

Final Agenda

Hybrid Parks Conference in Rhodes, Greece 26 – 28 June 2014

"Green Areas: A lever for sustainable local development"

Thursday, 26 June **Conference Plenary Session** 09:00 Meeting point in front of the Town Hall of Rhodes (Eleftherias Square, Rhodes city center) 09:15 Coach travel to Rodos Palace Hotel where the conference will take place (Trianton Avenue, Ixia) 09:30 Registration 10:00 Opening of Conference, welcome addresses by: Mr Fotios Chatzidiakos, Vice-governor of the South Aegean Region and future Mayor of Rhodes Mr Christian Grüssen, Hybrid Parks Lead Partner Representative 10:20 The Regional Nursery of South Aegean and the Botanical Garden of Rhodes: Sustainable development and their environmental, social, educational aspects. Mr Nikolaos Renesis, Agriculturist, Region of the South Aegean 10:40 The role of parks in the South Aegean Region. Mr Anthonis Chatziioannou, Vice-governor of Rural Development in the South Aegean Region 11:00 Rhodes: Wild growing and endemic flora. Potentialities of exploitation. Dr Nikos Theodoridis, Forester, Department of Forestry and Rural Affairs of the Decentralized Administration of Aegean Ms Konstantina Papastergiou, Forester, Department of Environmental Protection, Municipality of Rhodes









11:20 How Cities could use Parks and Green Spaces for Climate Change Management

Dr Katerina Tsakmakidou, Agronomist, Department of Planning and Organization, Municipality of Rhodes

11:40 Coffee break and refreshments

<u>Two case studies of regional policy implementation on the management of parks and green spaces in Rhodes</u>

12:10 The case of the Valley of Butterflies: The protection of a unique biotope.

Mr Lefteris Karagiannis, Electrical Engineer, Manager of the Valley of Butterflies, Office of the Valley of Butterflies, Municipality of Rhodes

12:40 The new development plan for the Municipal Flower Garden of Rimini Square.

Mr Kostantinos Vrouxos, Electrical Engineer, Stirixis Texniki SA-Construction Company, Contractor: Consortium "Stirixis Texniki SA-Panou SA", Contarcting authority: Municipality of Rhodes

13:10 Sustainable exploitation of wild growing plants: The strategy of the Balkan Botanic Garden of Kroussia, Greece.

Dr. Nikolaos Krigas, Biologist & Plant classifier, Department of Biology in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Research Associate of Balkan Botanical Garden of Kroussia in North Greece

13:40 The contribution of parks to environmental awareness.

Mr Konstantinos Papadopoulos, Forester, Environmentalist and of President of the Environmental NGO "Rhodian Forest"

14:00 Lunch Break at the hotel

Presentations given by the partners of the project

15:00 European Vocational Competition for Young Gardeners.

Mr Udo Woltering, Regional Association of Westphalia-Lippe, Germany

15:20 Ecological maintaining of public and touristic used parks.

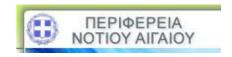
Mr Gerhard Weber, Head gardener of the municipal parks and gardens in Baden, Garden Platform Lower Austria, Austria

15:45 European Garden Association - "Natur im Garten" International.

Mr Joachim Brocks, Nature in the Garden, Austria









16:10	Discussion – Q & A
17:15	Return to Rhodes city center by coach
18:00	Tour by the open train around Rhodes city
18:45	Return to the meeting point by the open train, Leisure time
20:30	Dinner at Louis Restaurant (Ko 5, Rhodes city center)









Friday, 27 June

Conference on Sites Sessions (presentations by local experts)

"Tourism and Environment - A threat or an opportunity?"

08:30	Meeting point in front of the Municipal Flower Garden of Rimini Square (Papagou str., Rimini Square, Rhodes city center)
08:45	Short visit in the Municipal Flower Garden of Rimini Square Flower garden inside the Medieval Walls which will be reformed
09:00	Guided tour to the Medieval Moat Fortifications around the Medieval Town of Rhodes since the 16th century AD
09:20	Welcome coffee and guided tour to the Garden of Marc de Montalembert Foundation The garden is one of the most beautiful on the island. It is a modern reconstruction of a historic garden which combines Medieval, Ottoman and Arabic elements with a completely Mediterranean character. http://www.fondationmdm.com/en/le-jardin-de-rhodes/
10:00	Guided tour on the Medieval Walls with panoramic view of the Medieval Town of Rhodes



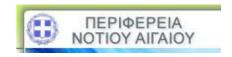




Garden of Marc de Montalembert Foundation









11:00 Coach travel to the Regional Nursery of the South Aegean where the Botanical Garden of Rhodes will be situated 11:20 Guided tour to the Regional Nursery of the South Aegean following the Path of Biodiversity and tasting local products 12:30 Coach travel to Kallithea Springs and Garden 12:40 Visit to Kallithea Springs and Garden Kallithea Springs are known from the ancient times for the beneficial to health red water that was spurted from the stones. http://www.kallitheasprings.gr/

(Optionally, bring your swimming suit with you for a quick swimming in the sea before lunch)





Kallithea Springs and Garden

13:20	Lunch at Kallithea Springs
15:00	Coach travel to Rodini Park
15:30	Guided tour to Rodini Park Rodini Park is one of the oldest landscaped parks in the world. The park lies in a green and shady bed of a stream. It is an ideal environment for the peacocks which live and breed freely in the park.
16:45	Coach travel to the Rhodes city center, back to the meeting point
17:00	Leisure time
20:00	Meeting point in front of the Town Hall of Rhodes
20:15	2' walk along the marina towards Discovery Boat, Dinner on board







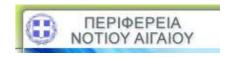




Rodini Park









Saturday, 28 June

Conference Study Tour

09:00	Meeting point in front of the Town Hall of Rhodes
09:30	Coach travel to the Museum of Natural History of the Bee
09:50	Guided tour to the Museum of Natural History of the Bee & the Bee Garden http://www.mel.gr/en/content.asp?id=4
10:40	Coffee break and refreshments
11:00	Coach travel to the Valley of Butterflies
11:30	Guided tour to the Valley of Butterflies A unique biotope because it is the only natural forest of Liquidambar orientalis (Oriental Sweetgum trees) in Europe, and a resting point for the Jersey tiger (Panaxia Quadripunctaria), a nocturnal moth.





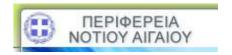
Valley of Butterflies

The nocturnal moth (Panaxia Quadripunctaria)

13:00	Lunch at the traditional restaurant in the Valley of Butterflies
15:30	Coach travel back to Rhodes city center/ Possibility to get off at Diagoras airport at ca. 16:10
16:30	Arrival at Rhodes city center, back to the meeting point









19:00 Optional participation in activities of the **Medieval Festival of Rhodes**The best way to end our meeting in Rhodes.

An annual event taking place every June inside Medieval Town, since 2006. It is a cultural journey back to the medieval times. We will have the opportunity to participate in the Witches and Fairies Dance, with Fire Eaters, Jugglers and Jesters, all dressed perfectly in medieval costumes.

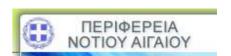
Meeting point in front of the Municipal Flower Garden of Rimini Square

8th Medieval Festival
of Rhodes (21, 26 - 29/6)
Don't miss ..
27 - 28 June
Medieval Town Feast
18:30 Argyrokastrou Sq.











Travelling information

Getting here

Rhodes has one and only airport, the Diagoras airport. There is a bus connection to the city centre of Rhodes (about 35'). The airport bus stop is situated outside the terminal building.

There is the possibility to get to Rhodes city center by taxi. The taxi station is outside the terminal building. It costs around €22.

Climate

Rhodes has a warm humid climate. June is a lovely time to visit Rhodes. The weather is extremely pleasant with reliably warm and sunny conditions and none rainfall. The average day time temperature is a comfortable 26°C, with highs peaking at 32°C. The average minimum temperature is around 21°C – so, still very clement.

Since we have scheduled outdoor visits, please bring with you comfortable and light clothes, shoes and equipment to protect yourself from sun!

Contact details

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In the following link, you can find the online map of Rhodes city center with the meeting points and the hotels:

https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=zk8fTnYabCvs.kS1NQUjxc6 g







