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6th European and 3rd Hellenic Astronomical Society Conference

2 – 5 July 1997, Thessaloniki, Greece

First Announcement

NEW TRENDS IN ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

The 6^{th} Meeting of the European Astronomical Society (**E.A.S.**) will be held at Thessaloniki, Greece, jointly with the 3^{rd} Conference of the Hellenic Astronomical Society (**Hel.A.S.**). This will be the third time the E.A.S. meets jointly with one of its Affiliated Societies. The Conference will cover the basic fields of Astronomy and Astrophysics and is open to all astronomers who would like to interact and exchange their scientific expertise with their European colleagues.

During the Conference, both the fundamental astronomical knowledge and the exciting new results in experimental and theoretical astrophysics will be presented by experts in the field. We anticipate that the Conference, among the largest to be held in recent years in Europe, will provide new prospects for current research and a first class opportunity to European astronomers to strengthen their bonds.

1. Main Scientific Objectives

Cosmology
High Energy Astrophysics
Nuclei of Galaxies
Neutron Stars, Pulsars and Black Holes
Extra-Solar Planets
Solar Physics and Astrophysical Plasmas
European Astronomy from the Ground and Space

The above subjects will be discussed during invited reviews at *plenary sessions. Parallel sessions* covering most subjects of Astronomy will also be organised during the Conference. Finally, *poster sessions* are expected to play an important role in this Conference, addressing recent results, which, in general, cannot be included in the detailed plan of the scheduled sessions.

2. Scientific Organising Committee – SOC

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3. Local Organising Committee – LOC

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4. Agenda

The scientific discussions will be spread over 10 – 12 intervals, each lasting about 2 hours. During these intervals there will be 3 to 4 parallel sessions organised and chaired by a two-to-three-persons co-ordinating committee. The co-ordinating committees will referee and accept the contributed papers.

5. Conference Location

The Conference will take place in the hotels *Athos Palace* and *Pallini Beach*, located in Kallithea, Chalkidiki, an outstanding resort site, about 90 km from Thessaloniki and 80 km from "Macedonia" airport. The hotels are of category A' with excellent conference facilities, bars, taverns, restaurants, summer sport facilities and a private beach.

At the time of the conference the weather in Greece is fairly warm. The average maximum temperature in July is about 29 °C and the minimum about 20 °C. However, next to the sea the weather is usually much milder: warm in the winter and cooler in the summer. Light clothing is recommended but do include a jacket in your suitcase.

6. Arrival and Departure

Thessaloniki can be reached by car, bus, train or aeroplane. Its international airport is directly connected to most (about 20) major European cities. There are about 10 daily flights between Athens and Thessaloniki ($\sim 40'$ duration) and about as many scheduled train connections ($\sim$6 hours – road distance: $\sim$500 km).

From Thessaloniki one can reach the Conference location by public transportation or taxis. A number of Conference shuttle-busses will be operated during the Conference. More details will be presented in a later communication and in the Conference home page (see above).

7. Cultural Events

The City of Thessaloniki (about 1 million inhabitants within its extended borders) offers a wide variety of sights and activities, ranging from world-class culture (archaeological sites, museums, exhibitions) to a variety of entertainment, cuisine and natural wonders. Olympus, the mountain of gods, is less than a couple of hours drive from Thessaloniki. Closeby lies the *Mt.Athos* peninsula, well known for its monasteries and Byzantine treasures.

Thessaloniki has been nominated the *Cultural Capital of Europe for 1997.* Therefore a large number of cultural events have been programmed for this year. Detailed information will be presented in future announcements and during the Conference.

8. Accommodation – Hotel Reservation

The broader district of Thessaloniki offers several attractions and is well known in Greece as a summer resort area. During the summer months hotel accommodation is usually in high demand and often expensive. The situation is expected to be exaggerated during 1997, while Thessaloniki is the *Cultural Capital of Europe*. Therefore early hotel reservation of the potential participants is highly recommended. Please note that the LOC cannot guarantee reservations after April 10, 1997. A Hotel Reservation Form is included in this announcement and may be downloaded from the Conference Web page (http://www.astro.auth.gr/elaset/jenam97). Payment for the accommodation of at least one day is necessary for the reservation.

A special agreement for the participants has been negotiated by the LOC with the hotels mentioned in §5:

Single room (limited availability) (half pension)	20000 drachmas
Double room used as single room (half pension)	25000 drachmas
Double room (half pension)	16500 drachmas/per person
Third person in double room (half pension)	11500 drachmas
Extra lunch or supper	2500 drachmas

The current exchange rate is: 1 US$ = 245 drachmas (GDr)

9. Financial assistance

The Local Organising Committee is working hard towards obtaining local support for the Conference. With the help and support of the University of Thessaloniki and other sponsors, we hope to be able to offer limited free accommodation and subsidence, mainly to Ph.D. students. The Hellenic Astronomical Society is partially supporting its members and we hope that other European Societies will follow a similar approach.

10. Pre-registration

Pre-registration is possible by completing and sending back to the LOC the Registration Form included in this message, before **March 15, 1997**. Information about the registration fees is given in the following Table:

	Early Registration (until March 15, 1997)		**Late Registration (after March 15, 1997)**	
	(US$)	(GDr)	(US$)	(GDr)
General registration	100.-	25000.-	125.-	30000.-
E.A.S. Ordinary Member	80.-	20000.-	100.-	25000.-
E.A.S. Junior Member	40.-	10000.-	50.-	13000.-
Hel.A.S. Ordinary Member	40.-	10000.-	50.-	13000.-
Hel.A.S. Junior Member	20.-	5000.-	25.-	6500.-
Accompanying Person	40.-	10000.-	50.-	13000.-

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R E G I S T R A T I O N   F O R M [1]

Submit this form by normal post or fax to the **Contact address** of the Local Organising Committee, mentioned in §3.

Deadline for early registration: March 15, 1997

Direct questions to: **elaset@astro.auth.gr**

You will receive a confirmation from the LOC as soon as your registration has been processed.

Family Name: ____________ First name: ____________ Initials: ____________

Title: Professor □ Dr. □ Mr. □ Mrs. □ Miss □ Ph.D. Student □

Affiliation for *Name Badge*: ______________________________

E-mail: ______________________________

Phone number: ____________________ Fax number: ____________________

Institution: ______________________________

Postal address: ______________________________

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City: ____________ Zip Code: ____________ Country: ____________

Accompanying person(s): ______________________________

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	No. of persons	Early Registration (until March 15, 1997) (US$)	(GDr)	Late Registration (after March 15, 1997) (US$)	(GDr)
General registration	× □	. . . .	. . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .
E.A.S. Ordinary Member	× □	. . . .	. . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .
E.A.S. Junior Member	× □	. . . .	. . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Hel.A.S. Ordinary Member	× □	. . . .	. . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Hel.A.S. Junior Member	× □	. . . .	. . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Accompanying Person	× □	. . . .	. . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .
	Total amount	. . . .	. . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .

Will you be presenting a paper? (YES[2]/NO) . . . . .

Signature: . . . .

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[1] Please complete the Payment Form as well.

[2] Please complete the Paper Contribution Form

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H O T E L R E S E R V A T I O N F O R M [3]

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Deadline for guaranteed reservation and minimum cancellation fees: March 15, 1997

Direct questions to: **elaset@astro.auth.gr**

• Reservations may be submitted by *Letter*, by *E-mail* or by *FAX*[4]. Telephone requests will not be accepted.
• The LOC will confirm your reservation within two weeks after your application has been received.

Family Name: __________ First name: __________ Initials: __________
E-mail: __________
Phone number: __________ Fax number: __________
Postal address: __________

City: __________ Zip Code: __________ Country: __________

Choose the type of room[5] that suits you best by checking one box:
SINGLE ROOM[6] ☐ DOUBLE ROOM ☐ DOUBLE ROOM (single occupancy) ☐
Non-Smoking ☐ Special Needs: __________

For <u>all</u> types of room, print names of occupants of each room:

<u>Room 1:</u> 1. __________ 2. __________ 3. __________

<u>Room 2:</u> 1. __________ 2. __________ 3. __________

Should the LOC choose your room mates? (yes/no) .... Sex of room mates: M ☐ F ☐ Any ☐

Arrival Date & Time: __________ __________ Departure Date: __________
Number of persons ☐ Number of nights ☐

Signature: . .. .

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[3] Please complete the PAYMENT FORM as well.
[4] The hotel requires a guarantee for bookings. Please remit a deposit, equivalent to one night's stay, at the rates mentioned above, with your registration. The deposit will be credited to your bill when checking out. If you have indicated more than one choice, please fulfil the deposit requirements of your first choice.
[5] If more rooms are needed, please duplicate this form.
[6] Limited number of rooms, please indicate a second choice, by checking a second box.

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P A P E R C O N T R I B U T I O N[7]

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I wish to present an oral ☐ poster ☐ paper in a *parallel session*, in the general area of Astronomy:

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Title (preliminary): ______________________________

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Special Instructions (optional): ________________________

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<u>Author List</u>:

Name Address (Institution, Address, City, zip code, Country)

1. __________________________________
2. __________________________________
3. __________________________________
4. __________________________________
5. __________________________________

Contact Person: ______________________________

(First Name, Initials, Family name)

Full address: ______________________________

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(City, Country, zip code)

E-mail: ______________________________

Phone & FAX: ______________________________

(+Country code) (area code) (phone and fax numbers)

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[7] If you wish to present more than one paper, please duplicate this form.

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Payment Information		
Registration	US$:	GDr:
Hotel Reservation	US$:	GDr:
Total amount	US$:	GDr :

<u>Method of Payment</u>

At the moment we are unable to accept *Credit Card* payments. Most favoured method is by *Money Transfer* to the account mentioned below. In this case please send us the details of the *Transfer Transaction* (name of remitter, date of transaction and Bank name). If you pay by cheque, please add an extra GDr 2000 (US$ 8) which represents the bank charges. All foreign payments must be in US$.

- ☐ By Cheque (Payable to the order of *H. Varvoglis, JENAM-97*)
- ☐ By Money Transfer (Amount tranferred ____________ Name of remitter ____________ Date ______________ through ______________ (Name of Bank) to the Conference account (Ref. *JENAM-97* at the "Bank of Macedonia-Thrace, Aggelaki Str. 18, GR-54621 Thessaloniki, Greece, account number **602-00-111-0152413-0**. Please indicate clearly your name, country and the key-word "*JENAM-97*"))

<u>Cancellation</u>

In the event of cancellation, written notification should be sent to the LOC. The following *cancellation fees* will be deducted before refunding.

REGISTRATION: *Up to June 27, 1997*: the Bank charges, which could be between 0 and 4000 drachmas (US$ 16 – depending on the method of payment). *After June 27, 1997*: 50% of the registration fees (minimum: the Bank charges).

HOTEL RESERVATION: *Up to April 10, 1997*: the Bank charges. *After April 10, 1997*: The hotel deposit + the Bank charges.

As mentioned earlier, the LOC is working hard towards obtaining local support for the Conference. However, at the moment the outlook is not very encouraging. Please indicate below if your attendance will be conditional on receiving financial support.

<u>Comments:</u>

Signature: . . . .

PLEASE RETURN ASAP. Do not wait for the deadline of March 15, 1997

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TITLE (preliminary) ....

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (optional) ....

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AUTHORS LIST
Name   Address (Institution, Address, City, zip code, Country)

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5. ....

CONTACT PERSON ....

FULL ADDRESS ....

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E-MAIL .... PHONE & FAX ....

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