

16:30 – 16:50

“Practices and management results at Prespa National Park”

Myrsini Malakou
Manager of the Society for the Protection of Prespa.

16:50 – 17:10

“Implementation of good practices at Rodopi Mountain Range National Park”

Representative from the Rodopi Mountain Range National Park Management Body.

17:10 – 17:30

DISCUSSION

17:30 – 18:00

COFFEE BREAK

4th session: PROTECTED AREAS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

MODERATORS: Ioannis Kirtsis, Nikolaos Ganakos & Themis Nasopoulou

18:00 – 18:20

“Innovative management action plans at Samaria National Park”

Antonis Barnias
Forester, MSc Quality Control and Env. Management, Co-ordinator of Samaria National Park Management Body.

18:20 – 18:40

“The Century of Mount Olympus. The transition from cattle grazing and logging to mountaineering and the effects of the latter upon local societies”

Dr. Michalis Styllas
Geologist, Representative of the Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing, Manager of “X. Kakkalos” refuge.

18:40 – 19:00

“Guiding and raising environmental awareness in Olympus National Park”

Themis Nasopoulou
Guide for National Parks & Wetlands, MSc Biological Diversity, Olympus National Park Management Agency.

19:00 – 19:20

“Ecotourism – Sustainability – Culture”

Ioannis Reklos
Manager of the ecotourism agency “OIKOPERIHGHTHS”.

19:20 – 20:00

DISCUSSION – CONFERENCE CLOSING REMARKS | MODERATORS: Theoharis Zagas & Ioannis Kirtsis

20:00

GUEST SPEAKER DINNER

SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015

BUS TOUR OF MOUNT OLYMPUS

09:00

Departure from Litochoro.

Itinerary route: Kanalon Monastery – Sparmou Monastery and oriental plane tree forest – Kokkinopilos – Agios Dimitrios

18:00

Arrival at Litochoro

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FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2015

- 17:00 – 17:30 **Registration**
17:30 – 17:45 **Commencement – Greeting from the President of the Board of Directors of Olympus National Park Management Agency Pavlos Andredakis, Forest engineer**
17:45 – 18:15 **Formal Greetings**

1st session: HISTORY AND MYTH

MODERATORS: Pavlos Andredakis, Theoharis Zagas & Ioannis Kiritsis

- 18:15 – 18:40 **Κεντρική Ομιλία “The Olympian Gods at Dion”**
Dimitrios Pantermalis
Professor of Archaeology and President of the Acropolis Museum.
- 18:40 – 19:00 **“Mythology as a tool for biotourism development– Olympus: a stage of global vision”**
Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis
Professor of Bioethics. President and Founder of the Biopolitics International Organisation.
- 19:00 – 19:20 **“Erysichthon of Thessaly: A timeless approach to myth”**
Aikaterini Polymerou-Kamilaki, PhD
Former Director, academic associate of the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre of the Academy of Athens.
- 20:00 **GUEST SPEAKER DINNER**

SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2015

2nd session: OLYMPUS - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & UNIQUENESS

MODERATORS: Zoe Ftika & Dimitrios Pappas

- 09:30 – 09:50 **“Monitoring of habitats and fauna in Olympus National Park: First results”**
Jamie Giannakas
Biologist, MSc Biodiversity and Conservation, Olympus National Park Management Agency.
- 09:50 – 10:10 **“Important elements of flora on Mt. Olympus”**
Dr. Georgios Fotiadis
Forester – Phytosociologist, Research associate at the Technical University of Central Greece.
- 10:10 – 10:30 **“Olympus National Park: A unique site of fungal biodiversity”**
Dr. Stephanos Diamandis
Forest pathologist, mycologist, Ex senior researcher of Nat. Agric. Research Foundation.
- 10:30 – 10:50 **“The role of Olympus in molding the hydrogeological conditions of the wider region”**
Konstantinos Voudouris
Associate professor of hydrogeology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 10:50 – 11:10 **DISCUSSION**
11:10 – 11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

3rd session: PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS – INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

MODERATORS: Stilianos Mavridis & Evripidis Roumpas

- 11:30 – 11:50 **“Protection of Greece’s natural environment from antiquity to today”**
Theoharis Zagas
Professor at the Dept. of Forestry and Natural Environment, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, President of the Hellenic Forestry Society.
- 11:50 – 12:10 **“International, European and National legislative framework for the protection and sustainable management of Protected Areas – Olympus”**
Dr. Angelika Kallia-Antoniou
Lawyer at the Supreme Court, Prof. at the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government, EU expert on Environmental Law.
- 12:10 – 12:30 **“Protection and management of protected areas”**
Athanasios Oikonomou
Biologist, Representative of the Department of Biodiversity, Soil and Waste Management, Ministry of Reconstruction, of Production, Environment & Energy.
- 12:30 – 12:50 **“European and national policy of forest ecosystems in protected areas”**
Dimitrios Ntinokas
Forester – Environmental scientist, Head of the Directorate of Forest Works & Infrastructure, Ministry of Reconstruction, of Production, Environment & Energy.
- 12:50 – 13:10 **“Forest Service and its role in the management and protection of the forest ecosystems of Olympus”**
Zoi Ftika
Forest engineer, MSc, Manager of Elassona Forest Service.
- 13:10 – 13:30 **DISCUSSION**
13:30 **BUFFET LUNCH AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE**

3rd session (cont.): PROTECTION & MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS – EXAMPLES OF GOOD MANAGEMENT

MODERATORS: Theoharis Zagas & Jamie Giannakas

- 15:30 – 15:50 **«Concepts of forest management and planning in nature conservation areas: lessons from Slovenia»**
Andrej Boncina
Professor of Forest Management & Planning University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 15:50 – 16:10 **«Visitor management in the Tatra National Park (Poland) – legislation, strategy, goals and challenges”**
Antoni Zięba
Tatra National Park – Poland, Department of Research and Monitoring.
- 16:10 – 16:30 **«Safeguarding special places for people and birds in the United Kingdom»**
Richard Archer
Somerset & Severn Wetlands Conservation Officer, Representative of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds UK.