

First Announcement



Agios Nikolaos
Crete 2007

XX International Symposium on
Ion-Atom Collisions &
SPARC Topical meeting:
Electron Spectrometry in the NESR



August 1 - 4, 2007

Hotel Mirabello Beach
Agios Nikolaos, Crete
Greece



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Preliminary Program

Aug. 1, *Arrival, Evening Reception*
Aug. 2, *1st day of XX ISIAC talks, poster session,
afternoon excursion to the island of Spinalonga*
Aug. 3, *Final day of XX ISIAC talks, gala dinner*
Aug. 4, **SPARC topical meeting:**
***Electron spectrometry in the
New Experimental Storage Ring (NESR)***

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Conference Site

The conference venue will be the elegant [Mirabello Beach Hotel](#) and its state-of-the art conference center. The hotel overlooks the bay of Mirabello near the picturesque coastal town of [Agios Nikolaos](#) (25,000 inhabitants) and about 70 km east of the entry port of [Heraklion](#), Crete.

Scope and Program

Traditionally, this is a two-day biennial satellite meeting taking place right after ICPEAC usually attracting about 60-90 participants from all over the world. It gives the participants an opportunity to present and exchange detailed information at a smaller specialized meeting set in a congenial and personalized atmosphere. The symposium covers all ion-atom collision phenomena including excitation, ionization and capture reactions from sub-thermal to relativistic velocities, as well as interactions of ions with surfaces, molecules and clusters. The scientific program will include invited talks and one poster session. This year XX ISIAC will be immediately followed by a topical meeting of the [SPARC collaboration](#) which will include review talks, status reports and round table discussions. All XX ISIAC participants are invited to attend free of cost.

Deadlines

Distribution of 2nd announcement:	March 1, 2007
Abstract submission:	May 15, 2007
Early registration	June 1, 2007

The 2nd Announcement will include the preliminary program. It will be available online via the conference homepage and will be e-mailed only to those participants who also filled out the online **XX ISIAC expected [Attendance Form](#)**.

Registration Fee

Full participant, **250 €** Student **150 €**
Accompanying person **100 €** Late registration **300 €**
All fees include reception, excursion and gala dinner.

XX ISIAC homepage

<http://isiac-2007.physics.uoc.gr>

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General Information

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- **Crete** legendary birth place of Zeus, the mystical Labyrinth, the terrible Minotaur, Daedalus and Ikarus and many more, is the 5th largest island of the Mediterranean and one of the most popular tourist summer destinations. Beautiful beaches, precipitous coastlines, picturesque villages, high and rugged mountain ranges with deep gorges and many hiking trails all add up to offer a most memorable experience. Rich in history, Crete has been at the cross roads of many civilizations including the Minoan, Ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian, Ottoman and modern Greek.

- **Agios Nikolaos** where ISIAC will take place is about 70 km east of Heraklion the main port of entry and one of the most picturesque towns of Crete. Overlooking the bay of **Mirabello** its sea is superb and the surrounding area of the city is noted for its sandy beaches and beautiful bays. The landmark of the city is a small lake, known as **Voulismeni** that is located in the center of the city, at the foot of the cliffs. Its shape is circular with a diameter of 137 m. According to the mythology, the goddess **Athena** used to take her bath in this lake. The depth of the lake is 64 m and was connected to the sea only recently, with a canal opened in 1870. It is an especially picturesque site with many open-air cafes and restaurants along the bank. Small boats leave the harbor to visit the Venetian fortress of **Spinalonga**, near **Elounda**. Every summer the Municipality organizes cultural music and dance events, theatrical performances, exhibitions and shows. The city is named after the small Byzantine church of Agios Nikolaos, located on the peninsula. The church has fine frescoes from the 8th, 10th and 11th century. Agios Nikolaos history stretches back to ancient times when it was the harbor of **Lato Etera**, an important and powerful city located near today's village of **Kritsa**. It possesses the second finest Archaeological Museum in Crete, where splendid archaeological findings from throughout the area are exhibited.

- **Travel** The airport of **Heraklion** is the closest international destination and can be reached directly by charter flights from many cities in Europe as well as by many daily flights from Athens. Heraklion can also be reached by ferry boat from Athens twice daily. The final leg to Agios Nikolaos is usually reached by taxi (about 60 € that can be shared by participants. A conference bus at a smaller fee may also become available if enough participants will be arriving at the same time. Please consult the homepage for latest information on this eventuality.

- **Accommodations** The July-August period is especially busy in Crete with tourism at its peak. Participants are therefore kindly advised to make all their travel plans and reservations well in advance of the official deadlines. Rooms in the five star venue hotel **Mirabello Beach** as well as three and two star hotels **Ormos and Crystal** have been especially reserved for participants.

- **Excursion and Gala dinner** An afternoon excursion by boat to the nearby island and fortress of Spinalonga, the last stronghold of the Venetians long after the rest of Crete had capitulated to the Ottomans will be an integral part of the conference. Together with the reception and gala dinner all three are included in the price of the registration for participants and accompanying persons.

- **Social Program** Visits to museums, archeological sites, excursions and cruises in general will be available through the local conference excursion agencies.

For more details please consult the homepage at <http://isiac-2007.physics.uoc.gr>



SPARC Topical meeting: *Electron spectrometry in the NESR* Saturday August 4

General Information

The SPARC topical meeting on *Electron spectrometry in the NESR* will take place on the morning of *Saturday August 4*, immediately following the end of XX ISIAC.

Since most of the members of the electron spectroscopy subgroup of **SPARC** will be attending XX ISIAC, a supplementary meeting was considered desirable.

All XX ISIAC participants are invited to attend free of charge.

Scope and Program

The **SPARC topical meeting** will include review talks, some oral presentations, status and progress reports and a round table discussion of how to proceed.

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More specific information concerning the program will be available in the 2nd circular.

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