

IMPORTANT ERGOMAS CONFERENCE DETAILS AND LOGISTICS

For local information or information about travel please contact Dr. George Kaffes at luce@otenet.gr

Conference Venue

The conference is hosted by the Hellenic Army Academy which is located at **Varis Koropiou Avenue, P.O. 16673 Vari Attica.**

WIFI in the HAA is free.

Arrival and Transportation

When arriving at the Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos"

- Transportation by taxi, 24 hour express bus, or metro to get to the city centre or your hotel. **Note that after 23.00 there is no metro to the city centre.**
- To call a taxi you can use <http://radiotaxihellas.gr/en/> or <http://www.18300.gr>
- Should you have a question or problem with respect to transportation, please do not hesitate to call George Kaffes at: +30-6976164690.

Transportation to the conference:

REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION:

On Tuesday morning 27 June, once you enter the Academy, you will be provided with conference identification at the conference registration desk.

TRANSPORT TO THE CONFERENCE:

All participants, regardless of their accommodation, **can reach the Academy campus in the following ways:**

- **On your own** (e.g., by car, taxi, public transport, etc)
 - Note that public transport which is not suggested because there are only one or two buses passing in front of the Academy's main entrance every 30-40 min.
 - If your desire to enter the Academy campus via own transportation, **you must use the identification which the military authorities will provide at the**

conference registration desk on Tuesday morning.

- **By military bus (provided for free).** There will be two lines:
 - One bus will pick people up every morning from the 4 coastal suggested hotels (these include Palace bomo, London, Glyfada and Amarilia hotels) **at 8.15**
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 - Another bus will pick people up from **the metro station ELLINIKO (red line)** at **8.10**
 - **Both of them are free.**
 - In the afternoon the buses will leave participants at the same points.

Conference Events

Opening Ceremony (Monday 26 June at 18:30):

The **opening ceremony** will take place on Monday 26 June at 18:30 at the War Museum. There will be a cocktail reception and welcome greetings from the ERGOMAS president George Kaffes and key officials. There will be a free guided visit of the war museum (about 1 hour).

The location of the war museum is in the city center and is very easy to get to. It is 10 min walking distance from Syndagma square or using the metro station EVANGELISMOS (blue line) and is just one stop from Syndagma. For more information see: www.warmuseum.gr .

Farewell Dinner (Thursday 29 June at 20:30)

The farewell dinner will take place at Savvas restaurant at 20:30 on Thurs 29 June (note this is a changed location from the officers club). Savvas restaurant is located at 91 ERMOU Street (at the MONASTIRAKI metro station, blue and green line).

Restaurant website is: <http://www.savvas-restaurant.com> and the map location is <http://www.savvas-restaurant.com/Bar-Restaurant-Athens-Monastiraki-Plaka.html>.

There will be accommodation for vegetarians and those with other special needs.

Visit to the Acropolis (Friday 30 June at 18:30)

The **Acropolis visit** will take place on Friday at 18.30. The meeting point is the exit of metro ACROPOLIS (red line). The admission price is approximately 30 euros (depending on the number of participants). This is a walking tour that will take approximately 2 hours. Don't forget comfortable shoes and water.

Optional Excursion

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE **OPTINAL EXCURSION (PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED ON 1 JULY) IS CANCELLED.**

However, should you wish to arrange such an excursion on your own through *Signature Travel* (please visit : www.signature.gr or in person at Mitropoleos 26-28 1st floor, 105 63 Athens, Greece, or by phone at Tel: +30 210 3245620, Mobile: +30 6944691102).

Conference Meals

The HAA will provide meals and coffee breaks on the campus every day of the conference at no charge. People who desire to leave the HAA campus for lunch can do so, at their own expense. There are many taverns and seaside fish restaurants. This will be best to do via taxi and will cost approximately 5-8 euros. To call a taxi you can use <http://radiotaxihellas.gr/en/> or <http://www.18300.gr>

Cultural Events and Other Touristic Information

There are many events taking place in Athens, such as the Greek Festival. For additional information please visit: <http://greekfestival.gr/en/home> .

Don't miss the Athens **open tour by**

bus: <http://www.athensopentour.com/?gclid=CPaJ8KeGktQCFVOZGwodbnEAWg>

Travel and Health and Safety Tips

Climate

The temperatures in Athens are very high. Don't forget to fortify yourself with a hat, sunglasses, water, sun protection and comfortable clothing and footwear.

Travel Tips

Note that it is high tourist season. The sites are quite populated so it is best to schedule your activities in advance to avoid waiting in the sun.

The sea is generally safe, no big waves or tides, but make sure to supervise children at all times.

Safety

Be aware from pick pockets, which is common on the metro, in crowded places, and on the beach. It is not advised to give money to panhandlers/beggars.

It is recommended that you carry little cash and use the credit card method of payment. Sometimes better prices are offered for cash payment, but this is not recommended and should be done at your own risk.

Emergency numbers:

- Police 100
- Fire: 199
- Ambulance: 166
- Coast Guard: 108

All these services speak English. Do not be directed by people on the street out of uniform.

Earthquakes occur in Greece. In the event of an earthquake, stay calm, do not run during the earthquake, and wait for instructions or move to a safer location if you do not feel safe.

Do not throw cigarettes on the street or near trees. It is very dry and there is a high risk of fire.

Other Details:

People coming outside of Schengen countries need to check out their VISA procedures.