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INVITATION

We cordially invite you to participate in the World Congress in Philosophy on the topic:

The Philosophy of Aristotle.

The Congress is organized on the occasion of 2400 years since the birth of Aristotle by The International Association of Greek Philosophy, The Greek Philosophical Society and the Philosophical Society of Cyprus and will be taking place in Athens, where Aristotle lived most of his life. He studied and taught at Plato's Academy for nearly 20 years and later he founded the Lyceum where he taught and composed many of his great works. Recent archaeological surveys and excavations have brought to light the Lyceum – the site which will be the heart and inspiration for the Congress.

Athens, because of its cultural history, its geographic position and its mild climate is an ideal place for productive dialogue among philosophers and philosophizing persons, Academics and persons engaged in philosophical reflection, from all over the world on wide-ranging topics related to the philosophy of Aristotle. The 31 themes of the Congress are listed in the Circular. The Congress on *The Philosophy of Aristotle* extends its heartfelt welcome to old and young philosophizing thinkers and researchers, to those with an established intellectual presence and to developing intellectuals who aspire to contribute to a better future for humankind.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee we invite you to participate actively in the World Congress on *The Philosophy of Aristotle*, which is going to be held in Athens Greece in July 2016.

The Organizing Committee of the Congress is determined to continue the outstanding tradition of the previous Conferences and Congresses organized by the International Association of Greek Philosophy and the Greek Philosophical Society. The Congress is also unique in that the very city in which it is to occur (Athens) beckons all philosophizing persons with inspiring echoes from its past. We invite you to come to Athens in whose Ancient Agora and other places, Socrates, Diogenes, and so many others spent their time, where you can walk and discourse at the site Aristotle's Lyceum and Plato's Academy and be within the environs of Epicurus' Garden, Zeno's Stoa, the haunts of Proclus and others whose intellectual works contributed to the cultural and philosophical heritage of humanity.

The Congress, with the kind permission of the Ministry of Culture, has arranged to hold a number of sessions and events in the areas of Aristotle's Lyceum and Plato's Academy; the Pnyx (the meeting place of the ancient Athenian Parliament), which is itself located right across from the Acropolis; and at the site of The temple of Zeus within the environs of the Ilissus river and the Hadrian's Gate. The Congress participants will have the once in a lifetime opportunity to not only visit these sites passively, as is usually the case, but be an active part of the historical tradition of discourse, philosophical and political, cultural and ecological that was cultivated within these areas.

Not only the place in which the Congress is being held is unique, but so too the time of its occurrence. Summer is when the whole of Greece radiates with its blue, Homeric seas, its clear skies, its white islands and its rugged landscape. Greece's summer splendour welcomes philosophers, their families and their friends and their friends' families and

extends an invitation to visit such sites as Delphi, one of the world's most inspiring locations, venerable Olympia and Mycenae, ancient Dodoni, magnificent Knossos, and Alexander's Vergina and Pella, Aristotle's Stagira and holy Mount Athos in the north, Odysseus' Ithaca and Corfu in the west, Pythagoras, Melissus and Aristarchus' Samos, Homer's Ios and Chios, Hippocrates' Kos, Panaetius' Rhodes, Ariadne's Naxos, Saint John's Patmos in the Aegean, and further east, Heraclitus' Ephesos and Thales', Anaximander's and Anaximenes' Miletus and the marvelous Island of Cyprus. All of these sites are within only a few hours from Athens by bus or boat or by plane.

Especially when summer comes the people of Greece open up to visitors, enacting their Zeus-endowed trait, which comes most naturally to them: their *philoxenia*, their hospitality to visitors and travellers to their land.

As the Organizing Committee of the World Congress on *The philosophy of Aristotle*, we will make every effort so both you and your accompanying persons and friends will have a wonderful time and will want to come back to this blessed place with the sun, the bright sky, and its vibrant energy, the aura of the Attica mountains and the breeze of crystal clear sea of the Saronic Gulf and the Attica coast line.

Athens, 30th of September 2015

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