».

The Conference is held under the auspices of the **Hellenic Ministries of Culture and Education** and is directed by an **International Academic Committee**.

The Conference will take place in the island of Crete (in the Prefecture of Chania at the Municipality of Platanias) from 12th to 19th of July 2008. The Conference venue will be the Hotel “Porto Platanias Beach Resort”.

According to the announcement of the 24th of July 2007 the Conference aims to provide a broad forum for exploring issues of Greek Philosophy which are relevant to our age and vice versa. This means that all legitimate fields of study and philosophical research are included in the scope of the Conference, provided that their relevance to Greek Philosophy is clearly indicated. We are particularly interested in all branches of philosophy and of course we pay special attention to academic research papers relevant to the common issues and problems that all corners of the world face in the present era. In order to clarify the matter we will refer to two examples.

The first is related to methodological issues and it is suggested by the Honorary President of IAGP, Professor Gerasimos Santas: i. The Socratic Method and its relevance today. ii. Plato's or Aristotle's display of methods of how to resolve disputes about justice.

The second is related to ethics and can be found in the book edited by the Honorary President of the IAGP Professor Ronald Polansky (*Bioethics: Ancient Themes in Contemporary Issues* by Mark G. Kuczewski, Ronald M. Polansky, M.I.T. Press, paperback 2002). In this book contemporary bioethicists and scholars of ancient Greek philosophy explore the import of classical ethics on pressing bioethical concerns.

In brief, all the issues which are raised in the framework of the History of Greek Philosophy (from Pre-Socratics until now) and all the problems examined in the framework of systematic philosophy (i.e., in the fields of ontology, metaphysics, theory of knowledge, ethics and logic) can be discussed on the condition that the themes raised relate the present with the past in the universe of Hellenic philosophy. The same applies to all secondary branches of philosophy (e.g., philosophy of education, philosophy of culture, philosophy of politics, philosophy of music, philosophy of technology, bioethics, ecological philosophy etc.). Studies and Papers which examine the relation and the influence of Greek philosophy on other theoretical and cultural traditions (e.g. Romans, Arabs, Buddhists, etc. are also included within the scope of the Conference. The same applies to the Papers of classical scholars who investigate important issues.

In addition, all the topics researched in the previous nineteenth International Conferences organized by IAGP and ICGPC (from 1989 up to 2006) can be investigated. The topics of these conferences are the following:

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**IONIAN PHILOSOPHY**"
SAMOS - PYTHAGORION, 27-31 AUGUST 1989

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCRATES**"
SAMOS - PYTHAGORION, 22-28 AUGUST 1990

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**PYTHAGOREAN PHILOSOPHY**"
SAMOS - PYTHAGORION, 22-27 AUGUST 1991

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**HELLENISTIC PHILOSOPHY**"
RHODES, 23-30 AUGUST 1992

FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**PHILOSOPHY AND ORTHODOXY**"
SAMOS - PATMOS, 22-28 AUGUST 1993

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**ARISTOTELIAN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**"
STAGIRA - IERISSOS, 19-26 AUGUST 1994

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**THE PHILOSOPHY OF LOGOS**"
SAMOS - PATMOS, 27-27 AUGUST 1995

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**PLATONIC POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**"
ATHENS - SAMOS, 4-12 JULY 1996

NINETH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**PHILOSOPHY AND MEDICINE**"
KOS - KALYMNOS, 20-27 AUGUST 1997

TENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**PHILOSOPHY AND ECOLOGY**"
SAMOS - FOURNI, 23-28 AUGUST 1998

ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**GREEK PHILOSOPHY AND THE FINE ARTS**"
MYTHIMNA, 20-26 AUGUST 1999

TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**GREEK PHILOSOPHY AND EPISTEMOLOGY**"
SAMOS - PATMOS, 20-27 AUGUST 2000

THIRTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**THE PHILOSOPHY OF COMMUNICATION**"
RHODES, 18-25 AUGUST 2001

FOURTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**POLIS AND COSMOPOLIS: PROBLEMS OF A GLOBAL ERA**"
SAMOS - PYTHAGORION, 2-8 AUGUST 2002

FIFTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GREEK PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**CONCEPTIONS OF PHILOSOPHY: ANCIENT AND MODERN**"
OURANOPOLIS, 1-7 AUGUST 2003

SIXTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHY
(FIRST WORLD OLYMPIC CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY)
TOPIC: "**PHILOSOPHY, COMPETITION AND THE GOOD LIFE**"
ATHENS - SPETSES, 27 JUNE - 4 JULY 2004

SEVENTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**THE PHILOSOPHY OF CULTURE IN THE AGE OF GLOBALISATION**"
SAMOS - PATMOS, 1-7 AUGUST 2005

EIGHTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**VALUES AND JUSTICE IN THE GLOBAL ERA**"
KAVALA-ABDERA: 20-27 JULY 2006

NINETEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHY
TOPIC: "**PAIDEIA: EDUCATION IN THE GLOBAL ERA**"
SAMOS - PYTHAGORION, 15-21 JULY 2007

So, the Conference is open to all specialists in Greek thought and philosophy, classicists, all researchers of philosophical thought and to all creative persons in the arts and sciences who, taking into consideration contemporary discussions of the problems raised by our age, are able to articulate a consistent discourse concerning the problems they are discussing.

PRESENTATION CATEGORIES

There are the following categories of presentation:

Category a: The presentation of original academic Papers by **Invited Speakers** (30 min. duration).

Category b: The presentation of original academic Papers (20 min. duration).

Category c: Short presentation of papers (15 min. duration).

Category d: The presentation of Papers by Post-graduate students (**Students' Sessions**).

Category e: Presentation by Posters (Poster Sessions).

The Papers in *Category a* will address particular issues, evaluate research undertaken in connection with the subject they investigate in the last decade, and provide an overview and synthesis of various philosophical approaches related to the topic of research.

Participants who wish to be considered for *Category (a)* should express their interest promptly and state their preferences concerning the topic they wish to deal with, and send all the necessary information (a detailed **Curriculum Vitae** and a *substantive* Abstract of their Paper) to the Organising Committee **by 30th of January 2008**. Persons interested in being considered for designation as **Invited Speakers** should fill in and send out Form no. 1A to the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee will cover the cost of board and accommodation for **Invited Speakers** during the days of the Conference. The Papers to be presented by Invited Speakers should be sent to the Secretariat of the Conference by **30th of May 2008**.

However, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to provide up to 30 minutes of speaking time to members of the Conference whose expenses will not be covered as Invited Speakers.

Category d: In the framework of the Conference, there will be a special Session for Students and Post-graduate Students of Philosophy (and of other disciplines too, provided that they have philosophical interests) where they will present their papers.

The Papers should be submitted in one of the following languages: Greek, English, French or German. Papers written in Greek should be accompanied by a proper translation into another language, preferably English.

The texts to be read at the Conference in their final form should be saved on 3.5 diskette or CD and on an Apple computer (Software MS Word 2000 and upward and in Times New Roman fonts or equivalent) or in Word XP for Windows (saved preferably as a Word document and in RTF format) using Times New Roman fonts or Graeca fonts for polytonic Greek texts .

More extended texts of Papers (15-20 pages) from all categories (*a, b, c* and *d*) will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

Texts in their final version for publication must be on diskette or CD in accordance with the specifications above [see also FORM No. 5]. The diskette (3.5) or CD should be sent, together with two printed hard copies of the Paper, to the Secretariat of IAGP.

Abstracts and Papers may also be sent by e-mail as attached documents in the above formats. However, it is obligatory that hard copy (sent by mail or by fax or by e-mail in PDF format) be

received as well, since many electronic documents are not compatible in some respects due to different formatting used on different computers and different fonts. Papers should be submitted in two hard copies and double-spaced.

Only papers of a philosophical nature will be accepted and included in the Programme of the Conference.

The Organising Committee and the Academic Committee of ICOGPC reserve the right to accept or reject papers that do not comply with the academic standards of the Conference. (Conference participants are reminded that only manuscripts written in acceptable English or Greek will be considered for publication. If you have any doubt about the quality of your text in this regard, and in particular if you are not a native speaker of the language in which your paper was given, please be sure that it has been scrutinized by a native speaker of that language before sending it in).

All Papers presented at the Conference and selected for publication are copyrighted by the Organising Committee and ICGPC and cannot be republished without express permission; the exclusive copyright of papers to be published belongs to ICOGPC, unless otherwise stated.

The official languages at the Conference will be Greek, English, French and German. However, due to the prohibitively high cost of simultaneous translation, only the first two of these languages will be simultaneously translated.

Greeks who present Papers are kindly asked to submit an acceptable English translation of the latest version of their Papers which will be read at the Conference. This should be submitted to the Conference Secretary one month before the opening of the Conference. Applications for participation of whatever kind must be received by the **30th of December 2007** or the **30th of January 2008 at the latest**. Applications should be made on Participation Form No. 1 and (**for Invited Speakers**) Participation Form No. 1A. Participation Form No. 2 should also be sent no later than: **29th of February 2008**. Participation Form No. 2 should be accompanied by an Abstract of the Paper to be presented together with an English translation in the case of Greek scholars. The Abstract should be written in such a way as to give a clear indication of the ideas and line of argument that the finished paper will be pursuing.

All participants (**except Invited Speakers**) should send the **full texts of their Paper (two copies)** to the Organising committee by **15th of June 2008**.

All participants will be notified by mail or e-mail regarding the category to which they have been assigned.

Texts in their version (Diskette or CD and hard copy) with the indication: FINAL TEXT FOR PUBLICATION must be submitted no later than the **30th of September 2008**.

BOOK EXHIBITION, POSTER SESSIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Apart from other events, during the Conference there will be an EXHIBITION OF BOOKS (FORM No. 6) and especially books ON PHILOSOPHY. Authors of books, particularly those connected with philosophy, are kindly requested to send copies of their books so these may be included in the exhibition.

There will also be reserved space and special panels for poster sessions. Material planned for Poster Sessions should be typed on not more than two pages (size: A5). The deadline for applications for poster sessions is **15th of June 2008**. Applications submitted after this date, but **before 30th of June 2008**, may be accepted if there is still space available.

Publishers from Europe and all over the world are also invited to organise exhibitions of their publications at the venue of the Conference, after consultation with the President of the Organising Committee.

In the framework of the Conference there will be organised various events, excursions, etc. for which the Participants should complete the relevant forms (**10, 11, 12**) in due time and send them to the Secretariat.

REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE FEES

The Conference is open to all who wish to attend, provided that he or she contacts the Organising Committee and completes the necessary forms (Nos. 1, 1A, 2 and 3) and pays the Conference fee. **The Conference Fee must be paid by all participants (whether Invited or not).** Persons accompanying participants must also complete the forms and pay the Conference fee. The Conference fee (see also **Participation Form No. 3**) is as follows:

a. Participants: Before 1 st May 2008:	100 euros
(after 1 st May 2008:	120 euros)
b. Accompanying Persons: before 1 st May 2008:	80 euros
(after 1 st May 2008:	100 euros)
c. Students: Before 1 st May 2008:	80 euros
(after 1 st May 2008:	100 euros)
d. Secondary School Students: Before 1 st May 2008:	60 euros
(after 1 st May 2008:	80 euros)

Conference participants are advised that cancellations cause major logistical, scheduling and economic problems for the organization of a Conference of this scope. Outings, receptions and other activities are seriously disrupted by cancellations and schedule changes. We ask that only those who are certain of their attendance submit the forms for participation. **It should be noticed that there will be no refunds of any fees, nor are cancellations accepted.**

The Participation Fee for the Conference should be sent either by cheque drawn on the name of the President of the Conference, or directly to the following bank account number: {National Bank of Greece, K. Boudouris-20th ICOP, BANK-BRANCH: 151/622563-23. IBAN ACCOUNT: GR 1501101510000015162256323, Swift Code (BIC): ETHNGRAA}.

The copy of Remittance that indicates the name or names of the participants should be sent either by e-mail in PDF (kboud714@ppp.uoa.gr) or by Fax (+30210-9923281) or by mail to the Secretariat of the Conference to the following address: Prof. K. Boudouris-20th ICOP-5 Simonidou Str. - 17456 Alimos - Greece.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

1. The Conference starts at 8.30 or 9.00 in Conference Hall of Porto Platania Beach Resort in Platania of Chania.

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Porto Platania Beach Resort is designed to offer ultimate pleasure and recreation and it is located in a cosmopolitan area of Crete, 9 kilometers west of the town of Chania.

2. It is expected that the Conference will continue until (and including) 19th of July 2008. Those attending the Conference for the first time are informed that **the Sessions are from 8.30-13.30 and 17.00-20.30**. During the afternoon break (13.30-1700), delegates are able to enjoy the sea and sandy beach in front of the Porto Platania Hotel.

3. With regard to the other events during the Conference, participants will be informed on arrival in Porto Platania Hotel, and they will receive the full Conference programme (which is almost a printed book of approximately 200 pages) during the registration, in **the first day** of the Conference.

4. Towards the end of the Conference, as usual, a one-day EXCURSION could be arranged. However, it is necessary to apply in advance (using PARTICIPATION FORM No.12), because the holding of the Tour depends on whether enough people declare interest. Therefore, applications should be sent to the Organizing Committee **no later than 15th of June 2008**. The applicants will be informed upon their arrival whether or not the Tour will take place. As has been the case in the previous years, if the Tour takes place, departure will be between 8.30 - 9.00 a.m., returning at around 19.00.

5. Participants can reach the island of Crete either by boat or by plane. The ships to Crete depart from Piraeus and the destination for Conference participants is the port of Souda in Chania. From Souda to Platanias there is a distance of approximately 20km. and the cost of transfer by taxi is approximately 25.00 euros. The participants coming by plane will arrive at the airport of Chania. The distance from the airport to Porto Platanias Beach Resort is 20km and the cost of transfer by taxi is approximately 25.00 euros. There are charter flights from European cities directly to Crete (Chania). The Organizing Committee wishes to stress to all participants traveling by plane, the importance of making airline reservations to and from the island in advance. *Travel arrangements to and from the island of Crete are the responsibility of individual participants.*

6. Concerning the events at the Conference, participants are kindly requested to attend all the Conference proceedings and contribute through their presence to the creation of a true academic dialogue and the kind of warm atmosphere and friendly communication that are part of the aims of the Conferences organised by the International Association for Greek Philosophy (IAGP) and the International Center for Greek Philosophy and Culture (ICGPC).

7. The Conference, among other things, attempts to capture the spirit of Hellenic philosophy as a way of life, and consequently tries to include many activities whose purpose is to enrich participants with exposure to Greek culture, both ancient and modern, and to an environment where discourse may occur with the warmth of hospitality, friendship and intervals of relaxation and feasting. This allows participants plenty of free time to enjoy swimming in the crystal clear waters of the Cretan sea, or to enjoy the wonderful Mediterranean atmosphere and hospitality that the Conference location offers.

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Any other person who has not already received the present Circular can get information (circular, forms etc.) related to the Conference from the home-pages of IAGP: <http://www.hri.org/iagp/> or <http://www.iagp.gr>

In the belief that this Conference will present an exceptional opportunity for research into and clarification of aspects of a burning subject of great philosophical significance, we hope that the Conference will also provide participants with an opportunity for true recreation and leisure (*scholé*). We look forward to seeing you in CRETE, in the very heart of the Minoan Culture.

With kind regards
On behalf of the Organising Committee
Professor Konstantine Boudouris
President of the Organising Committee

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Conference Forms (Participation etc):

No. 1, No. 1A, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8 No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12