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INTRODUCTION

This Newsletter deals solely with the 2012 ISCA Conference in Greece and Turkey. Consequently, this Newsletter serves as the Fifth Circular of the Conference. This Circular provides all of the information that pertains to the Conference.

A lot of time has been devoted by our Greek and Turkish organizers, together with Renata, and we have an exciting and highly unusual Conference ahead of us.

Due to its unusual multi-national format the Registration Costs have had to be divided into three entities. These components are all described in the content of this Newsletter.

We have experienced a delay in sending out this Newsletter. We had the great hope that we would have been able to fly the participants from Thessaloniki (near Drama) in Greece to Antalya, which would have eliminated a long bus journey. Alas, this hope eventually evaporated, and we must stay with the long bus ride.

PARTICIPANT'S ITINERARIES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE

Each participant attending the Conference will have to have the following routes as part of their personal itineraries:

Part 1 – Place of Origin to Ioannina

Subject to whatever else you may find in your searches the most probable way of reaching Ioannina will be via Athens. There are two flights per day:



Flight No. OA800	Departs Athens 12:40	Arrives Ioannina 13:40
Flight No. OA808	Departs Athens 17:40	Arrives Ioannina 18:40

Part 2 – Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST) to Antalya – Wednesday, 7th November 2012

The bus transportation from Drama, on Wednesday, 7th November 2012, is scheduled to arrive at Istanbul Ataturk Airport between 14:00 and 14:30. Participants will have to allow time to check in, pass through security and board. There are numerous flights from Istanbul to Antalya each day. At present, there is a flight from Istanbul to Antalya with Turkish airlines at 17:00 at a low cost of 84 euros - one way. We suggest that participants try to book the flight at 17:00 from Istanbul to Antalya, in order to have enough time for the trip from Drama to Istanbul. This flight is not part of the Conference transport. It is important that each participant has a flight from Istanbul to Antalya, as part of their personal itinerary.

Part 3 – Antalya to Destination

Sunday, 11th November 2012 is the designated departure date from Antalya. Participants will need to have their personal itineraries planned for this day.

VISAS

Each participant must ensure that they are in possession of all Visas that may be necessary for them to enter Greece and Turkey. Greece is a member of the European Union, Turkey is not.

If Letters of Invitation are required these can be obtained from:

Greece	Perama Cave	info@spilaio-perama.gr
Turkey	Cenk Sarialan	alanya@pamfilya.com.tr

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 3rd November 2012:

Arrive in Ioannina. Hotel accommodation
20:00 Dinner

Sunday, 4th November 2012

Breakfast
09:00 Opening and Welcome



Conference Hosts
Conference Programme
Local Information
10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 ISCA Conference Business Meeting
ISCA Board of Directors Meeting
Commission and Study Group Reports
Any other Business
12:30 Visit to Lake of Ioannina and its Island
14:00 Lunch
17:00 Visit to Perama Cave, Ioannina
20:00 Dinner

Monday, 5th November 2012

Breakfast
08:00 Departure to Meteora, visit to two monasteries
12:30 Visit to the prehistoric cave of Theopetra
13:30 Lunch
16:30 Visit and coffee at Metsova, a picturesque village near Ioannina
18:00 Round Table
20:00 Official Dinner

Tuesday, 6th November 2012

Breakfast
08:00 Departure from Ioannina. Visit to the archaeological site of Vergina.
13:30 Lunch
16:00 Arrival at the town of Drama. Hotel accommodation.
17:30 Visit to Alistrati Cave and Aggitis Cave
20:30 Dinner

Wednesday, 7th November 2012

Breakfast
08:00 Departure for Istanbul
Flight from Istanbul to Antalya
Transfer to Alanya. Hotel accommodation
19:30 Cocktails and Dinner

Thursday, 8th November 2012

07:30 Breakfast
09:00 Opening and Welcome
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10:30 Coffee Break
10:45 ISCA Conference Business Meeting
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12:30 Lunch at Hotel
13:30 Transfer to Dim Cave
15:00 Visit to Dim Cave
17:00 Cocktails at Dim Cave
18:00 Transfer to Hotel
20:00 Dinner at Hotel

Friday, 9th November 2012

07:30 Breakfast
09:00 Departure from Hotel
09:30 Visit to Damlatus Cave
10:30 Visit to Alanya Castle
11:30 Visit to Kizil Kule (Seljuk Red Tower)
12:30 Lunch at Alanya City Centre
14:00 Transfer to Sapadere Canyon and River
15:00 Visit to Sapadere Canyon and River
20:00 Dinner at Hotel

Saturday, 10th November 2012

07:30 Breakfast
08:30 Departure from Hotel
09:30 Visit to Side, Ancient City
11:00 Free time
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Visit to Aspendos Ancient Theatre
15:30 Transfer to Zeytintasi Cave
16:00 Visit to Zeytintasi Cave
17:30 Transfer to Hotel Antalya Hotel Accommodation
20:00 Cocktails and Dinner at Hotel

*** All meals, entrances, professional guiding service included in both countries. Non-soft drinks at lunch are excluded.



Sunday, 11th November 2012

Departures and free time in Turkey

REGISTRATION

The final Registration Form is attached. Do not be surprised if you receive another copy directly from Renata! Those planning to attend this Conference need to be mindful that Renata needs this form to be in her possession no later than 31st August 2012

Reservations at the Kouros Hotel, for the night of 6th November 2012, can be made as soon as possible, and no later than 31st August 2012. Note that the remainder of the Registration Costs for the Greek portion should be brought with you to Ioannina in cash €370.00 per person.

Electronic banking details for the €310.00 per person Initial Registration Cost for the Turkish component needs to be paid no later than 31st August 2012.

CONCLUSION

Now you have all of the details. No member should miss this wonderful opportunity to visit these two fantastic countries and see examples of their great show caves. See you there!

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