

19<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Conference/Summer School

NONLINEAR SCIENCE AND COMPLEXITY

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# SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENT MONDAY, JULY 17<sup>th</sup>

Part I: 3 Lectures on Science/Technology & Politics/Ethics Relation
10 am - 2.30 pm

Main Amphitheater: Polytechnic School Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Part II: Voice, Music and Theater

6 pm – 10 pm

Macedonian Museum of Modern Art Hellexpo, 154 Egnatia St., Thessaloniki

#### **Forward**

As in previous conferences in engineering sciences I helped organize or co-organize, attention is placed here again on bringing in an artistic and societal component for the benefit of the participants. Such need for a balanced development of mind and soul becomes even more important today where "globalization" is understood in terms of economy and availability of resources rather than in terms of spirituality and availability of equal opportunities. If Homer, Solon, Pericles, Plato, and Archimedes were awakened today the only one to be astonished would be Archimedes. It is thus necessary to develop science and technology jointly with arts and politics centered around the man and his environment rather than localized economic profit alone. Thessaloniki with Aristotle and Alexander and the Hellenistic period following them, has an outstanding tradition along this line of action.

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## **PROGRAM**

Part I: Politics and Ethics

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Time: 10 am - 2.30 pm

#### Modern Democracy, Technology and Referendum A. Dimitropoulos (Athens)

Complexity in International Diplomacy
N. Lygeros (Lyon)

Life, Brain, Soul, Eternity S. Baloyannis (Thessaloniki)

### Part II: Voice, Music, Theater

Macedonian Museum of Modern Art Hellexpo, 154 Egnatia St., Thessaloniki

Time: 6 pm – 10 pm

IIA: Lecture (6-7 pm)

Sikelianos and the Delphic Idea: The Forerunner of UNESCO Th. Stavrou (Minneapolis)

IIB: Concert (7 – 8 pm)

Savina Yannatou – Solo Voice (7 – 7.30 pm)

Alternative Rock/Electronica (7.30 – 8 pm)

Break – Museum Visit (8 - 8.30 pm)

IIC: Play (8-10 pm)

The Apology of Socrates

(Translation of Plato by Electra Anderadi)
Loukas Skipitaris/Broadway Veteran Director
Yannis Simonides/Emmy Award Winning Actor
Theoni Aldredge/Academy (Oscar) Award Winning Costume Designer
Caryn Heilman/Master Percussionist