

## INVITATION TO THE WORLD CONGRESS

### “ARISTOTLE 2400 YEARS”

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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The “**Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies,**” of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki announces the **World Congress “Aristotle 2400 Years”** which is to be held at the **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, in **ancient Stageira**, the birthplace of Aristotle and in **ancient Mieza**, the place where Aristotle taught Alexander the Great.

Aristotle, who was born in Stageira, Macedonia, in 384 BC, exercised a continuous influence on human thought for 2.400 years!

He is the universal philosopher, whose work has left an indelible mark on the *Classical, Hellenistic* and *Graeco-Roman* world, on *Byzantine* scholarly tradition, on the *Arab* world, on the *Medieval* Europe and continues to exercise influence on the intellectual life of *contemporary Western civilization*.

He is the philosopher whose work spreads over the broadest range of topics, covering all major branches of Philosophy such as *Logic, Dialectic, Syllogistic, Metaphysics, Political-Moral Philosophy, Rhetoric, Poetics* and extending in an impressive way into areas related to all fundamental scientific fields, such as *Physics, Biology, Zoology, Botany, Taxonomy, Mathematics, Meteorology, Astronomy, Geology, Psychology, Medicine, Economics, Humanities, Law and Political Science, Economics, Health Sciences* and even *Technological Sciences*.

The aim of the Congress is to *advance scholarship on all aspects of Aristotle’s work*; a work whose impact *is unique in volume of influence in the history of the human thought*; a work which *continues to be present* in the intellectual evolution of Western civilization, thus becoming an integral and essential part of its *cultural heritage*. We believe that such work deserves to be studied not only for its *long-standing influence*, but also *for its relevance for the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Furthermore, the insights in Aristotle’s work, in the light of *new discoveries in contemporary sciences*, can enable us to build the *conceptual bridges between scientific thought and philosophical reflection*; it can also offer the paradigm *par excellence* for an *interdisciplinary approach* of knowledge.

The organizers invite papers *on all aspects of Aristotle’s philosophy*. Particularly welcome are *interdisciplinary* and *multidisciplinary approaches* of the Stageirite’s work, as well as approaches *investigating its relevance today and its potential to lead us to a deeper understanding of concepts, ideas and problems of our own era in a global scale*.

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