



THE COSMIC ODYSSEY OF THE ELEMENTS

ÆGINA, GREECE 23-27 JUNE, 2008

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

International conference on

THE COSMIC ODYSSEY OF THE ELEMENTS

The island of Aegina (Greece)

from Monday 23 June morning to Friday 27 June evening, 2008

CONTACT

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Deadline for payment of fees
Conference**

**15 May 2008
23 - 27 June, 2008**

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The list of participants is available on the conference website.

SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION

The conference will consist of long talks (25min + 5min discussion) and short talks (12min + 3min discussion), and several discussion sessions.

There will be no posters.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The preliminary programme of the conference can be downloaded from <http://www.luth.obspm.fr/aegina08>

PUBLICATION

We do not plan to edit proceeding.

We will post the electronic presentations on the conference website soon after the conference.

PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAMME

We plan one open public conference in greek about the cosmic odyssey of the elements. Participants are welcome to join for discussions (in english!) with the public.

SOCIAL EVENTS DURING THE CONFERENCE

The conference hotel has a swimming pool and is near the sea: there will be ample time in the middle of the day for swimming, sunbathing or strolling in the nearby town of Aegina before starting the afternoon sessions.

Every evening, light greek buffet (ouzo and mezedes) will be served at the hotel, after which we will have cultural and gastronomical activities for all the participants. Accompanying persons are welcome, provided they pay the appropriate fee (see below).

CURRENCY

The currency in Greece is the euro.

REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT

The fees cover conference materials, coffee breaks, all the social events including greek evening buffets, excursion to the temple of Aphaia, conference dinner, as well as welcome cocktail on Sunday evening, and free use of the hotel swimming pool for all the participants and their families.

Fees for participants

Early registration fee (i.e. before 15 of May)	170 €
Registration fee in cash at conference desk	210 €
Fees for accompanying persons early registration (i.e. before 15 of May)	130 €
Fees for accompanying persons in cash at conference desk	170 €

Payment by bank transfer must be made **before May 15** to the following account (please include **YOUR NAME** and the reference **COSMIC ODYSSEY**)

Alpha Bank

Account number **161 00 2101 160570**
IBAN number **GR26 0140 1610 1610 0210 1160 570**
BIC **CRBAGRAA**

Please make sure that the transfer is **NET OF ALL CHARGES TO THE PAYEE**.

Please send an e-mail to aegina08@obsmpm.fr to inform the LOC about your payment.

CANCELLATION AND FEES REFUNDING POLICY

If you have to cancel your participation, please let us know as soon as possible: this will allow another person to participate.

We have made great efforts to organize the conference at a minimum price for the participants. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to refund fees in case of cancellations. If possible, refunds will be done after the conference, on a one-by-one basis.

AEGINA ISLAND AND CONFERENCE VENUE

The island of Aegina is one of the Saronic Islands, facing the port of Athens. Although small, the island harbors several towns and villages.

The conference will take place on the north-western part of the island, within walking distance from the port and the greek flavored old Aegina town and its traditional tavernas. Aegina town must not be confounded with the busy touristic area of Aghia Marina, on the eastern part of the island:

<http://www.greeka.com/saronic/aegina/aegina-map.htm>

Most of the participants will be catered at hotel Danae where the scientific sessions and many of the cultural activities will take place. Note that hotel Danae is equipped with wireless internet connection available in and around the lobby/lounge area, free to conference participants.

<http://www.danaehotel.gr>

A map of Aegina with the locations of the hotel Danae, port etc. will be soon available on the conference website.

<http://www.greeklandscapes.com/maps/aegina.html>

HOTEL PRICES AND RESERVATION

Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 22 of June and to leave on Saturday morning, 28 of June, 2008.

1. We have made a block reservation of double and single rooms at hotel Danae, at a rate of

53 € (single with breakfast)

65 € (double with 2 breakfast)

60 € (double room for one person with breakfast)

Participants are requested to make the reservations themselves by completing the booking form available on the conference website and faxing it directly to the hotel. It will be necessary to provide credit card details to the hotel in order to secure your booking.

In case you wish to share a room with another participant, please consult the list of participants on the conference website, and make direct arrangements with that person (you will be required to put her name on the booking form).

In case all the rooms in Danae will have been booked, you will be redirected to other nearby hotels.

2. For cheaper accommodation, we have also reserved Eleni's house in Aegina town, within 10 minutes walking distance from the hotel Danae:
<http://www.aeginapropertyservices.com/frameset/homesto.htm>

This house has 8 double rooms (5 with a double bed, 3 with 2 single beds). The price for accommodation in one of the rooms (independent of the number of persons) is **200 €** per room for the whole week. For booking a room in this house please contact Ian Cooper (emmaian_cooper@hotmail.com), mentioning COSMIC ODYSSEY in the subject

NOTE: We strongly recommend making the reservations as soon as possible, and, in any case, **before May 15**, while the block reservation is still effective, as Aegina is very busy during the summer season.

PASSPORT AND VISA

Nationals from countries of the European Community only need a valid document certifying their identity and citizenship.

We strongly recommend nationals from countries not belonging to the European Community to check with the greek embassies on the passport and visa requirements to enter in Greece.

<http://www.embassiesabroad.com/embassies-of/Greece#2387>

If you need a letter of invitation to obtain a visa, please contact aegina08@obspm.fr

TRANSPORTATION

Aegina is easily reached by ferry from Piraeus, the port of Athens. High speed boats take 40min, big ferries take 1h 15min. Boat tickets can be bought in the port, just before leaving. There are boats every hour from 7am to 7pm. The boat timetable will not be known before end of April and will be posted on the conference website in due time.

There are many companies flying to Athens airport. However, we recommend you to make your plane reservations as soon as possible, in order to benefit from cheaper prices. If you wish to stay overnight in Athens before going to Aegina, conveniently situated hotels are:

Hotel Cecil <http://www.cecil.gr> ,

Hotel Attalos <http://www.attaloshotel.com>

Hotel Omiros <http://www.omiroshotel.com/en/index.php>

More details on the greek part of your trip will be given in the last announcement

CAR RENTAL AND EXTENSION OF STAY

During the conference, there is no need to have a car. However, if you consider extending your stay and renting a car, you can contact

<http://www.aeginapropertyservices.com>

If you wish to rent a house or an apartment in Aegina after the conference, you may contact the same address.

PREPARE YOUR TRIP TO GREECE

A good site to start with:

<http://www.greektravel.com>

and, for Aegina

<http://www.aeginagreece.com>

POLISH YOUR GREEK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/greek/quickfix>

INFORMATION UPDATES

If needed, updates to this second announcement will be published on our website

<http://www.luth.obspm.fr/aegina08>

THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT

We plan to issue a third and last announcement in early June.

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