



ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΝΑΥΤΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΙΓΑΙΟΥ
MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE AND THE AEGEAN



Municipality of Chios

OUR RESPONSE TO THE FIRES
Working together for a better Chios

PROGRAMME OF THE CONGRESS

ORGANIZED BY THE "MARIA TSAKOS" FOUNDATION -
INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF MARITIME RESEARCH AND TRADITION N.G.O.

Under the auspices of
The Minister of Mercantile Marine and the Aegean Mr. Kostis Mousouroulis MP
and in co-operation with the Chios Municipality and Regional Unit

(Homerion Cultural Center of Chios and "Maria Tsakos" Foundation -
15th and 16th October 2012)

Monday, 15th October

09:30 – 11:00	<p>Introduction and greetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Capt. Panagiotis N. Tsakos <i>Founder, "Maria Tsakos" Foundation</i>- His Eminence Bishop Markos, Metropolitan of Chios, Psara and Oinousses (also as representative of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew) <i>Member of the Scientific Council of the "Maria Tsakos" Foundation</i>- Kostis Mousouroulis <i>Minister of Mercantile Marine and the Aegean</i>- His Excellency Mr. George Vassiliou <i>Former President of the Republic of Cyprus</i>- Constantinos Ganiaris <i>Deputy Regional Director of Chios</i>- Polidoros Lamprinoudis <i>Mayor of Chios</i>- Johann Georg Goldammer <i>Professor Dr. h.c.</i> <i>Director, The Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)</i> <i>Coordinator, Global Wildland Fire Network/UNISDR Wildland Fire Advisory Group, Representative of the U.N. Secretary-General</i>
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	<p>- Representative of the EU Commissioner on Regional Policy</p> <p>- Konstantinos Triantafyllos MP</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>1st Session: « Chios and the fires» Chair: Maria Tsakos-Kouimanis <i>Law Consultant</i> <i>Member of the BoD of the “Maria Tsakos” Foundation</i></p> <p>- “Chios: before, during and after the fires” Speaker Maria Tsakos-Kouimanis</p> <p>- “The mastic villages before and after the fires” Speaker Efthimios Moniaros <i>President of the Chios Mastiha Growers Association</i></p> <p>- “The Meeting of 30 August” Speaker Ioannis Spilanis <i>Secretary General, Aegean Sea and Island Policy, Ministry of Merchantile Marine and the Aegean</i> <i>Representative of the Minister of Merchantile Marine and the Aegean</i></p> <p>- “Cardiac health after natural disasters” Speaker Dimitrios Richter <i>Cardiologist, Director of Cardiological Clinic B’ of “Athens Euroclinic”</i> <i>Member of the BoD of the Greek Institution of Cardiology</i></p> <p>- “Architecture and protection of the environment” Speaker Anna Fikari <i>President of the Architects’ Union of Chios</i></p> <p>- Questions and Answers (15’)</p> <p>The Chair sums up the discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<p>2nd Session: “A Scientific approach to the fires: The Chios case” Chair : Christos Zerefos <i>Academician, Professor Emeritus, University of Athens</i> <i>President of the International Ozone Commission</i> <i>Member of the Scientific Council of the “Maria Tsakos” Foundation</i></p> <p>- “The Chios’ climate and forest fires: Past, present and future” Speaker Christos Zerefos</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Fire severity and effects on vegetation of the 2012 Chios Island wildfire in Greece” Speaker Kostas Kalambokidis <i>Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of the Aegean</i> - “Fire effects upon forest ecosystems of Chios: evaluation of their potential for natural regeneration with emphasis on mastic trees” Speaker Margarita Arianoutsou - Farangitaki <i>Professor of Ecology, Department of Ecology and Systematics, Faculty of Biology, National Kapodistrian University of Athens</i> - Questions and Answers (15’) <p>The Chair sums up the discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	<p>3rd Session: “Scientific Session: Measures of rehabilitation from Chios’ fires” Chair: Christos Zerefos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Chios regenerating from fires: Lessons from the reforestation cells of Mt. Aipos” Speaker Nikos Margaris <i>Professor, Director of “National Geographic” Greece</i> - “Grazing impacts and rehabilitation measures following the wild fires in Chios” Speaker Anastasios Nastis <i>Professor Emeritus of Rangeland Management, School of Forestry and Natural Environment, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</i> - “Postfire rehabilitation of Mediterranean ecosystems” Speaker Ramon Vallejo <i>Professor, University of Barcelona</i> <i>Vice-President, Fundación Centro de Estudios Ambientales del Mediterraneo (CEAM), Valencia</i> - Questions and Answers (15’) <p>The Chair sums up the discussion</p>
18:00	End of First Day Sessions
21:00	Dinner (on invitation)

Tuesday, 16th October

09:30 – 11:00	<p>4thSession: “Response to the fires in the middle and long-term future”</p> <p>Chair: Representative of the Ministry of Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transportations & Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Consequences of the fires: Immediate, middle and long term response” Speaker Constantinos Ganiaris <i>Deputy Regional Director of Chios</i> - “Protection of the flora and fauna in areas affected by fires” Speaker Leah Wittenberg and Dan Malkinson <i>Professors, University of Haifa, Israel</i> - “Anti-flood protective measures in affected areas” Speaker Nikos Kefaloukos <i>Civil Engineer</i> - Questions and Answers (15’) <p>The Chair sums up the discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>The Chairs of the 4 Sessions present their conclusions and recommendations.</p> <p>Open discussion coordinated by Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, Chairman, Board of Directors, “Maria Tsakos” Foundation</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00	The Congress resumes in plenary under the coordination of the President of the Foundation’s BoD Chairman
15:00 – 17:30	<p>The Chair of the Drafting Group presents his report on a Congress Resolution.</p> <p>The Congress is invited to adopt the draft Resolution</p>
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Awards to volunteer firemen</p> <p>Concluding Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kostis Mousouroulis <i>Minister of Mercantile Marine and the Aegean</i> - Capt. Panagiotis N. Tsakos <i>Founder of the “Maria Tsakos” Foundation</i>
18:00 – 20:00	Reception (at the “Maria Tsakos” Foundation)