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DESEM at the Rectorate Building of the Dokuz Eylül University

Address / Adresse

DESEM, D.E.Ü. Rektörlük Binası, Cumhuriyet Bulvarı No. 144, Alsancak, 35210 Izmir

Websites / Sites Internet

<https://independent.academia.edu/TheLampsSymposium>
https://www.researchgate.net/profile/The_Lamps_Symposium

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and Professor Laurent Chrzanovski (Universitatea “Lucian Blaga” din Sibiu, Romania)

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Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

We thank you sincerely for your application and abstract and our apologies for the delay with our symposium documents. Attached you will find the program of our symposium, participation lists to our excursions, official invitation and abstract booklet. If you encounter any technical difficulties in viewing our documents, please feel free e-mail us at: elafli@yahoo.ca Please note that all the symposium documents were made online at *Academia* and *Researchgate* accounts of the symposium as well as symposium organizers. If you do not intend to participate and wish to be removed from our mailing list, please let us know by e-mail.

Please check all the documents carefully and let us know about your questions, critics, requests, feedbacks, corrections, suggestions and additions etc. If you find any error in our documents, would you please submit your corrections to us? Especially yellow marked positions are need to be checked and clarified by the participants. We could remove your personal data (phone number etc.) from the abstracts, if it makes a problem for yourself. Please let us know; thank you.

Turkish abstracts were translated by us into English. If you would like to make adjustments to your abstract to make it more cohesive with the themes and sessions of the symposium, we kindly ask you to check your own abstract and to send us your corrections and/or revisions by e-mail, so we can include them for their final publication.

As one of the member of our committee, your comments on all of the abstracts, such as their length, clearness and supported by the scientific data, are most welcome. In the regards of abstracts you could also advise any improvements or submit your corrections about their jargon, language, organization of material and conclusion.

The symposium committee kindly requests that you alert any persons within your research community who would be interested in participating at this symposium, either by forwarding this e-mail, or by printing our program and displaying it in your institution. You can also put our program as well as abstracts booklet on your websites.

Our Third Circular with more detailed information will be sent on c. June 1. We will also update our program as well as abstract booklet, after your questions, critics, requests, feedbacks, corrections, suggestions and additions etc.; these will be sent again.

It is still possible to apply to the symposium with a paper or as an observer. Please send us your abstract as soon as possible so that we can consider it. If you cannot come to Izmir, you could also send your presentation to be read out. You could also participate through Skype or with a video conference. You are also more than welcome to bring your accompanying persons (colleagues, spouse, partner, friends and parents) to our symposium in Izmir! Please inform us about your accompanying persons so that we can register them. Observers and accompanying persons in our symposium are listed on pp. 60 of the abstract booklet. If you have a paper concerning ancient lamps, you could submit your paper to our proceedings which will likely be published in 2021.

We send you an official invitation for your institution in the attachment. We advise you to print out all the symposium documents and bring them with you to Izmir. For further inquiries, the quickest way to reach to us is the telephone:

+90.539.577 07 33 or +90.232.301 87 21

Please feel free to call us any time.

Please note that symposium organization cannot unfortunately pay any of your expenses during the symposium (travel, accommodation, transportation, food, abstract booklet, museum entries etc.).

We are trying to obtain free dinners & cocktails to our participators. We need cooperation for finding possible sponsors, such as French, Italian or German Cultural Centers and Consulates in Izmir. Do you have any other ideas? Please share it with us...

We hope that you will be able to join us at the Dokuz Eylül University, and look forward to seeing you in Izmir very soon!

Arriving to Izmir: Flights

There are several low-cost flight companies (Pegasus, Sunexpress, Onur Air, Easyjet, Eurowings etc.) which operate direct flights to Izmir from several locations. Travellers may fly directly to Izmir. Many important airlines serve Izmir Adnan Menderes International Airport:

<http://www.adnanmenderesairport.com/izmiren/index.php>.

It is also possible to fly into Istanbul, located 300 miles (c. 500 km) from Izmir. The recently inaugurated Istanbul Airport on European side and Sabiha Gökçen Airport on Asiatic side of Istanbul are larger and have more connections, therefore they are often less expensive.

<http://www.ataturkairport.com/eng/index.php>.

There are several buses connecting Istanbul to Izmir. The travel time is approximately 11 hours and costs c. 100 TL (c. 15 €). Car rental is available at both Izmir and Istanbul airports, but it is quite expensive.

Bus travel

Izmir is one of the major city with a large Turkish immigrant population from Balkan countries. Therefore, there are several bus companies operating bus lines between Bulgaria, Greece and Romania to Izmir. They are cheap, but uncomfortable. Their web sites are: Avar <<http://www.avaturizm.com/>>; Kamil Koç <<http://www.kamilkoc.com.tr>>, Metro <<https://www.metroturizm.com.tr/>>, Has <<http://www.hasturizm.com.tr>>, Nilüfer <<http://www.niluferturizm.com.tr>> and Ulusoy <<http://secure.ulusoy.com.tr/Ws/>>. You can also use them in your domestic transportation in Turkey. Ulusoy and Kamil Koç are the most comfortable ones.

Shuttle service from the airport to central Izmir

A shuttle service (Havaş) connects the airport with Izmir (**fig. 1**). Shuttle web site-schedules and fares:

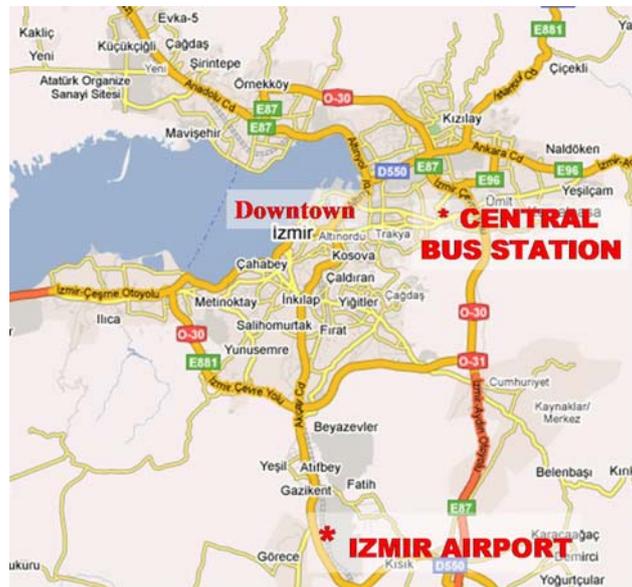
http://www.havas.net/en/otobus_izmir.asp.

Phone: +90.232.444 04 87.

City departure spot is at the Swiss Hotel Izmir in Alsancak (very short walk from DESEM, *i.e.* symposium hall), hourly from 03:30 to 23:30. Travel time approx. 50 minutes. Tickets are 15 TL. Between midnight and 6.00 am fees are increased by 25%. To reach the symposium hall, get off at the Swiss Hotel Izmir or the Renaissance Hotel (last stop of the shuttle). There is also a bus line operating between the airport and Alsancak (in front of the Hilton Hotel Izmir) which is cheaper.

From Izmir Central Bus Terminal to the symposium hall or your hotels

From the Izmir bus terminal there are busses and dolmuş services to the city centre. To come to the symposium hall take busses or dolmuş to “Alsancak” (**fig. 2**). You can pay on the bus or dolmuş; no need to purchase a ticket beforehand. You can also take a taxi from the Central Bus Terminal to the city centre (c. 60 TL; c. 8 €). Taxis are also available at the airport or anywhere in Izmir. There are some banks in the Izmir Central Bus Terminal and private money exchange offices in the city centre.





Figs. 1-2: Location of DESEM from the airport and central bus station in Izmir.

Money exchange

There are private money exchange offices at the airport; but also three banks and a post office. More are located in Çankaya near the Hilton Hotel Izmir or Basmane. We recommend to change money at private offices, not at banks. Currently 1 € is about 6.5 TL (=Türk Lirası) and US\$ 1 is about 5.8 TL. For currency rates: <<http://www.xe.com/ucc/convert.cgi>>.

Symposium venue and registration

The symposium will take place at the Blue Hall of DESEM in the Chancellery Building (=“Rektörlük Binası”) of “Dokuz Eylül University in Alsancak (fig. 3). DESEM is located on the left side of the Rectorate Building, in the very centre of Izmir, just 20 m away from the French Cultural Center and French Consulate. We have chosen this address for its proximity to your hotels and to central Izmir. Its address is:

Dokuz Eylül Üniversitesi, Rektörlük Binası, DESEM Salonları,
Cumhuriyet Bulvarı, No: 144, Alsancak, TR-35210 Izmir.

Phone: +90.232.412 10 85.

Website: <<http://www.deu.edu.tr/DEUWeb/English/>>.

Website with a Map:

<<http://www.deu.edu.tr/DEUWeb/Icerik/Icerik.php?KOD=16482>>.



Fig. 3: The location of DESEM in Alsancak, Izmir.

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On May 15 between 12:00 and 4:00 pm our secretary will be at the cafeteria of DESEM. We will describe you in DESEM how to reach to the hotel, if you first come to DESEM. Note that our symposium is fully free of charge.

For those, who will arrive first to their hotels, Professor Laflı will collect them on the morning of May 16, 2019 to get to DESEM. From these points we will walk jointly to DESEM. Here are meeting points and times:

- 1- At 9.00 am, in front of Teacher's House of Konak;
- 2- At 9.25 am, in front of Central Train Station in Basmane;
- 3- At 9.30 am, in front of Kabaçam Hotel in Basmane;
- 4- At 9.40 am, in front of Hilton Hotel Izmir in Pasaport;
- 5- At 9.45 am, in front of Renaissance Hotel Izmir in Pasaport.

Please be ready at these points at the given time; otherwise you would need to take a taxi to DESEM-Rectorate Building which is not far and cost approximately 2-3 euros.

Symposium organization and instructions for the speakers

Happily we received more than a hundred abstracts from 11 countries (Belgium, France, Israel, Italy, Poland, Romania, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey and the U.S.A.), and it has taken longer than we anticipated to sort through them and make our preparations. 30 of these abstracts were accepted as a paper. We tried our best to accommodate everybody in two days and wanted to avoid parallel sessions; but these 30 lectures could not be fitted into two days. Therefore, we were obliged to divide them into two parallel sessions in different halls in DESEM, *i.e.* Blue Hall and Classroom no. 12 in the second floor, not far from each other. Thematically we have nine sessions and each session will have 4-6 speakers with a 20 minutes of discussion at the end. The time allotted for each presentation is 20 minutes; please note that **this time limit will be strictly enforced**. There will be ample time of 20 minutes for discussion and the exchange of ideas at the end of the each session. Between sessions there will be 20 minutes of coffee breaks. There is a cafeteria inside of DESEM and its prices are low.

The official languages of the symposium is English; we kindly ask you to present your paper in English, in order to maintain a general consistency throughout the symposium. In the most essential cases Professor Laflı will translate papers from Turkish, French and German into English spontaneously.

The auditorium will be equipped for digital projection on one screen. Both Windows and Macintosh will be available. If you intend to use PowerPoint, you may deliver it on a portable flash drive on the first day of the symposium, so that it can be loaded onto our host computers. Please do not forget your flash drive in Izmir; we cannot unfortunately post you your flash drive. For technical issues we will receive assistance from the technical service in DESEM.

In session 9 we have a paper which will be presented through Skype. These colleagues should contact directly Professor Laflı for further advise.

If you wish to distribute hand-outs, please submit them to the symposium organizers in Izmir well in advance, providing sufficient copies for all participants.

If you would like to sell and/or exchange your publications, you are more than welcome to bring them with you. We will also put some of our publications on display and for exchange. Especially your publications concerning terracotta *lamps* are very welcome.

With the Lamps Symposium, the Izmir Center of the Archaeology of Western Anatolia (EKVAM), inaugurated in 2014 at the Dokuz Eylül University in Izmir, would like to begin with granting "EKVAM Annual Rewards of the Ancient Anatolian Studies". A ceremonial session will take place on session 8 on May 18. This award will be given to one person every year and will be decided by an international jury. The aim of this symbolic reward in form of a certification is to praise ongoing archaeological projects in Anatolia.

Poster and exhibition

During the symposium there will be a poster session in the first floor of DESEM. Please prepare your posters on A-4 format and send your posture couple of days before the symposium begins, if you wish that your presentation will also be displayed during the symposium.

Abstracts

If you would like to revise your abstract, please do it as soon as possible and submit us immediately so that we can update it in our websites.

Certification of the participation

We have sent you an official certification for your participation. Please type your name and address on it, print and bring it to Izmir so that we will sign it. Thank you in advance.

Hotel information

Most of the low-cost hotels in Izmir have two stars and are located in Çankaya in central Izmir, near the main railway station “Basmane”. Their prices range between 15 and 30 €, including breakfast. These hotels are conveniently located within easy walking distance of the symposium hall, *i.e.* DESEM, archaeological museums, city centre and also to French, Italian, British, Greek Consulates as well as Cultural Centers. A number of fine restaurants are located within a very short walk from the hotel.

We would like to suggest you following five hotels listed below according to numerous criteria; but we would like to ask you to confirm hotel prices directly with the hotels. Please find out what the current room price is and how much you will have to pay at your departure, as currencies and prices are constantly subjected to change in Turkey! If you do not want to stay in one of the hotels suggested by us, you can change your hotel the next day. In the area of Basmane and Çankaya where these hotels are located there are many more at various prices. If there are no rooms left at the suggested hotels, please consult with the hotel list below. There is no need to panic, because most hotels in Izmir are empty in May and tourism in Turkey is not very active at the moment. Please take your time to find the appropriate one for yourself on the internet. Also, please do not hesitate to negotiate with the hotel management for the prices, as there are only very few tourists in Izmir currently. Most of the hotels in central Izmir are listed here <<https://www.trivago.com.tr/izmir-32103/otel>>. Also, you can look for a hotel, once you arrive to Izmir; this is the best option to less pay!

1- Konak Öğretmenevi – Teacher’s house of Konak : One bed should normally cost like 20-25 euro per night; their price includes breakfast. Payment can be made by credit card. It has a very nice sea view to the Aegean. The rooms are equipped with air conditioners (a must for May!) and hot water, and they are clean. Every flat has a Wi-Fi connection; the password should be asked to the reception. Once you arrive to the hotel, please register yourself at the reception, as we would give your contact addresses to them prior to your travel. Participants who would like to stay in Teacher’s house of Konak, please e-mail us.

Konak Öğretmenevi – Teacher’s house of Konak

Address: Namık Kemal Mahallesi, 431. Sk. No: 2, Konak, TR-35260 Izmir.

Phone: +90.232.446 45 09, 10, 11, 51, 52.

Mobile phone: +90.553.627 96 50 (Seher Hanım).

E-mail : ulkeraktas4@gmail.com

Prices: Single room + breakfast : 150 TL ; double room + breakfast : 200 TL.

You can get a payment receipt from the reception. Just tell them “fatura” and they will issue it immediately or a day later.

2- Hotel Kabaçam in Basmane: One bed should normally cost like 20-25 euro per night; their price includes breakfast. Payment can be made by credit card. You can book a room through their booking.com link or e-mail under your name. Bars and night clubs are not far from the hotel; but they are silent during the evening. It is located 15 minutes on foot to central venues. The rooms are equipped with air conditioners (a must for May!) and hot water, and they are clean.

Hotel Kabaçam

Address: İsmet Kaptan Mah., Gazi Bulvarı, 1364 Sok. No: 2/1, Çankaya, Izmir.

Phone: +90.232.482 33 53.

Fax: +90.232.484 05 49.

E-mail: <info@otelkabacam.com>.

Website: <www.otelkabacam.com> (PLEASE TAKE A LOOK FIRST!).

Reservation: <https://www.booking.com/index.tr.html?aid=330843;tr_redirected=1&>.

3- Anemon Hotel Izmir - Kahramanlar: They have reduced their prices, because of few numbers of tourists. A bed should cost around 40 euro per night, including breakfast. Nice hotel with silent location.

Anemon Hotel Izmir - Kahramanlar

Address: Mürselpaşa Bulvarı, No: 40, Kahramanlar, Izmir.

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Phone: +90.232.446 36 56.

E-mail: <izmir@anemonhotels.com>.

Website: <<http://www.anemonhotels.com/otel-izmir/anemon-izmir.aspx>>
(PLEASE TAKE A LOOK FIRST!).

Reservations:

<<https://reservations.travelclick.com/77832?HotelId=77832&DateOut=4/17/2017&DateIn=4/16/2017&Adults=1&Children=0&Rooms=1&languageid=19#/accommodation/room>>.

4- The Izmir Palas Hotel: This hotel is for those who prefer to stay on the Aegean coastline of Izmir, just 5 m south of our symposium hall, the French Institute and French Consulate. The A single room with Aegean sea view (5 m far) + breakfast is 250 TL which is around 50 Euro. It is a lovely place to spend two nights with a very active location.

Izmir Palas Hotel

Address: Atatürk Bulvarı, TR-35210 Izmir.

Phone: +90.232.465 00 30.

Fax: +90.232.422 68 70.

E-mail: <info@izmirpalas.com.tr>.

Website and reservations: <<http://www.izmirpalas.com.tr/>>
(PLEASE TAKE A LOOK FIRST!).

5- DoubleTree by Hilton Izmir Alsancak: This is a luxury hotel with a price of around 60 euro per night, including breakfast. It is a new hotel, right in the center, has an amazing breakfast, 7 min. far from DESEM by foot. It has a silent location with a view to the Izmir Fair area which is very green.

DoubleTree by Hilton Izmir Alsancak:

Address: Şair Eşref Bulvarı, 1373 Sok., No: 5, Alsancak, Izmir.

Phone: +90.232.402 02 02.

E-mail: <izmir@anemonhotels.com>.

Website and reservations: <<http://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/izmir/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-izmir-alsancak/>>
(PLEASE TAKE A LOOK FIRST!).

Please note that if you cannot afford any of these options, you are very welcome to inform us about it. We will try to find a solution with our friends and students.

The post-symposium excursion

A post-symposium excursion is planned on May 18-19 to Samos which is described on the program. You can bring accompanying persons (colleagues, spouse, partner, friends and parents) to these excursions; we would be thankful, if you could inform us with their contact information. If you did not register yourself for those excursions, you are more than welcome to register now.

We will travel to Samos by ferry. Turkish ferry company Meander operates a ferry between Kuşadası and Samos everyday. There is also a very active Turkish ferry company, called „Ertürk Lines“, the headquarter of which locates next to our Re

ctorate Building, just 5 min. walk from DESEM. A return ferry ticket from Kuşadası to Samos and back is around 50 euro. We would be thankful, if you could purchase or reserve your return ferry tickets directly through the website of Ertürk Lines (<http://www.erturk.com.tr/>). You could also purchase it at Ertürk's offices both in Izmir and at the harbour of Kuşadası, once you are at the symposium in Izmir. There is no need to buy it prior to your travel to Izmir, as ferries have enough places... Please note that Ertürk Lines does not arrange any extra transportation facility from Izmir to Kuşadası and return.

Websites of the ferry companies: <<http://www.erturk.com.tr/en>>, <<http://www.meandertravel.com/ferrytosamos/samos.php?details=ferrytosamos&m=4&md=sc4>>.

Kuşadası where we will meet on May 18 is 150 km southwest of Izmir and is one of the most western point of Turkish peninsula. It locates only 30 miles away from Samos, but the ferry takes an hour for the travel between Samos and Kuşadası. Between 5:00 am to 8:30 pm there are always coaches from Kuşadası to Izmir. We suggest you to purchase your coach ticket from Izmir to Kuşadası by Pamukkale Coach Travel Agency which operates a coach at 6am O'Clock (one way ticket to 25 TL, including domestic transportation both in Izmir and Kuşadası). Coach station locates in a very close distance to the harbour. It takes two hours from Kuşadası to Izmir. There are private money exchange offices around the harbour; but also banks.

Samos is a beautiful island to drive around. The website for the car rental on Samos is: <<http://www.samos-car-rental.com/en/>>. Visiting destinations on Samos are the Old and New Archaeological Museums

(scattered antiquities through the city from Ottoman to sixth century B.C.), Pythagoreion, Heraeum, Kokkari, Karlovasi, Marathokampos as well as churches in Vathy. The sites and museums on Samos are closed on Mondays. Neither in Greece, nor in Turkey, we were not able to obtain any free entrance to the sites or museums.

We have 21 hotel addresses in Samos which are located in different parts of the island. A double room at low-priced hotels on Samos with breakfast costs around 50 euro. Online reservation is possible. Everything can be payed through credit card. We would be very thankful, if you could check our list below and decide in which you would like to stay and how long. You should reserve your accomodation through e-mail before you go to Samos. Here are the list of hotels:

Name of the main hotels in Vathy, Samos (Center)

Samos Hotel, Virginia Hotel, Aeolis and Aria Hotel.

E-mail addresses of all of the hotels on Samos

mirinihotel@mirini.com, info@samoshotel.gr, info@aeolis.gr, info@samosbay.gr, info@elenaapartments.gr, info@samosmarina.gr, info@gagoubeach.gr, gplast55@otenet.gr, katerinaapostolougv@gmail.com, hotel@glicorisa.com.gr, info@hotelmepope.gr, taverna@kohili.com, info@llosamoshotels.com, hotel@princessa.gr, anthemoessa@hotmail.gr, sama@sama.gr, reservations@sama.gr, info@hydrelebeach.com, samblue@otenet.gr, astravil@otenet.gr, info@sunrise-hotel-samos.com, deks@remezzo-hotel-pythagorion.com, reme0569@remezzo-hotel-pythagorion.com, nafsika@nafsikavillas.gr, info@anema.gr, hotel@glicorisa.com.gr, info@hotel-limnionas-bay-village.gr,

Please bring a swimming suit with you, as we will swim on Samos !

On Samos

Unless we plan to rent a car, I suggest you stay in one of Vathy hotels in the centre (**fig. 4**). The Samos Hotel, Virginia Hotel, Aeolis and Aria Hotel are all central and convenient in Vathy itself. Because of the many aid workers for the refugees there is a shortage of cheaper accommodation in town. There are many restaurants and kebab shops; food is not expensive except for fish. Customs and immigration are only ten minutes. The Samos Hotel is right across from the harbour of Samos, only 10 m distance from the customs.

Publication of the symposium proceedings

We would like to publish the symposium proceedings in 2021 in the series of *Colloquia Anatolica et Aegaea, Acta congressus communis omnium gentium Smyrnae*. Once edited, our proceedings will be sent to the British Archaeological Reports, International Series of Hadrian Books in Oxford. Guidelines for submission of papers will be sent after the symposium.

- 1- Editors of the volume are Professor Ergün Laflı, Dr Gülseren Kan Şahin and Professor Laurent Chrzanovski.
- 2- Accepted languages are English, German, French or Italian; however, we ask you kindly to submit your paper preferably English.
- 3- Your abstracts in English that were already submitted to the symposium, will be put at the beginning of each text, followed by an abstract in Turkish, translated by us. For papers in other languages than English, we ask that you submit an abstract in English.
- 4- Images should be colour and have **at least 300 dpi**.
- 5- We have no page limit.
- 6- We have no limit for illustrations, figures, plans, drawings, maps and graphs etc.
- 7- Book size will be 17 x 25.7 cm (standard A-4 size) with a soft colourful cover.
- 8- All visual material will be printed in black-white; we will of course keep photos in pdf offprints in colour.
- 9- We ask you to submit us unpublished material from excavated sites or in the museums with previously unpublished photos.
- 10- Authorizations both for publishing the items as well as figures should be clarified and stated by the author(s).
- 11- **The deadline for submissions is January 1, 2020.**
- 12- Papers and photos should be electronically submitted to the editor: elafli@yahoo.ca
- 13- If you will not participate to the Lamps Symposium, but still have a paper about lamps, you are welcome to submit it to us for publication.
- 14- We will also produce pdf offprints and each participant will receive whichever pdf offprints she/he wants for free.

15- Unfortunately, proceedings volume cannot be donated to the authors for free.

If you cannot attend to this symposium personally

We thought of three alternative ways of your participation for your non-personal attending:

- 1- Either you record your lecture in a video and send us by e-mail to be presented by us to the public;
- 2- Or you could send by e-mail the text of your paper, along with your ppt presentation to be presented by us to the public;
- 3- Or you could send us by e-mail a simplified version of your paper with some figures on A-4 format so that we can display it as a poster.

Please send your lecture in one of these three forms couple of days before the symposium begins.

Practical information about Izmir

Izmir (population 3,220,000) is the third largest city in Turkey and the largest city in the Turkish west. For more information on the city and its amenities, please visit <<http://wikitravel.org/en/Izmir>>.

Please note that very few people in Izmir speak foreign languages. It is therefore recommended you learn some practical Turkish words for your convenience in Izmir.

Turkey is situated in a geographical location where climatic conditions are quite temperate, but the diverse nature of the landscape and the mountains parallel to the coasts produce significant differences in climatic conditions from one region to the other. In Western Anatolia (Aegean region) where Izmir is located, there is a mild Mediterranean climate with average temperatures of 9° C (48° F) in winter 29° C (84° F) in summer. In Izmir the average temperature in May is 25° C (77° F). At the beginning of June the sun will be warm and skies will be clear. We can expect warm temperatures, but also some rain. Please bring a pullover with you!

Visa requirements for Turkey

For information about visa requirements for Turkey see: <<http://www.turizm.net/turkey/tips/visa.html>>.

If you need an official invitation from us, please specify to which Turkish embassy/consulate (or your private address) we need to fax it (or post it) and which language you would prefer (English or Turkish).

*İzmir'e hoşgeldiniz! / Καλώς Ήλθατε στην όμορφη Σάμο /
A warm welcome both to Izmir and Samos / O primire călduroasă la Izmir și Samos !*

Professor Ergün Lafli

Dr Gülseren Kan Şahin

Professor Laurent Chrzanovski



Fig. 4: Vathy, Samos.