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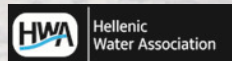
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INVITATION FROM IWA

You can treat the global age today as a battle between modernity and tradition.

Anthony Giddens



It is my great pleasure to invite you to the IWA Regional Symposium on **Water, Wastewater and Environment: Traditions and Cultures**. This event will take place from 22 to 24 of March 2014 in Patras, Greece, the cultural capital of Western Greece and the centre of many ancient civilizations, during which several water and wastewater technologies were developed. The opening day coincides with World Water Day 2014 and special events will be organized by IWA and other local and international organizations.

The Symposium is dedicated to themes relevant to traditional and cultural technologies of water and wastewater. The event will bring together research scientists, historians, archaeologists, and engineers from academic institutions and industries around the world. Its objectives are to foster interactions, stimulate discussions and promote co-operation among the global water community. The Symposium will present the major achievements in several scientific fields of water and wastewater technologies and management throughout the millennia. In addition, it will provide valuable insights into the ancient, traditional, and cultural water and wastewater technologies with their apparent characteristics of durability, adaptability to the environment, and sustainability. These technologies are the underpinning of modern achievements in water and wastewater engineering and management practices. It is the best

proof that *"the past is the key for the future."* I believe that you will enjoy the Symposium and that your participation will contribute to your professional enhancement.

See you in Patras, Greece, on March 22nd, 2014 to celebrate World Water Day.

Dr. Andreas N. Angelakis

Chairman of the IWA SG on Water and Wastewater in Ancient Civilizations

INVITATION FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



The Chairman of the Organizing Committee takes great pleasure in inviting you to the IWA Regional Symposium on **Water, Wastewater and Environment: Traditions and Cultures**, which will be held in Patras, Greece, from 22-24 March, 2014. It is expected to be a significant scientific event, and aims to stress the timeless presence of Western Greece in water-related science, tradition and culture. World Water Day will be celebrated in the context of the Symposium in a city, and region, which possesses significant aquatic ecosystems and a wider environment of unique natural beauty.

Western Greece comprises various aquatic ecosystems, many of which have been proclaimed as protected areas, such as the National Park of Mesolongi-Aitoliko, the lagoons of Amvrakikos and Kotychi, and the lakes of Trichonida, Lysimachia, Ozeros, Amvrakia and Kaiafa. The region also contains the major rivers of Acheloos, Evinos, Ladonas, Alfeios and Glafkos. The city of Patras has been inhabited since prehistoric times and was a significant centre of the Mycenaean era. The ancient town belonged to the Achaean League which flourished during Roman times. The Symposium will be held in a city located nearby regions where renowned ancient,

historic centres flourished in the past, and which in contemporary times are considered monuments of civilization. Indicatively, some of the most well-known sites include Ancient Olympia (the cradle of the Olympic Games), Delphi, Mycenae where the Mycenaean civilization flourished (a World Heritage Site), the town of Nafplio which was the first Greek capital, Ancient Corinth, and the castles of Patras, Rio, Antirio, Palamidhi, Acrocorinthos, Nafpaktos and Chlemoutsi.

The symposium will provide the opportunity for all participants to meet and present their research related to natural and wastewaters, based on their local traditions and cultures, with one basic prerequisite – that of respect to the natural environment and mankind. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to visit both Mesolongi-Aitoliko Lagoon and ancient Pleurona in Aitolioakarnania Prefecture.

We look forward to meeting you in Patras on March 22, 2014 to celebrate World Water Day in the context of the Symposium.

Dr. Assoc. Professor Ioannis K. Kalavrouziotis (Organizing Committee Chairman)

University of Western Greece, Greece



Symposium Location

The city of Patras is located in the NW Peloponnese, 213km west of Athens. It is the capital of the prefecture of Achaia, the largest city in the Peloponnese and the third largest in Greece. Patras is Greece's "Gate to the West", its harbour connecting the whole country with the ports of Western Europe. The city's history can be traced back to the second millennium B.C. and the Mycenaean civilizations, but it is during the 19th Century that the city flourished and became an important centre of commerce. Patras is interesting and attractive with archaeological sites and neoclassical buildings blending with modern residences and commerce. Places worth seeing in Patras include the Fortress, the Roman Odeon, the archaeological and folklore museums, St. Andrew's Cathedral, the Municipal Theatre and Gallery, and Achaia Clauss winery. Today, the city is an important cultural centre where the University plays a leading role.

Travel to Patras

Patras can be reached by air through Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos) and by boat from Italy.

By air to Athens International Airport

Patras can be reached by air through Athens International Airport (Eleftherios Venizelos). Once arriving at the airport, you can take a taxi (yellow-coloured) or city bus to Athens intercity bus station (KTEL) in Kifisou Avenue (the taxi fare is about 30 €). Buses run to Patras almost every half hour from 6am to 9:45pm (the one-way bus fare is approximately 40 €) and the journey lasts approximately 3 hours. On arrival at Patras bus station you can take a taxi (maroon-coloured) to your hotel (costing approximately 8 €). All prices are indicative and may change during the following months.

By ferry from Italy to Patras

If travelling from Italy, you can take a ferry from Ancona, Bari, Brindisi, or Trieste, to the city of Patras. From Patras you can take a taxi (maroon-coloured) to your hotel (costing approximately 8 €). Prices are indicative and may change during the following months.

Information on travel to Patras can be found at: <http://www.gopatras.gr>

Daily transport (morning and evening transfers) from your hotels to the Conference Centre has been arranged for the duration of the Symposium.

Passports and Visas

A valid passport or identity card is required for all travel from EU countries. The Visa entry requirements for Greece vary according to your country of origin. Please contact your local Embassy or Consulate of Greece for further information.

Personal Invitations

If you require an official letter of invitation to attend the Symposium, please contact the Secretariat. This letter does not represent any commitment on part of the organizers to provide financial support.

General Information

The official time in Greece is GMT +2hrs.

The electricity supply is 220V 50Hz AC.

Insurance: The Symposium organizers cannot assume responsibility for injuries or losses occurring to persons or personal belongings during the Symposium. Therefore, participants are advised to take out travel and health insurance.

Currency & Exchange

The National currency is the Euro. Banks in Patras open from 08:00 to 14:00pm Monday to Thursday, and 08:00 to 13:30pm on Friday. Exchange bureaus can be found in Athens International Airport and the city of Patras.

Symposium Centre

The Symposium will take place in the Conference and Cultural Centre which is situated on the campus of the University of Patras. The University itself is about 8km from Patras city centre. The Conference Centre comprises a main hall of 1080 seats, a 250 seat auditorium, four halls for parallel meetings, four seminar halls, a 200m² hall for multiple use, and a two-level reception/exhibition area. The Centre is fully audio-visually equipped. More information can be found at: www.confer.upatras.gr

Accommodation

All accommodation bookings must be made by the participants themselves. A list of selected hotels of A, B and C categories at various proximities to the Conference and Cultural Centre will be available on the Symposium website from **1st September 2013**.

Funding

Unfortunately, funding is not available to assist those wishing to attend the Symposium. Participants will have to find sources of funding from their own countries and institutions.

Language

The official language of the Symposium is English.

Symposium Participants

Symposium participants, on payment of registration fees, are entitled to attend the opening ceremony, and all the sessions of the Symposium. They will receive the registration pack with the full programme and other material, Symposium e-proceedings, and free coffee and lunches for the duration of the Symposium. They may also present up to two presentations. On payment of fees, participants may take part in the one-day excursion and Symposium dinner.

Accompanying persons, on payment of registration fees, are entitled to attend the opening ceremony, and all the sessions of the Symposium. They will receive the registration pack with the full programme and other material, and free coffee and lunches for the duration of the Symposium. On payment of fees, accompanying persons may take part in the one-day excursion and Symposium dinner.

Registration Fees in €

Categories	Before December 31 st , 2013	From January 1 st , 2014
IWA members	200.00	250.00
Non-members	250.00	300.00
Students	70.00	100.00
Accompanying persons	50.00	70.00

Full registration can be made by participants via the Symposium's website: <http://wwetc2014.env.uwg.gr/>

This service will be available from **1st September 2013** onwards.

Scientific Programme

The symposium themes are:

- Ancient and traditional methods, practices, and techniques of water and wastewater resource management in ancient civilizations
- Historical development of urban water supplies (e.g. cisterns, aqueducts, qanats and wells)
- Urban water use in ancient civilizations
- The evolution of urban wastewater and storm water management practices and technologies through the centuries
- History of water and climatic changes and/or variability
- Cultural heritage in river basins
- The evolution of sanitation and water born diseases
- Ancient influences on modern water and wastewater technologies
- The cultural and socio-economic role of water and wastewater in ancient civilizations
- The history of irrigation
- Environmental history

Call for Papers

Each participant can submit up to two papers related to one of the above themes. Papers can be submitted on-line following the instructions at the site: <http://wwetc2014.env.uwg.gr/>. This service will be available from **15th April 2013**. Papers should not exceed 10 pages in length, including figures and tables.

Papers will be accepted based on quality, originality and relevance to the Symposium themes. All accepted manuscripts (papers or posters) will be published in the Symposium e-Proceedings. Only presented contributions (papers and posters) will be reviewed by the International Reviewing Committee for publication in a special edition of Water Science and Technology, Water Supply, based on their quality, originality and relevance to the Symposium.

Plenary Lectures

To be announced

Important Dates

Paper Submission Deadline: 31st August 2013

Registration Opens: 1st September 2013

Accommodation List Available: 1st September 2013

Notification of Paper Acceptance: 31st October 2013

Submission of Final Papers: 31st December 2013

Synoptic Symposium Schedule

22nd March 2014: Registration, Opening ceremony, Plenary and parallel sessions

23rd March 2014: Plenary and parallel sessions, IWA meeting, Closing ceremony, Symposium dinner

24th March 2014: One-day excursion

Symposium Dinner

The Symposium dinner will be held in a selected restaurant in either Patras or Rio. The dinner will cost 35.00 € per participant.

One-Day Excursion

The IWA Regional Symposium will include a one-day excursion to Mesolongi-Aitoliko Lagoon and Ancient Pleurona in Aitolokarnania on 24th March 2014. The excursion will cost 30.00 € per participant.

Excursion Itinerary

09:30 – Departure from hotels by coach.

10.00 – 11.30 Archaeological Museum of Patras

The new archaeological museum of Patras (opened in 2009), is one of the most significant in the country. It is located in the north entrance of the city, in an impressive, modern building with distinct architectural features. It houses 1300 artifacts that narrate the history of the area from prehistoric to Roman times. The exhibition comprises three thematic sections, exploring the public life, private life, and the necropolis of the ancient city of Patras.

12.30 – 14.00 Archaeological site of Plevrona

After crossing the bridge of Rio-Antirrio, we will stop at the site of ancient Plevrona. The site is located a few km NW of Mesolongi city. The ancient city of Plevrona was mentioned by Homer as one of the Aitolian cities that participated in the Trojan War. The city was destroyed and rebuilt on its current location during the Hellenistic period (3rd century BC). It is surrounded by impressive fortifications, with 36 towers and 7 gates and includes the ancient agora and theatre, as well as a huge cistern cut out of the rock bed. In addition, the site offers a breathtaking view of the Mesolongi-Aitoliko Lagoon system and the Patraikos Gulf.

14.30 – 15.30 Tour of Mesolongi-Aitoliko lagoon

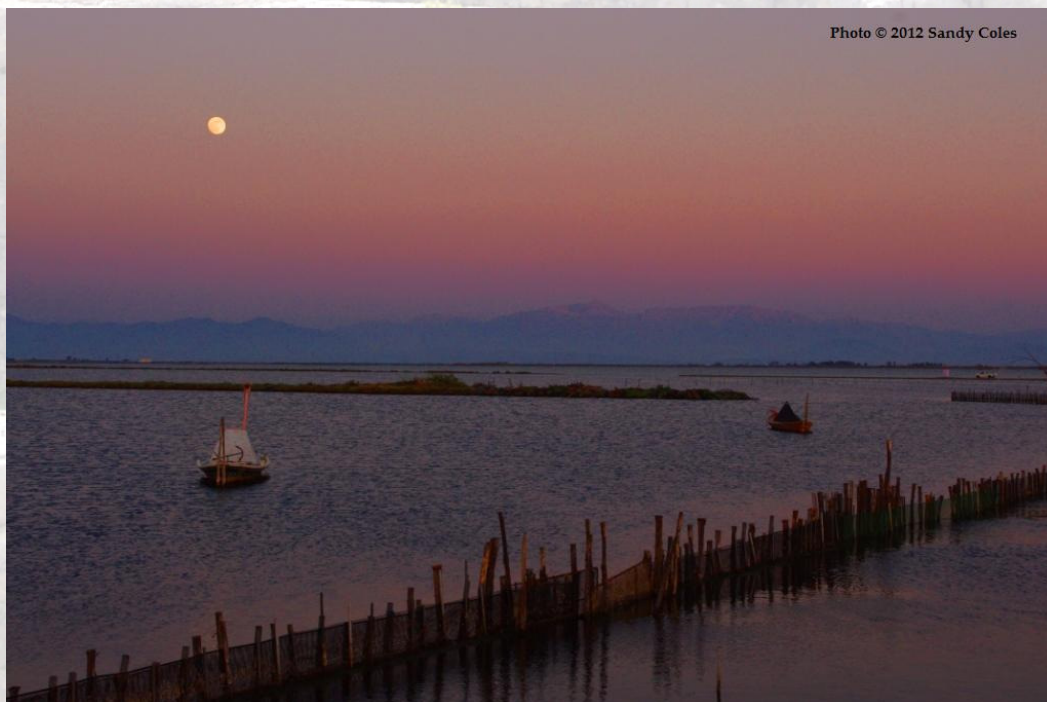
Mesolongi-Aitoliko Lagoon complex is part of a Marine Protected Area (MPA), one of the richest wetlands in Europe. It is also a Ramsar Site, an Important Bird Area (IBA) and part of the Natura 2000 network. The National Park of Mesolongi-Aitoliko Lagoon, Estuaries of Acheloos and Evinos and Echinades Islands, was established in 2006 and covers an area of 44,200 hectares.

16.00 – 17.00 Lunch in Mesolongi

Mesolongi is a picturesque town "in the middle of the lagoons" and became well-known during the Greek War of Independence as the site of a dramatic siege (1825-1826), which ended with a desperate Exodus and annihilation of its population. It is also the death place of Lord Byron (1824), the English poet who participated in the Greek revolution. The town is known as the "Iera Polis" (Sacred City), a tribute to the heroic stand of its inhabitants.

17.00 – Return to Patras and hotels

The one-day excursion can be booked and paid for during registration via the Symposium website. The organizers reserve the right to cancel the excursion due to low demand / small number of participants. In this case, the excursion fee will be fully refunded. The excursion fee includes the entrance to Patras Archaeological Museum, Ancient Plevrona, and lunch in Mesolongi.



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