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### **The 9th International Conference on Culture and Tourism YPERIA 2011 on Amorgos.**

The 9th International Conference on Culture and Tourism Yperia 2011 was again a great success, in regards to participation and to the announcements.

Journalists, photographers, reporters and television crews from Greece, Austria, Denmark, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Sweden, Canada and Congo, attended. The opening of the Congress, was declared by the Mayor of Amorgos, Mr. Nikitas Roussos.

Through visits to the monuments of the island, such as the famous Byzantine Monastery of Hozoviotissa, the Hellenistic Tower of Agia Triada in Arkesini, the Archaeological Museum in the Capital Chora, the church of Epanochoriani, where the procession of the icons of the monastery was attended, the Church of the Holy Anargyroi in Tholaria, the Monastery of St. George Valsamitis, built on the site of Ancient water Oracle and finally with visits to the villages and the country side with the beautiful flowers and herbs, participants got to know the traditional Amorgian architecture and the culture of the place.

The meals and dinners with traditional dishes in different restaurants of Aegiali, (Amvrosia, Lakki, Panorama, Kostaras, Loza, Taistra, To Limani, o Chondros, Ta Asteria) the music, the songs, the dances and feasts, completed the picture of the contemporary culture of the beautiful and picturesque island of Amorgos.

### SPEECHES

- *"Culture and Peace in the Mediterranean"* by Dr.**Filio Diamanti**-deputy coordinator of the Greek National Network Foundation Anna Lindh.
- *"The Energy Fields of Amorgos"* by Dr.**Dimitri Perdetzoglou**.
- *"Sustainable Tourism"* by Mrs. **Alison Womack**.
- Photo trip with ichoramata *"Orientations in the Aegean"* - *"Rust & Almira"* by the photographer artist, Mr.**Dimitris Talianis**.
- *"Rural Heritage of Amorgos"* by the environmentalist Mrs. **Katerina Kanakaris**.
- *"Man-Environment-Technology"* by Mrs. **Magda Roussi**, researcher, artist, designer.
- *"Ancient coins of Amorgos"* by Mr. **Anthony Vlavianos**, architect, journalist.
- *"Amorgos Chitons"* by the archaeologist and excavator in Keros island Mr. **George Gavalas**.
- *"Films which have affected tourism in Greece"* by Mrs. **Irene Giannakopoulos** director of the Hotel Aegialis Hotel & Spa and President of the Cultural Association of Women Tholaria.
- *"Greek Cinema"* by **Manolis Zandes**, director of ET3.

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- "Geocaching" presentation and explanation of the project by its inspirator Mr. **Erwin Werdenigg**.
- "The fairy tales of Amorgos over the centuries" by Mrs. **Helen Kountouroupi-Giannakopoulou**.
- The writer-journalist Mr. **Elias Provopoulos**, presented his book "Asfontylitis" and guided the delegates in the impressive agro-cultural Asfontyliti settlement.

The *painting exhibition* by the English painter Mrs. **Judy Attwood**, was opened within the activities of this Cultural conference.

THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL TOURISM SHORT FILM FESTIVAL OF AMORGOS took also place. The following films participated:

**Barcelos** - Aquem e Alem Atlantico's by Carlos Araujo  
**Enviroment - Culture - Development** by the Greek National Tourist Organization  
**365 Churches** of Luiza Barcan, **Amorgos - Island of the sky** of Carlos Araujo  
**The winds of Keros Island** by Marina Kounelaki  
**GREECE** the Greek National Tourism Organization  
**Winter Fruits** by Bosco - NIB Alternativa  
**Turnat Cienega de Zapata Cuba's** Travelfilm.se Inca Tours  
**Viva Amorgos** of Sabien Rodenbach  
**Inspiration Old Mountain** by Mladen Velimiromic  
**World Water War** of Stelios Alexandrakis  
**Asti song of Bacchus**, by Manolis Zandes  
**A Way of Saint James** by Paolo Coelho  
**Journey to the light - Amorgos** by Vasilis Katerinopoulos  
**TURNAT - Cuba** by William Killander - Travelfilm.se

AWARDS WON:

- 1st prize - **Asti song of Bacchus** by Manolis Zande
- 2nd Prize - **Inspiration Old Mountain** by Mladen Velimiromic from Serbia
- 3rd Prize - **365 Churches** by Luiza Barcan from Romania

The conclusions of the conference were summarized by the coordinator - journalist Mr. Emmanuel Lignos, who thanked all Participants of the Congress for their presence, the President Mrs Irene Giannakopoulos and colleagues, and staff of all parts of "Aegialis Hotel & Spa" for their excellent services.

The Conference was attended by the Ambassador of Romania, Mr. George Ciamba, the General Secretary of the Embassy of the Congo, Mrs. Alima Mulamba, The Consul of Greece in Bologna



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Mrs. Georgia Lambraki, the Chairman of the Cycladic Association of Journalists Mr. Hariklia Zamanou and more.

The 9<sup>th</sup> ΥΠΕΡΙΑ and the 2<sup>th</sup> International Short Tourism Film Festival of Amorgos took place under the auspices and sponsorship of E.O.T the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of navigation and Aegean.

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