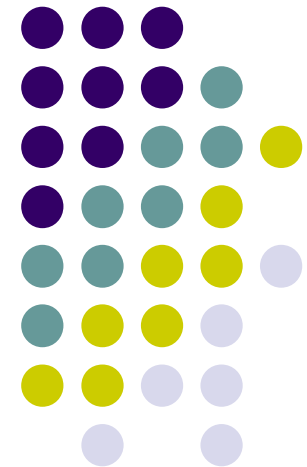


9th European Conference on Thermoelectrics

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Thessaloniki, Greece



Thessaloniki | some facts...



- | *2500 years of continuous history*
- | *Inhabited by 1,5 million people, approximately*
- | *2nd largest city in Greece*
- | *2nd largest port in Greece*
- | *European Capital of Culture 1997*





On the map



- *At the southeastern edge of the European Union*
- *At the ending point of the Balkan Peninsula*
- *In the northern region of Macedonia*

Thessaloniki at a glance



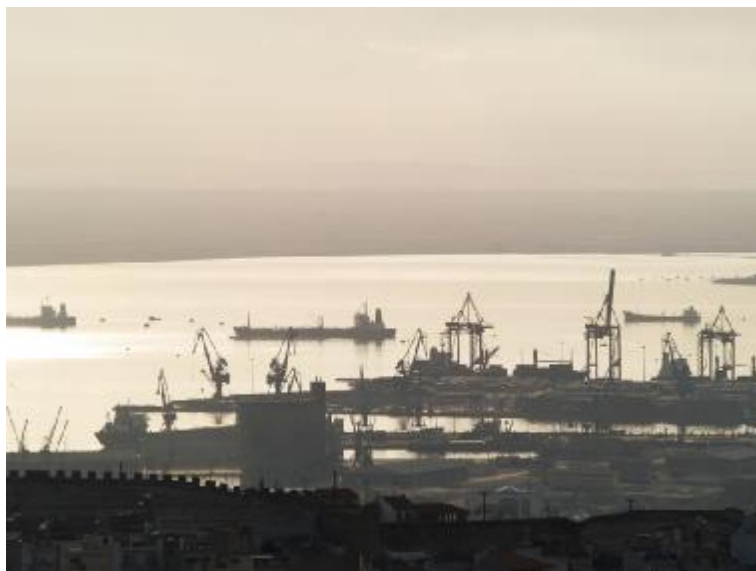
- | A city with a **rich historical background & a strong cultural identity**
 - | Founded in the Hellenistic period by King Cassander
 - | Occupied by Romans
 - | Flourished in the Byzantine Times
 - | Emerged as a blend of different cultures, ethnicities and religions





Thessaloniki at a glance

- | A city that has evolved as a **financial, business and commercial crossroad of the Balkans**
 - | Annual International Fair of Thessaloniki (74th this year)
 - | Important Port gateway of the Balkan Peninsula
 - | Enforced business interaction with the upcoming Balkan states





Thessaloniki at a glance

A vibrant city

- | Has always played a significant role in the **cultural life** of Greece
 - § *Cultural Capital of Europe (1997)*
 - § *International Film Festival of Thessaloniki*
 - § *Biennale of Contemporary Art*
 - § *State Museum of Contemporary Art (Costakis Collection)*
 - § *National Theatre of Northern Greece*

- | Hosting the biggest university of Greece thus a huge number of **students and young people**

- | Advantaged by its **physical location**, Thessaloniki offers multiple entertainment and recreation options
 - § *Boat trip in Thermaikos Gulf*
 - § *Open air theatre performances*
 - § *Summer nights open air cinemas*
 - § *Walks in the old city*
 - § *Rich nightlife*





The Venue



- | The **Department of Physics** is located in the main **Aristotle University Campus**, just at the edge of the historical city centre.
- | It was established in **1928** and is now one of the oldest and biggest departments in Greece (in terms of students' number, personnel and **research activity**)
- | It has 5 sections:
 - § **Solid State Physics**
 - § **Astrophysics, Astronomy & Mechanics**
 - § **Nuclear & Elementary Particles Physics**
 - § **Electronics & Computers**
 - § **Applied & Environmental Physics**

Getting to Thessaloniki



- | Thessaloniki is located at the northern side of Greece, 504 km (310 miles) north of Athens.
 - | **By air:** Thessaloniki International “Makedonia” Airport connects the city with major European cities, while there are frequent internal flights
 - | **By train:** Thessaloniki is connected by train to Athens and other Balkan cities as well as Istanbul
 - | **By coach bus:** Coach buses connect Thessaloniki with Athens and many other cities and towns throughout the territory
 - | **Public Transportation:** Thessaloniki has a very good network of bus service, while the new metro of the city is currently under construction.





Accommodation Options

- I Thessaloniki has a wide range of hotels suitable for variable budgets, while maintaining **high standards of accommodation and hospitality services**
- I All hotels are located in the historical city centre, within **walking distance** from the conference venue
- I Prices may vary depending on the hotel level and start approximately from 60 € (BB per night)



Sightseeing & Vacation



Thessaloniki offers a very interesting variety of **archaeological and cultural sites**

- § *Roman Period ruins*
- § *Byzantine Churches*
- § *Turkish Hamams from the Ottoman Period*
- § *Markets*





Sightseeing & Vacation



Variety of **museums** representing the different time periods of the city

- § *Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki*
- § *Museum of Byzantine Culture*
- § *City Museum - White Tower*
- § *State Museum of Contemporary Art*
- § *Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art*
- § *Thessaloniki Science Centre & Technology Museum*



Close to the city

Thessaloniki is surrounded by many kinds of getaways, both of **archaeological and natural interest, ideal for day trips**

- | Pella & Vergina (*the homeland of the Macedonian Kings*)
- | Dion & Mountain Olympos
- | Philippi (*one of the most interesting archaeological sites of the country*)



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- | Mount Athos (*the monastery community*)
- | The Meteora Monastery Complex
- | Kassandra & Sithonia in Chalkidiki (550 klm of natural beauty coastline)





Some useful links...

- | www.thessaloniki.gr
- | www.auth.gr
- | www.halkidiki.gov.gr
- | www.gohalkidiki.com
- | www.gnto.gr
- | www.thessalonikiairport.gr
- | www.ose.gr
- | <http://odysseus.culture.gr>
- | www.ancientdion.org

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Thank you for your attention!

Hope to see you in **2011 in Thessaloniki!**

