

**17th International Conference on Chemistry and Environment of the
Division of Chemistry and Environment (DCE) of European
Chemical Society (EuChemS)**

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The Association of Greek Chemists (AGC), through the Regional Division of Central and Western Macedonia and the Division of Chemistry and Environment (DCE) of the European Chemical Society (EuChemS) successfully organized the 17th International Conference on Chemistry and Environment (ICCE 2019) between 16 and 20 June 2019 in Thessaloniki, Greece.



At the opening ceremony of the 17th ICCE: The President of the regional branch of AGC, Prof. Victoria Samanidou, Chair of the Conference and of DCE-EuChemS, Prof. Ioannis Katsoyiannis, and President of the AGC Prof. Athanasios Papadopoulos

The conference was under the auspices of the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopis Pavlopoulos, as well as of the Department of Chemistry of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The conference took place at the congress center of the

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the Center for the Dissemination of Research Results (KEDEA).



View of the building of the Center for the Dissemination of Research Results



The chairmen of the official opening of the conference, consisting of Prof. I. Katsoyiannis, chair of the Conference and DCE-EuChemS, Prof. A. Papadopoulos, President of AGC and Prof. Philippe Garrigues, former President of DCE-EuChemS and editor in chief of Environmental Science and Pollution Research (Springer), the official dissemination organ of DCE.

More than 500 participants from 65 countries attended the conference. A total of 295 oral and 230 poster presentations were presented.



Snapshot of poster presentations during the conference

Five world-renowned plenary speakers, successfully delivered their lectures on topics in their field of expertise.



Snapshot of the opening keynote speech of the conference, given by Professor of the Department of Chemistry, AUTH, Mrs. Constantini Samara.

The conference consisted of 19 different topics, covering a wide range of environmental chemistry and technology, while extensive sessions were held in related fields, such as Analytical Chemistry and Green Chemistry.

More specifically, current and pressing environmental problems, which are of great concern to all countries worldwide, were discussed and analyzed. Water scarcity and reuse, the presence of micro-plastics and micro-pollutants in the water, the circular economy and resource recovery and the consequences of widespread use of glyphosate were some of the topics analyzed by prominent scientists. More information on the thematic sessions, satellite events and guest speakers is available at the conference's website www.icce2019.org.

The organizing committee of the conference, following the decision of the board of delegates of the Division of Chemistry and Environment (DCE) of the European Chemical Society (EuChemS), awarded the Professor of Environmental Chemistry of the University of Athens, Mr. Panagiotis Siskos, the DCE life-long achievement award for his contribution to the science of Environmental Chemistry.



Professor P. Siskos receiving the award from the chair of the conference and of DCE, Prof. Ioannis Katsoyiannis

There were also 5 prizes for the best oral presentations and 5 prizes for the best poster presentations to young scientists under 35 years old.



The Chairs of the official closing ceremony of the conference. Prof. V. Samanidou (President of the AGC-Central and Western Macedonia), Prof. G. Lammel (Head of Selection Committee), Prof. I. Katsoyiannis (Chair of ICCE 2019 and DCE-EuChemS) and Dr. Willem De Lange, DCE secretary.



The Vice President of the Department of Chemistry, AUTH Professor D. Achillias is giving an award to a young scientist.

The Association of Greek Chemists warmly thanks all participants in the International Conference on Environmental Chemistry and wishes every success to the Italian

Chemical Society, which will host the next conference of the series, in Venice in June 2021.



The Chair of the 17th ICCE Prof. I. Katsogiannis at the end of the conference with the Chair of the 18th ICCE Professor A. Marcomini.



Traditional photo after the official closing ceremony of the conference, on June 20, 2019 in the courtyard of the Venue.