



## **24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Virus and Other Graft Transmissible Diseases of Fruit Crops**

**Thessaloniki 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Second Announcement**

Dear colleagues,

The ICVF meeting, organized by the Hellenic Phytopathological Society in collaboration with the Department of Plant Pathology in the School of Agriculture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) will be held from June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2017.

#### **Tentative program:**

- June 4<sup>th</sup>: Registration and Welcome Reception (7-10pm)
- June 5<sup>th</sup>: Emerging diseases-etiology-diagnostics
- June 6<sup>th</sup>: Epidemiology-Plant-pathogen interactions- Tour of Thessaloniki
- June 7<sup>th</sup>: Field tour to Vergina (Capital of Ancient Macedonia), visit to pome and stone fruit orchards in Veria and Naoussa
- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Workshop on Plant movement across borders. Gala dinner
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: Epidemiology-Control – half day, completion after 1pm

#### **Abstract submission:**

**Please follow the templates provided in the ICVF website.**  
**Deadline for abstract submission: March 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Registration:**

- Fees:** (Including lunches and Gala dinner)
- 450 Euros for registration before **March 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - 600 Euros after **March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Accompanying person:** 250 Euros (Includes lunches, Gala dinner, transportation to Vergina and museum tickets)

**Tentative tour program:**

June 5<sup>th</sup> : City tour and museums

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June 7<sup>th</sup> : Field trip to Vergina (see tentative program above)

June 8<sup>th</sup>: Mount Olympus (enjoy hiking at the Mountain of the Ancient Greek Gods)

**Tours available if more than 10 individuals sign up.** Please contact [katis@agro.auth.gr](mailto:katis@agro.auth.gr) before **March 15<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to take part in the tour.

**Gala dinner:** additional Gala ticket 50 Euros

**BANK INFORMATION (for registration and pretour fees)**

Piraeus Bank

**Address:** 4 Americis Street, GR 10564, Athens, Greece

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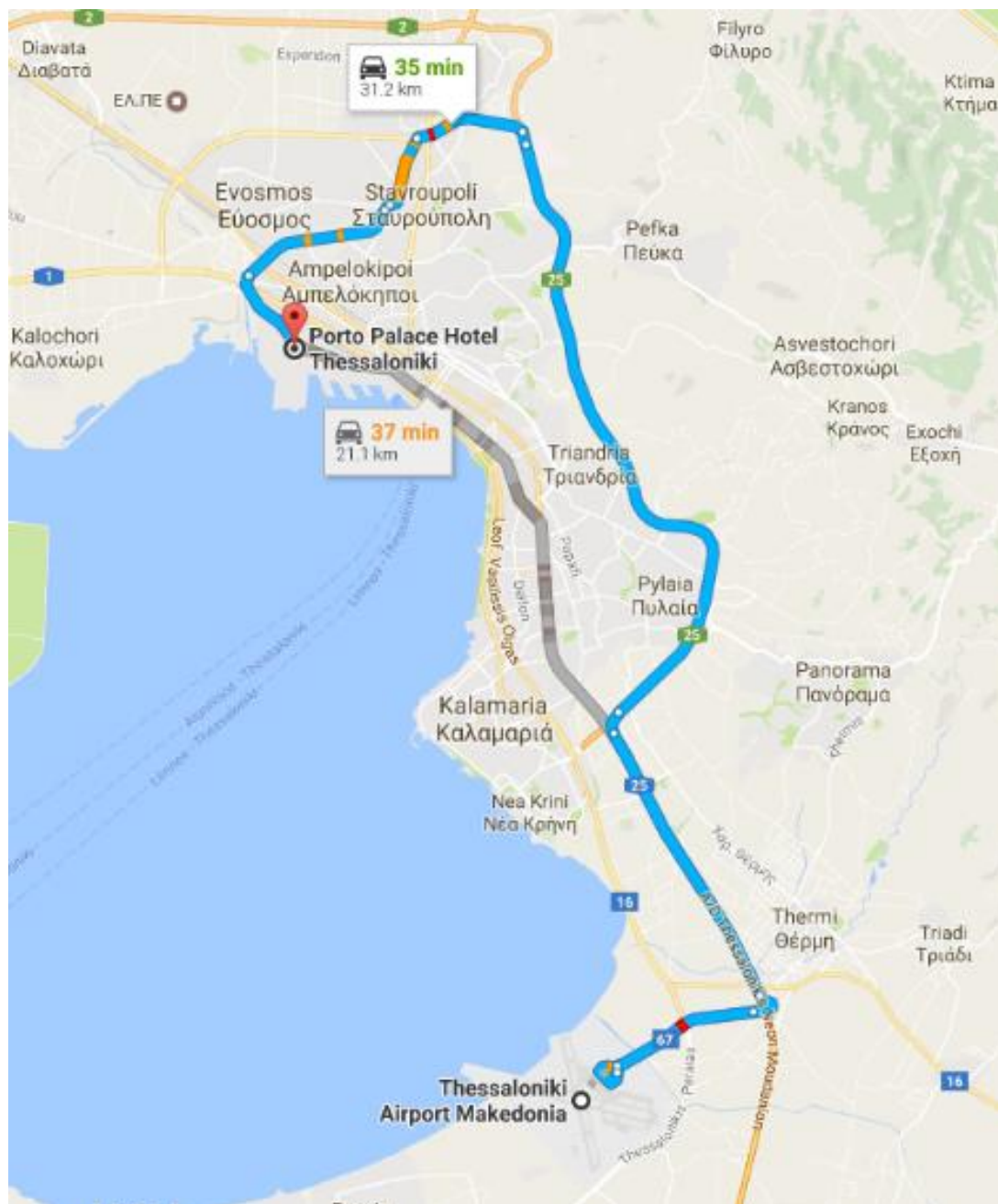
## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Transportation:

Fly in to Macedonia airport (SKG). Transportation from the airport to conference hotel will be available every two hours during June 4<sup>th</sup>. In order to arrange transportation please provide us with your arrival information. The departure from the hotel should be arranged by each participant.

#### *Alternative transportation to the Conference hotel:*

- **Taxi** fees: 22-30 Euros (around 40 min).
- **Bus**: No 78 from the airport to the end of the line, then No 31 to stop SFAGEIA (ΣΦΑΓΕΙΑ). Approximate time 1 hour and 30 min without traffic.



### **Conference Hotel:**

Porto Palace Hotel, 26th Octovriou Avenue, Port 546 28, Thessaloniki, Greece

Tel: 0030-2310-504-504

Fax: 0030-2310-504-384

e-mail: [info@portopalace.gr](mailto:info@portopalace.gr)

[www.portopalace.gr](http://www.portopalace.gr)

**Reservation code: ICVF**

Porto Palace is about 3 km from the city centre with a shuttle bus available at set times.

Taxi rides to the city centre will cost you 4-5 Euros.

**Room pricing:** Single occupancy 80 Euros, Double occupancy 90 Euros. Each extra person over the age of 12 will be charged an extra 25 euros.

**Conference attendees that will not be staying at Porto Palace will be charged 80 Euros to recoup meeting costs.**

**Pre-tour, June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. Athens to Thessaloniki, visit to orchards and archeological sites in Athens and Central Greece.**

### **Pretour program:**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Archeological sites in Athens (City tour, Acropolis and museum) - Hotel Stanley ([www.hotelstanley.gr](http://www.hotelstanley.gr))

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Visit farm on the way to Volos, Thermopiles, Hotel Volos Palace ([www.volospalace.gr](http://www.volospalace.gr))

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Pome fruit farms in mountain Pilio, Hotel Volos Palace

**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Meteora, then grape and stone fruit farms in Larissa, Thessaly. Arrival at Conference Porto Palace hotel (Porto Palace accomodation is not included in the pre-tour).

#### **The Pretour package includes**

- ✓ Hotel stay (three nights)
- ✓ Breakfast and Lunch
- ✓ Bus transportation
- ✓ English speaking guide in Athens (City tour, Visit of Acropolis & Acropolis Museum)
- ✓ Acropolis & Acropolis Museum tickets
- ✓ VAT 24%

Cost: **550 Euros for double occupancy room, 650 Euros for single occupancy room.**

For those who also need an extra night in Athens (May 31<sup>st</sup>) they will be charged an extra amount of **50 Euros.**

Pretour is available only if more than 20 people express interest. Please contact [katis@agro.auth.gr](mailto:katis@agro.auth.gr) before **March 15<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to take part in the tour.

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| <b>Transportation from Athens airport to city centre:</b> |
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Fly to Athens International Airport (ATH).

Reach City Center by:

**Train:** Available from 06:30. Then, from 07:00 to 23:30 at 00' and 30'.

- One-way ticket for one person: **8.00 €**
- Return ticket for one person: **14.00 €**
- One-way ticket for 2 persons: **14.00 €**
- One-way ticket for 3 persons: **20.00 €**

**Taxi:** You will find taxis waiting between Exit 2 and Exit 3 at the arrival level.

The **fare** from Athens airport to Athens centre is fixed:

**Day time** (05:00-24:00)      **35 €**

**Night time** (24:00-05:00)      **50 €**

**Time to Athens centre:**      **45 min. approx.**

**Bus:** There are four different bus routes starting from the airport. They are available 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. You can catch the bus from the designated area at the arrivals level (between Exit 4 and Exit 5)

**Tickets** are available from the bus drivers, from the ticket kiosk at the bus departure area and from all the metro stations around Athens. There are **only one-way tickets** and cost **5.00 €**. Children under 6 years travel for free.

We look forward to welcoming you in Thessaloniki to the 2017 ICVF Conference.

On behalf of the local organizers,

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Yannis Tzanetakis

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