9th European Conference on Thermoelectrics

September 28th - 30th, 2011
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

- Thessaloniki has a wide range of hotels suitable for variable budgets, while maintaining **high standards of accommodation and hospitality services**
- All hotels are located in the historical city centre, within **walking distance** from the conference venue
- 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
Thank you for your attention!

Hope to see you in 2011 in Thessaloniki!