



**INTERNATIONAL LINK OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SCOUTS
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Invitation

2nd ECUMENICAL ENCOUNTER Athens, Greece, October 15-17, 2010

Background

In accordance with the commitment accepted at the 1st Ecumenical Encounter held in 2008, in Canterbury, England, and considering the real need to further improve the Spiritual Dimension and cooperation between Christian faith organisations in Scouting, we are organizing the 2nd Ecumenical Encounter.

AIMS

The aim of the 2nd Ecumenical Encounter is to analyze the effects of actions agreed during the 1st Ecumenical Encounter and to set up the Action Plan for the forthcoming period.

OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the Encounter are:

- o To encourage the continuous dialogue on religiosity and spirituality in Scouting
- o To discuss the tools and clarify what is to be taken into account when presenting the Spiritual Dimension in Scouting to the Scouts
- o To assist Scout Associations members of Christian faith Scout Organizations in launching the process of improving Spiritual Dimension in their programmes
- o To collect the examples of good practice in different countries and Associations
- o To recognize what support Christian faith scout associations need in order to successfully implement Spiritual Dimension in Scouting

MAIN TOPICS ON THE AGENDA

- Christianity and Environment
- Continuous Dialogue between Christians in Scouting
- Getting our Youth Back to the Church

METHODOLOGY

The Encounter will be conducted on a presentation and workshop basis, with presentations in plenary, but also through a group work and exchange of experience. There will be sharing of ideas through a brainstorming.

VENUE

The Encounter will take place in the Interorthodox Centre of Church of Greece, located in the Monastery of Assumption of Virgin Mary in Penteli, in Northern (mountainous) suburbs of Athens, Greece. The venue offers different structure rooms, with bathroom, as well as excellent facilities for work.

For more information, please visit the web site: <http://www.interorthodox.gr/> (in Greek).

BEFORE THE EVENT

We expect participants to send us information about implementation of the Spiritual Dimension in Scouting in their associations, if any, and to bring any available resource material related to the issue.

POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP

It is expected to get the feedback regarding the implementation of knowledge gained and about concrete results in scout associations belonging to Christian faith organizations in Scouting.

LANGUAGES

Language of the event is English.

APPLICATIONS

The enclosed Application Form, together with the travel form, should be sent by e-mail or fax to:

e-mail: office@desmos.info
with "Cc" to: cpdesmos@yahoo.com
fax: +30 210 3614105

The applications should arrive to Desmos Office by 25-09-2010.

EXPENDITURES / PARTICIPATION FEE

Travel expenditures to/from Greece – is the responsibility of participants or their association.

The participation Fee for this event is set to 150,-EUR.

The Fee covers the cost of the accommodation, food, local transfers and programme (sightseeing of Athens, visit to Acropolis and to new Acropolis Museum).

The Fee is to be paid in cash, upon arrival.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS / VISAS

If you need an official Invitation for the Greek entry visa, please keep in mind that sometimes the visa procedure may require quite some time, so the Forms should be sent within the time indicated.

Travel Form is enclosed with this Invitation.

INSURANCE

All the participants must have the insurance covering the travel and health risks (accidents, illness, repatriation, etc.), for the period of stay in Greece.

WHAT TO BRING

Weather in Penteli in October is mild. Temperature ranges from 14-22°C with an average 19°C. Notice that the altitude is 540m above sea level so the temperature is 2-3°C lower compared to Athens.

PLANNING TEAM

- o Christos Papageorgiou
- o Marko Petrovic
- o Maher Sahlieh
- o Athanassios Efstathiou
- o Vassilis Birtsas

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Athens!

Christos Papageorgiou, DESMOS President