

# 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Science & Technology CEST2019

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## REDUCING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT



We continue our efforts to reduce our environmental footprint, so the book of abstracts and the proceedings of the conference can only be found online. In this way, over 200.000 paper pages are not printed & transported resulting in saving energy and natural resources in a great extent. Conference bags are made of 100% natural cotton and are reusable. Ecological pencils are given to the delegates instead of pens. This year, we put more effort and managed to organize a single-use plastic-free event! Our goal was achieved with the great help of Athanasios Laskaridis Charitable Foundation who supported CEST2019 and Rodos Palace staff who managed to eliminate the use plastic in the conference venue.

## GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTATIONS

CEST2019 PROGRAMME INCLUDES ORAL, FLASH AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

### ORAL AND FLASH PRESENTATIONS

All authors are expected to arrive to the Conference Rooms at least 30 minutes before the beginning the session in order to upload and check their presentations. An assistant will be available to support the speakers before and during the sessions.

#### Oral presentations

Duration for oral presentations: 15 minutes - 12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes questions from the audience.

#### Flash presentations

Duration for flash presentations: 3 minutes - no questions from the audience. A printed poster has also be prepared and displayed for the poster session that will run at the same day with the flash presentation.

#### Projection means

Each room will be equipped with an LCD projector and a laptop. The computers are equipped with Windows 9 or later version and Microsoft Office 2010 (Word, Excel, Power Point). Only USB flash drive can be used.



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**Nominations open online until 31 December 2019**

### Poster presentations

Posters will be displayed at the Lobby of Rodos Palace International Convention Centre.

Authors will be provided with a poster board area and mounting pins. The poster number and title will be indicated on the board. Authors are responsible for mounting their posters the morning of their presentation and removing them at the end of the day.

Authors are expected to be present at their display for presentation and discuss their research with the conference participants at the time indicated by the conference programme.

The poster's size should be 65 cm wide and 80 cm high (approx 8 A4 pages).



## SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL EVENTS

### 1. OPENING CEREMONY

Wednesday 4 September,  
Room A, Delphi Amphitheater, 15:00,  
Cocktail reception at 20.00 at La Terrace bar

CEST celebrates its 30th anniversary and an Opening Ceremony with the participation of special guests has been organized. The agenda comprises of:

- Welcome speeches from university and local authorities
- A presentation by Mr Pavel Misiga, Head of the Circular Economy and Bio-based Systems Unit of the Healthy Planet Directorate (EU)
- Challenges for a Sustainable Water Environment in Europe, Plenary speech by Johannes Lohaus (European Water Association - EWA)
- Dr Dimitris Dermatas (Chair of European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law)
- Emerging Contaminants: Risk and Challenges for Water Quality, Water Reuse and Plant Uptake. Solutions using advanced treatment technologies in Europe, Plenary speech by Professor Damia Barcelo
- Recognizing Innovation, Dr David Solomon Jalajel, Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water
- 30 years CEST, Demetris F. Lekkas

A welcome cocktail will be offered at 20.00

### 2. NETWORKING EVENT: POLICIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMES

Thursday 5 September, Room A, Delphi Amphitheater, 18:00

A networking event addressed to academics who wish to collaborate with SME's and attract funding from H2020 as well as to research-oriented SME's will be held. The event is co-organized with Praxi Network, which supports Technology Transfer and innovation. PRAXI Network is an established technology transfer organization with long-standing experience in assisting SMEs and research organisations throughout Greece to achieve cross-border technological cooperation. It is a distinct administrative unit operating within the Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas (FORTH), the most active research organisation of Greece. It started out in 1991 as a partnership between FORTH and SEV Hellenic Federation of Enterprises with the mission to link industry with academia. This strategic alliance of the research and industrial world of Greece was reinforced four years later, when the Federation of Industries of Northern Greece (FING) joined the partnership.

Between 1995 and 2008, PRAXI Network was nominated by the European Commission as one of Europe's Innovation Relay Centers (IRC) acting therefore as one of the main Greek stakeholders in the field of technological innovation and cross-border technological cooperation. In parallel and since 1999, the General Secretariat for Research & Technology in Greece appoints PRAXI Network as the National Contact Point (NCP) for the 5th, 6th and 7th Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development and currently Horizon 2020, rendering it an official entity for information and advisory support for EU-funded research programmes.

Since 2008, PRAXI Network provides innovation and technology transfer services, initially as a member and currently as coordinator of the Greek consortium of the Enterprise Europe Network, the largest network of integrated business support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

**Speaker:** Mrs Ariana Nastaseanu, Project Advisor, H2020 SME Unit

**Facilitator:** Mr Panagiotis Karniouras, Director of Praxi Network, Coordinator of the Enterprise Europe Network – Hellas National Contact Point for Horizon 2020



### 3. AN EDITOR PERSPECTIVE ON THE PUBLISHING PROCESS

Friday 6 September, Room A, Delphi Amphitheater, 18:00

Knowing the best way to identify the most appropriate journal to send your paper to can be difficult but really helps to get your paper accepted. This talk aims to give participants a clear idea of the publishing landscape and provides detailed insights into identifying the right journal before starting to write a paper. Authors are also made aware of what aspects of their papers Editors look at critically, and to ensure that in taking care of these areas, their papers are much more likely to be accepted.

A presentation will be given by Professor Dionysiou, providing insights on important points to consider when submitting manuscripts to high impact journals. He is a Professor of Environmental Engineering at the University of Cincinnati and one of the Editors in "Chemical Engineering Journal (Elsevier Journal, Impact Factor: 6.735).

The presentation will focus with the Chemical Engineering Journal which includes a main section focused on environmental topics, as an example but discussion will include points based on the experience of Dr Dionysiou in publication in and reviewing for various journals. The presentation will include aspects of understanding the scope of the journal, journal aims, editorial quality, presentation of the manuscript, quality of figures and images, quality of graphical abstract, the importance of novelty, key points the editors and reviewers consider to be of great importance and what they look for, insights for successful peer-reviewed outcome, why even some well written papers still get rejected, actions that must be avoided, and ethics.

A panel discussion will follow chaired by Professor Damia Barcelo (Editor, Science of the Total Environment), and Professor Gerasimos Lyberatos (Editor, Journal of Hazardous Materials). ELSEVIER will award 3 prizes for poster presentations in the topics covered by the journals. The certificates will be signed by the Editors.

### 4. SPRINGER AUTHOR ACADEMY: A GUIDE ON WRITING AND PUBLISHING YOUR JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT

Saturday 7 September, Room A, Delphi Amphitheater, 14:00

#### DR. NABIL KHELIFI

Senior Editor, Manager of Springer MENA program  
Springer, a part of Springer Nature, *Germany*

Publication must be seen as an important, if not the most important, part of the research process. However, writing research papers for academic journals is not easy and is very competitive. After producing data and generating ideas from your research, how do you write a clear and concise paper that attracts the attention of journal editors and readers? How should you prepare a cover letter to make a first good impression about your research paper? How should you respond to reviewer reports? Here, we share advice during 2 hours on how to effectively write and structure your paper, prepare a cover page and respond to reviewers' comments following this plan:

1. Why publishing in academia is important
2. What are the motivations that can inspire you to accomplish a successful publication
3. What to do before you start writing your manuscript
4. How to efficiently prepare the needed literature
5. Which kind of writing style you should learn/use before you start writing
6. How to logically link your ideas throughout the manuscript
7. Which structure you should follow when preparing your manuscript
8. How to present figures and tables
9. How to shape appealing title and abstract after you finish writing
10. Which journal you should choose and how you select the most appropriate journal
10. How to prepare a cover letter to attract the attention of editors
11. How to answer reviewers' comments
12. How to disseminate your work worldwide after publication

### 5. CONFERENCE DINNER

Saturday 7 September, University of the Aegean, Rhodes town, 21:00

More details will be provided to you during the conference. The entrance is free for the registered delegates, while the accompanying persons can buy tickets at the secretariat.

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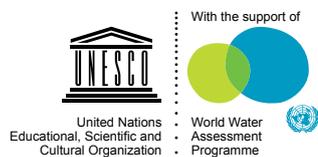


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