To all participants of the 20th International Conference of Philosophy

We are pleased to announce that the preparations for the Twentieth International Conference of Philosophy are well under way and we anticipate, a lively, amicable and productive Conference. This Circular is to inform you of matters relating to the Conference.

1. The Conference will start on Saturday 12th of July 2008 in “Electra” Conference Hall of Porto Platanias Beach Resort in Municipality of Platanias (District of Chania-Crete). The time for registration is at 16.30-17.30 and the Official opening at 18.30. Two participants will speak on the Evening of 12th of July. After the end of the Session there will be a reception for the Conference participants.

2. It is expected that the Conference will continue until (and including) 18th of July 2008. The last day (i.e. 18th of July) the Conference excursion will take place. Those attending the Conference for the first time are informed that the Sessions are from 8.30 or 9.00-13.30 and 17.00-20.30. During the afternoon break, delegates are able to enjoy the sea and sandy beach in front of the Porto Platanias Beach Resort less than thirty yards from the Conference Room.

3. With regard to the other events during the Conference, participants will be informed on arrival in Conference Venue, and they will receive the full Conference programme (which is a printed book of approximately 180 pages) during the registration, in the first day of the Conference. In short the various events are scheduled as follows:

a. On Monday evening (14th of July): The Conference Gala dinner

b. On Wednesday evening (16th of July): The Greek Evening – Conference beach party
c. On Thursday evening: The Spiders of Acharnes, a play by John Poulakos.

4. Concerning the events at the Conference, participants are kindly requested to attend all the Conference proceedings and contribute through their presence to the creation of a true academic dialogue and the kind of warm atmosphere and friendly communication that are part of the aims of the Conferences organised by the International Association of Greek Philosophy (IAGP) and the International Center of Greek Philosophy and Culture (ICGPC).

5. Participants can reach the island of Crete either by ship or by plane. The ships to Crete (Souda-Chania) depart from Piraeus and the destination for Conference participants is the harbour of Souda (Chania). From Souda or from Chania International Airport to the Municipality of Platanias it takes approximately 20 minutes drive.

*Travel arrangements to and from the island of Crete are the responsibility of individual participants.*

6. We would also like to kindly remind the participants of the matters regarding Conference Papers. As has already been announced, participants may have (in addition to their Abstract which is published in the Conference Programme) two versions of their Papers, i.e., one to be read at the Conference (with 10, 15, 20 or 30 minutes duration, depending on the time allocated in the Conference Programme and in the Letter of Acceptance, which each speaker received from the President of the Organising Committee) and another being the completed final version of the Paper prepared for publication in the books to be published in the ICGPC's Ionia Publications (whose maximum length can be up to 15 printed pages, notes included). In case a participant has not submitted the Final Version to the Organizing Committee before or during the Conference, he/she should send it to the Committee no later than September 30, 2007 in order for the Paper to be considered for publication. As it is known, it has been the policy of the Conference from the very beginning that a) the Academic Committee of ICOGPC reserves the right of giving final approval and recommendation as to which papers will be published, and that b) the exclusive copyright of papers to be published belongs to ICOGPC, unless otherwise stated.
7. As usual, a one-day Tour of Crete could be arranged on 18th of July 2008. However, it is necessary to apply in advance (using the relevant Participation form), because the holding of the Tour depends on whether enough people declare interest. Therefore, applications should be sent to the Organizing Committee as soon as possible or given to the Secretariat of the Conference no later than 14th of July 2008. As has been the case in the previous years, if the Excursion takes place, departure will be between 8.15 - 8.30 a.m., returning at around 19.00 p.m.

8. For participation in the other Conference events the relevant Forms should be used and sent no later than 13th of July 2008.

9. Once again in anticipation of an enjoyable Conference in a civilised, intellectual and pleasant environment, we look forward to seeing you in Crete, in the very heart of the Minoan Culture.

With best wishes
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