



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOTIVATION 2016
THE ODYSSEY TO THE ITHACA OF LEARNING
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Welcome Ceremony

(Wednesday 24, 7:30, Ceremony Hall, Faculty of Philosophy, Old Building)

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Dear distinguished guests, dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, I am honored and delighted to welcome you to the International Conference on Motivation 2016!

ICM2016 is jointly organized by the EARLI SIG 8: Motivation and Emotion and the School of Psychology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The International Conferences on Motivation started in Thessaloniki, 1998, succeeding the original WATM meetings initiated in 1985. We are happy to host this conference for a second time! The ICM conferences provide opportunities to researchers from all over the world to meet every two years and facilitate the interaction within the international scientific community in the fields of motivation, emotion and self-regulated learning.

“The odyssey to the Ithaca of learning: Motivated persons, challenging contexts” as the theme of the ICM 2016 highlights the dynamic interaction between the person and the context in explaining the psychological processes or, in other words ‘the journey’ towards goal attainment and learning. Independently of age, people pursue goals across all spheres of life such as education, work, social relationships, sports, and personal development. The contexts, within goals are pursued, are challenging, calling for new directions in mind, for passion to learn, persistence to overcome difficulties and for a variety of personal qualities that are motivational in nature. At the same time, the person has to regulate her/his knowledge, skills, behaviors, self-beliefs and emotions, taking into account the contextual demands and resources. The interaction of all these factors in explaining motivation is central in ICM 2016. Odyssey represents the person's journey to learning, while Ithaca represents the goal of the journey. The triiris in the sea of letters and the bright sun depicted in the logo of the conference hopefully capture the dynamic interaction between motivated persons and challenging contexts towards the goal of learning.

The Organizing Committee did their best to organize a successful conference that aims to meet your expectations. We are proud to present an interesting and stimulating scientific programme covering

current research in motivation, emotion, and self-regulated learning conducted in 30 countries from all over the world. With 6 internationally renowned keynote speakers, 20 symposia, 10 of which are invited, 96 oral presentations organized in 24 thematic paper sessions, 40 posters, an expert panel session and a pre-conference professional development workshop, ICM 2016 promises four exciting days. Besides, the ICM2016 summer school for young researchers which took place the last three days gave the opportunity to 19 highly motivated Ph.D students to enjoy high level mentorship from six professors while enjoying the sea, the sun and the Greek hospitality. Special thanks are due to our keynote speakers, to the summer school professors, to the International Scientific Board Members as well as to all reviewers for their significant contribution to the conference programme.

Moreover, the members of the Local Organizing Committee and I personally wish to extend our thanks to all those who have supported the conference from the very first moment, as well as to all those who have given so generously of their time in helping to make this event a reality.

We invite all of you to join us in this wonderful journey of the ICM 2016 that started two years ago. ICM 2016 will give us ample opportunities to discuss with experts and colleagues about current issues and future directions in the fields of motivation, emotion and self-regulation, to inspire and get inspired by innovative ideas in theory and research, and to provide recommendations to decision makers in order to maximize the potential influence of motivational research in educational practice, as well as in other areas of human life.

And now, let's enjoy our students welcoming you to the ICM2016! ([ICM2016 video](#))

Once more, welcome to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, welcome to Thessaloniki and enjoy ICM 2016!

Thank you very much!
