

XX ISIAC – Latest update

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Dear XX ISIAC registered participant:

The official early registration deadline is now over and closed. We had a good turnout with a total of 77 registered participants from 21 countries. The following information includes the latest update about the meeting - please pay careful attention as there have been some last minute changes.

CANCELLATION DEADLINE/POLICY:

Cancellations must be submitted in writing to the conference secretary Ms. **Efi Galanaki** (efi@mitos.com.gr) no later than **June 30, 2007**. The equivalent of one night hotel room rate will be charged if cancellation is received before June 30, 2007.

Cancellations and NON SHOWs received after June 30, 2007 will be charged for the FULL amount of the original hotel reservation. This policy is clearly stated at the link: <http://isiac-2007.physics.uoc.gr/accommodation.html>

COMPLETE BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

We have also put together the Complete Book of Abstracts containing the following information:

- a) Maps of Crete and conference area (Agios Nikolaos - however, sorry there is no map (except for Google Earth) of the immediate hotel area!)
- b) Program of events (includes hourly/daily program of meetings, talks, etc.)
- c) Abstracts of invited talks
- d) Abstracts of contributed posters
- e) List of participants with affiliations and e-mails (2 last pages)
- f) Conference hotel addresses, telephone numbers and e-mails (last page)
- g) Conference statistics (last page)

The Complete book of abstracts can be downloaded from the conference home page at: <http://isiac-2007.physics.uoc.gr/Complete Book of Abstracts XX ISIAC.pdf>

ALTERNATIVE/MIRROR conference websites:

Two alternative mirror sites have also been setup to be used only for emergency. These are at: <http://isiac-2007.iesl.forth.gr> and <https://orion.pt.tu-clausthal.de/qd/isiac-2007/>

AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT:

- Overhead projector for PowerPoint presentation
- Conventional projector for transparencies
- Presentation laptop

Please make sure your presentation has been loaded onto the presentation laptop BEFORE your session starts. Thursday morning speakers should load their presentations from the previous day.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT DESK

The desk will be open for registration and support service during the following times:

August 1 – 18:00-20:00

August 2 – 08:00-13:15, 15:00-16:00

August 3 – 09:00-13:30, 16:00-20:00

August 4 – 11:00-14:00

HOW TO GET THERE:

Explicit directions for getting to the conference can also be found at the homepage under Travel: <http://isiac-2007.physics.uoc.gr/travel.html>

- **CONFERENCE HOTELS** - address

1. **MIRABELLO BEACH**, Havanja - Agios Nikolaos,
tel: (+30) 28410 28400, e-mail: mirabello.hotel@iberostar.com.gr
Half pension: Breakfast (7:30-10:30), Dinner (18:30-21:00)

Late (after dinner) arrivals can still catch their half pension meal at the Snack Bar of the hotel (near the pool bar) which will be open up to 01:00.

2. **CRYSTAL/ORMOS**, Ormos - Agios Nikolaos,
tel: (+30) 28410 24094, e-mail: ormcryst@otenet.gr
Breakfast only

- **TRANSFER BUS from Heraklion airport.**

Two buses will be chartered on **Wednesday August 1** for the **FREE** transfer of participants from the Heraklion airport to the conference hotels in Agios Nikolaos. The buses will be waiting in the parking lot right outside the arrival area behind the tour operator kiosks and marked with the XX ISIAC poster and logo.

However, **this service will only be provided if enough participants sign up for it!** All interested participants should therefore contact the conference secretary **Ms. Efi Galanaki** (efi@mitos.com.gr) as soon as possible and **before July 20**, clearly stating their Heraklion arrival air flight number and time, the bus they prefer to be on and the number of people involved.

Bus departure times: Bus A – 18:30, Bus B – 20:30.

Please note that the bus will wait within some time limits for delayed flights so departure times are only approximate. In the event that not enough participants sign up an announcement will be made on the conference homepage – so please check. The final bus lists will also appear on the homepage.

Return transport to Heraklion on departure might also become possible depending on number of people so please check.

- **TAXI**

The fastest (but most costly) option is to take a taxi on your own (less than 60euro for the 60 min/70km drive from Heraklion) or even better share one with other participants (up to 4 per taxi, i.e. about 15euro/person) arriving with you. You are encouraged to contact other such participants to make arrangements for sharing taxis.

Taxis are readily available at the Taxi stand of the airport right outside the arrival area.

Special taxis can also be organized by the conference secretary (efi@mitos.com.gr) to be waiting for you on arrival (outside the arrival terminal or port with a sign with your name) even if your arrival is delayed. The cost is the same as for a normal taxi.

- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

Public transportation to Agios Nikolaos is also available from the port of arrival (Heraklion airport or port). It runs every 30 minutes costs 6.20euro and takes about 70-90 minutes. A second bus (direction ELOUNDA - PLAKA) will be needed from Agios Nikolaos terminal which can drop you off right outside the conference hotel **MIRABELLO** or the stop before at **ORMOS/CRYSTAL**. Alternatively you can take a local cab in Agios Nikolaos for a few euros to deliver you to your hotel.

- **CAR RENTAL**

Cars can be rented directly from the port of arrival after you have made explicit arrangements with your preferred agency. Alternatively you can contact <http://www.katrea.gr> who will be happy to make such arrangements for you. Cars rentals can also be arranged during the meeting by the conference secretary.

WELCOME RECEPTION:

Due to the late arrival of many participants the Welcome Reception on Wednesday August 1 at Mirabello Hotel (pool bar) has been shifted to **21:00-22:30** for all registered participants and accompanying persons (who have paid the Accompanying Fee).

EXCURSION to SPINALONGA ISLAND

The excursion to Spinalonga will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday August 2**. Buses will depart from hotel MIRABELLO at **16:00**. Light clothing, comfortable walking shoes, hat and sun-screen are advised, optional bathing suit and towel for a quick dip, if there is enough time. There are no changing facilities on the island. Last minute sign up for the excursion will close at **11:30 of August 2** - Excursion Fee **25 Euro** for accompanying persons not already signed-up.

CONFERENCE DINNER

The gala dinner will take place immediately after the end of the **Friday August 3** afternoon sessions at the restaurant **GORGONA** (tel: 2841041073), a typical informal open-air fish tavern in PLAKA (village opposite Spinalonga) by the seaside. Dinner will include traditional appetizers, a choice of two main course specialties (baked lamb or fresh grilled fish), salad, fruit and dessert accompanied by local wines. Live entertainment will include Greek/Cretan music and dancers. Any consumption of other beverages (soft drinks/beer) or food will have to be specially ordered and paid individually. You will be asked to declare your choice of lamb or fish upon arrival at the conference check-in so please be ready. The default will be lamb. A vegetarian choice will also be available.

Two specially chartered buses will take participants to the restaurant and back leaving from the MIRABELLO Hotel entrance. Please stay advised for latest minute changes as to the exact time of departure.

To make up for the missed dinner of participants staying at the Mirabello Hotel (at half pension) a substitute lunch can be provided either for the same day (Friday) or the next (Saturday). Please advise the hotel reception **directly at least one day in advance** stating your room number.

Last minute sign up for the conference dinner will close at **11:30 August 2** - Conference dinner Fee **45 Euro** for accompanying persons not already signed-up.

ACTIVITIES FOR accompanying persons

Information and arrangements for excursions, tours and other activities will be available through the conference secretary desk before and during the meeting.

EMERGENCY

In the case of any emergency the following numbers might be useful:

- Conference secretary (+30) 6944-345112 (cellular)
- Theo Zouros (+30) 6975-518891 (private cellular)

Please note that the international telephone code for Greece is +30 (0030 from most places in Europe), but is not needed from within Greece.

Wish you all a nice July and a safe trip to Crete. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the XX ISIAC at Agios Nikolaos.

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