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**1st ANNOUNCEMENT**

**6th INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

*Communication, information, awareness and education*

*in late modernity*

**Heraklion, 3-5 April 2020**

The Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, after the successful implementation of the five PanHellenic / International scientific Conferences, is glad to announce to the members, colleagues and friends, the scientific and academic community and to whom it may concern, the planning of the organization of the 6th International Scientific Conference, with the main topic:

**“Communication, information, awareness and education in late modernity”**.

The Conference will take place at Heraklion, Crete, on 3 – 5 April 2020.

**MAIN TOPIC CONSIDERATIONS**

In the course of history, the production and management of knowledge and information, as well as the information and communication processes, have always been the driving force behind historical and social evolution. The present era is characterized, inter alia, by a radical change in the above fields, as far as their operation and the relationships among them are concerned, with significant impact on the public and private life. The dramatic changes that have taken place in recent years have showcased the dynamics of the information society and the communication society. The underlying cause of the developments was primarily the general invasion of the new information and communication technologies in all aspects of social life. Change is not the simple introduction of new media, communication channels and educational practices, but is a wider and multi-dimensional social occasion, with significant implications and consequences for science, research, education, civil society, marketplace operation, politics, and simple aspects of everyday life. Through the different aspects of globalization, the phenomenon is increasingly affecting the whole spectrum of social life, at a time when everything is interconnected. It is made prominent here the bidirectional relationship and interaction between knowledge and information, training and media, consumption and communication, information and research, social formation and education. At the same time, various dangers emerge, such as social manipulation, propaganda, fake news and more. Concerns are also raised about the protection of privacy and sensitive social groups, the distinction between the public and the private, the dominance of information over knowledge, equal access to information, knowledge and media, etc.

The main aim of the 6th International Scientific Conference is the critical inquiry and the scientific debate on current developments in the areas of information, communication and media, with a central focus on their impact primarily in the field of research, education and training and the wider society, in culture, in economics and in politics.

**THEMATIC AREAS**

Taking the central theme as a point of departure, the Conference focuses on the following thematic areas, without excluding others that derive from its more general title:

**Communication dynamics**

* Historical retrospective, past, present and future
* Communication, social interaction and national consciousness
* Channels, media, institutions and processes
* Social dimensions, consequences and concerns

**Information society**

* Theoretical framework and modern trends
* The competition between knowledge and information
* Production, organization, distribution and dissemination of information
* Use and management of information
* Modern technologies, networks, media and practices

**Modern education and training**

* Information and communication in education
* Pedagogical, educational and teaching theory
* Education policies, orientations and structures of education
* Curricula, supporting and teaching materials
* Teaching methodology, teaching recommendations, teaching scenarios
* General education, scientific specialization and vocational training
* Innovative programs, new technologies
* Sustainability education, vocational guidance
* Special education and integration training
* Non-formal education, lifelong learning
* Educational research

**Social, political and economic life**

* Communication and information in the public life
* Identities and political communication
* Interpersonal relations and communication
* Challenges, concerns, ethical issues
* Public discourse and politics
* Information, training and economics
* Communication and information on culture, art and religion
* Communication and entertainment.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

* Researchers, Scientists, Scholars
* Education executives and educators of all levels and structures of education
* Executives and employees in media and information
* Executives and workers in social institutions and culture
* Undergraduate and postgraduate students
* PhD Candidates, Doctors, postdoctoral researchers
* Anyone wishing to contribute with a fruitful reflection concerning the main topic and the thematic areas of the Conference.

**TYPES OF ACTIVITIES-TASKS**

**Activities-tasks to be presented at the Conference are:**

* **Lectures**
* **Poster presentations** in digital form
* **Workshops**

The above include scientific papers, research, studies, good practices, teaching scenarios, presentations of educational software and materials, etc., related to the main topic and the thematic areas of the Conference. Detailed instructions on the structure and format of the submissions and posters will be announced shortly after approval of the abstracts to be submitted by the rapporteurs.

In addition, the Conference activities-tasks include:

* **Presentations** from **invited Special Rapporteurs**
* **Thematic Colloquiums**
* **Original paper and original teaching scenario** **competition**
* **Parallel events**

**KEY DATES**

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| **Abstract submission opens: 15 September 2019**  **Abstract submission closes: 30 November 2019**  **Final deadline for full paper submission and nomination for original paper award:  20 December 2019**  **Notification of acceptance of abstract and participation: until 10 January 2020**  **Conference implementation: 3-5 April 2020** |

Anyone interested in joining the Conference as a rapporteur - with a presentation or a poster or workshop - should submit an abstract of your paper via the special form at [http://www.iake.gr](http://www.iake.gr/) or <http://iake.weebly.com>, where you can find the required authoring guidelines. The text of the abstract should be **up to 300 words** and must be accompanied by the authors' details, as well as the type of paper and the thematic area it belongs to.

**Please note that each rapporteur may not participate with more than two submissions either as first or second rapporteur. Notification of acceptance or rejection of the abstract will be announced by January 10th 2020.**

The cost of attending the conference with a presentation - poster is 50 euros for each rapporteur. The cost covers: Conference folder, rapporteur's attestation, digital book of abstracts, digital proceedings of the Conference, coffee during breaks. Conference attendance is free of charge. Registration fee of 10 euros provides: conference folder, digital book of abstracts, certificate of attendance and coffee during breaks. The rapporteurs **will pay the amount due after approval of their abstract** on the dates to be announced in the subsequent announcement.

**COMPETITION AND ORIGINAL PAPER AWARD**

During the Conference, the most original papers will be awarded a praise / distinction and will be presented. More specifically:

* **Praise for original paper submitted by undergraduate students**
* **Praise for original paper submitted by postgraduate students**
* **Praise for original teaching or educational proposal**
* **Papers which will be distinguished in each thematic area will also be awarded a distinction of excellence**

Those wishing to participate in the competition must submit the **abstract by 30 November 2019**, as well as the **full text of your paper by 20 December 2019**, in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. The evaluation of the paper by the Scientific Committee will be based solely on the **originality** of the topic, method, content and conclusions of the paper. Please give special emphasis to the authoring guidelines as they constitute a criterion of acceptance, award and publication of your work in the proceedings. Instructions for the final papers can be found at the Institute's web sites: [http://www.iake.gr](http://www.iake.gr/) and <http://iake.weebly.com>

The awards and distinctions presentation will take place at the closing ceremony of the Conference.

**PARALLEL EVENTS**

As part of the Conference, a series of parallel activities and events are planned, aiming at the acquaintance, entertainment and interaction of the participants and their attendants.

* **1st parallel event:** A tour of the monuments of Heraklion city.
* **2nd parallel event:** Traditional evening of Crete music and gastronomy, the 2nd day of the Conference (Saturday 4 April 2020).
* **3rd parallel event:** Daily excursion to the archaeological-naturalistic destination of Crete, on the 3rd day of the Conference (Sunday 5 April 2020).

More information about the Conference, accommodation in the city, etc. you will find at the H.I.S.S. website: http://www.iake.gr and <http://iake.weebly.com>

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