

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

# **Conference Center**

The Conference will be hosted in *Filoxenia Conference Centre*.

#### **How to get to Filoxenia Conference Centre**

The Filoxenia Conference Centre is conveniently located, with easy access to the highway and central roads of Nicosia.

#### **Address**

→ 17 Thrakis Street, 2112 Nicosia, Cyprus

#### **Accessibility**

→ Filoxenia Conference Centre is completely wheelchair accessible and is fully equipped to accommodate people with special access needs.

#### **Parking**

→ A large parking space outside the Centre provides easy access to the venue. A parking space for approximately 70 vehicles is also available within the Centre's premises.

#### **GETTING TO FILOXENIA**

#### From the Airport

The distance between Larnaca airport and the Filoxenia Conference Center is 49.9 km, approximately 36 minutes by car.

 $\rightarrow$  By bus

You may take the bus 259 and ride to the station *Dionusiou Solomou Square* and there take the bus 121 and ride to the station *Leoforos Lemesou*.

Bus tickets for one route costs 1.50 euro, and for daily unlimited routes 5 euro.

### From Nicosia

Free shuttle buses will run between the hotels and Filoxenia Conference Center on the mornings before and in the afternoon/evening after the conference. See attached Schedules.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

# **How to get from Larnaca airport to Nicosia**

You can get from Larnaca airport to Nicosia by one of 2 ways, take the Kapnos airport shuttle bus or a designated airport taxi.

- → The cheapest option is the bus which runs 24/7 basis. The journey will take around 35' minutes, and costs 8€ for adults and 5€ for children. You can purchase your tickets from the Arrival Arena inside the designated bus exit of Larnaca Airport. Shuttles between Larnaca International Airport and Nicosia can also be booked at <a href="https://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com">www.kapnosairportshuttle.com</a>. The Kapnos shuttle bus terminal is located at Kyrenia Street, one kilometer from the Filoxenia Conference Center.
- → The Larnaca airport taxis are a little more expensive but are the quickest option. A Larnaca airport taxi trip will cost you between 45€ and 50€ for 4 passengers, depending on the time of day, and takes only 30 minutes to reach Nicosia. As soon as you exit the arrivals terminal you will find a long line of taxis waiting to take you to your destination.

# **How to use Public Transport**

There are 2 companies offering bus routes in Nicosia:

1. **OSEL** (<a href="http://www.osel.com.cy/home-en">http://www.osel.com.cy/home-en</a>)

OSEL offers bus routes in the Greater Nicosia District.

#### 2. Nicosia's Mini Buses (https://nicosiaminibuses.eu/home/)

The Mini Buses circulate Nicosia's centre by uniting the region within walls with the modern urban centre from morning till late in the evening. Mini Buses may frequent round trip, passing through all of the city's points of interest, with a very attractive schedule.

\*All Public Transport Service information, in Nicosia and in Cyprus in general, can also be found at the following website: http://www.motionbuscard.org.cy/routes and at the following app: Cyprus Bus (The App includes the following functionalities: updated information about routes, updated information about schedules and real time information about bus arrival at stop).

#### **CONFERENCE DINNER**

The conference dinner will be held on Thursday evening at 20:00 at Royal Hall.

→ Address: 29 Xanthis Xenierou Street, Old Nicosia 1015 Nicosia.

Shuttle buses will run from the hotels to Royal Hall and back.

#### **Nicosia Destination**

While strolling the cities you can spot the preserved architectural legacy of the Lusignan, Venetian and Ottoman periods. Trace back to the past and you'll unearth the entire history of the Mediterranean. The historical Centre of today's Nicosia is located within the large medieval walls which were built by the Venetians. These walls are a landmark of the town, with its gates being used in order to house important building in the town such as the Town Hall. The north part of the town is still under the Turkish occupation, making Nicosia the only divided capital in the world, by a green line which separates the Greek-Cypriots from the Turkish-Cypriots. Green line, took its name by the green colored line which was drawn on a map of Cyprus in 1963 in order to show the borders of the Green and Turkish areas

# **Highlights of Nicosia**

The Venetian Walls are a series of defensive walls which surround the capital city of Nicosia in Cyprus. The first city walls were built in the Middle Ages, but they were completely rebuilt in the mid-16th century by the Republic of Venice. The walls are still largely intact, and are among the best preserved Renaissance fortifications in the Eastern Mediterranean. They are a major tourist attraction. The city of Nicosia, was considered to be a practical example of an ideal city of the Renaissance, and this was due to its fortifications as well as the urban life within the city.

<u>Makarios Cultural Foundation: The Byzantine Museum</u>. For anyone interested in Cypriot religious artwork, the Byzantine Museum contained within the Makarios Cultural Foundation is an important stop in the city. Here, you'll find a staggering collection (220 pieces) of Christian icons that range in age from the beginning of the Byzantine era up until the 19th century.



Just wandering around Nicosia's old town is a pleasure. Ledra Street is the main drag through the old town and is lined with a variety of cafés, restaurants, and shops. Ledra Street is also one of the most popular crossing points into the city's Turkish-controlled Crossing the Green Line was once very difficult, but for EU passport holders it's now a simple case of just showing

your passport at the gate.





# Shuttle buses time-schedule

# 1<sup>st</sup> day, 28<sup>th</sup> March

	Date	Time	Routes
1	28/03/2019	7:45	Hilton - Semeli - Conference Center Filoxenia
2	28/03/2019	8:20	Hilton - Semeli - Conference Center
3	28/03/2019	7:45	Solomou square - Conference Center Filoxenia
4	28/03/2019	8:15	Solomou square - Conference Center Filoxenia
5	28/03/2019	18:30	Conference Center Filoxenia - Hilton - Semeli
6	28/03/2019	18:30	Conference Center Filoxenia - Solomou square
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7	28/03/2019	20:00	Hilton - Semeli - Royal Hall
8	28/03/2019	20:00	Solomou square - Royal Hall
9	28/03/2019	23:20	Royal Hall - Hilton - Semeli
10	28/03/2019	23:20	Royal Hall- Solomou square
		2 <sup>nd</sup> day, 2	29 <sup>th</sup> March
11	29/03/2019	7:45	Hilton - Semeli - Conference Center Filoxenia
12	29/03/2019	8:20	Hilton - Semeli - Conference Center Filoxenia
13	29/03/2019	7:45	Solomou square - Conference Center Filoxenia
14	29/03/2019	8:15	Solomou square - Conference Center Filoxenia
15	29/03/2019	17:10	Conference Center Filoxenia - Hilton - Semeli
16	29/03/2019	17:10	Conference Center Filoxenia - Solomou square

	Bus Pick-Up Points
1.	Semeli Hotel: In front of the Hotel
2.	Hilton Hotel: In front of the Hotel
3.	Centrum Hotel: Round-about "OXI" (reasonable walking distance from Centrum Hotel)

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