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NOTOS 2015 is around the corner! Well, not exactly. You have still plenty of time to book your plane tickets and your hotel room and be in Athens next November. You will enjoy with your friends in philately an International Exhibition where very important philatelic exhibits will take centre stage.

The plans were laid out a few years back. When they matured, the OC was convinced that just three ingredients are sufficient in order to stage a big international event: first, exhibitors willing to exhibit; second, a strong team of qualified volunteers; and, third, a suitable and free-of-charge exhibition hall. Next, the targets were set: high exhibition standards, low exhibitors' fees and a reasonable budget which will be met by the Hellenic Philatelic Society alone.

In order to produce a reasonable budget, the OC decided to say "no" to unnecessary luxuries and expenses of secondary nature such as the traditional publications, the exhibitors' medals and the daily remuneration to the National Commissioners and Jurors. On the other hand the OC said "yes" to the invitation of all the 21 countries of the European South, including those with very small philatelic communities, even the ones which are not members of FIP or FEPA, with no restrictions on the number of exhibits brought in. Needless to say, for the budget to have any chance at all, lots of man-hours had to be dedicated to the cause.

Technology was then asked to do much of the work in order to minimize unnecessary paperwork and time-consuming procedures. A well-maintained website has already become the principal point of reference

(hps.gr/notos2015). It was designed as part of the Hellenic Philatelic Society website, so its life is guaranteed for many years following the closure of the exhibition. In addition, it is probably the first time in a major exhibition that entry forms are submitted on-line directly to the OC by the prospective exhibitors. Upon submission, both the exhibitor and the respective National Commissioner are automatically e-mailed back the completed entry form. This is not just a time-saver, it most importantly reduces retyping and copying errors to a minimum. Another innovative feature is that there will be no bin room as we know it, no inventory lists, no counting stamps or covers, no waiting lines. The exhibits will be handed in by the National Commissioners to the OC at the exhibition frames. After each frame is mounted and locked, it will be photographed and the photos will be mailed to the OC and the respective National Commissioner. The exhibits will be returned at the frames as well.

A few more points worth mentioning: One copy only is required for each Literature entry. This in turn means reduced shipping expenses and hopefully it will be an additional motive for expensive works to participate. So, authors and publishers rejoice! The exhibition venue is very close to a metro station directly connected to Athens city centre. Local weather during last year's second week of November was fantastic. Finally, FEPA Congress 2015 and the AIEP General Meeting 2015 will take place during the exhibition in Athens, a city you simply cannot afford to miss! If these are not good reasons to take part and visit the exhibition, then what is?

So, start packing up and get prepared! Have a good trip and see you all in Athens next November!

Name: NOTOS 2015 International Philatelic Exhibition

Dates: 12-15 November 2015

Place: Athens, Greece

Size: 800 16-page exhibition frames

Participation: 21 countries of the European South are invited with Commissioners' privileges. The rest of Europe and the World are welcome with exhibits related to the European South. Philatelic Literature participation is open with no restrictions.

Competition: All FIP classes plus Open Philately plus "Classe des Champions" for distinguished exhibits

International Jury: FIP and FEPA accredited judges

Entry fees: 20 euro per frame or per Philatelic Literature entry

Entry forms deadline: 31 March 2015

Patronage: FEPA

Organizers: Hellenic Philatelic Society

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**FEPA CONGRESS
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER IN ATHENS**

***During the celebration of the International Philatelic
Exhibition NOTOS 2015***



FEPA Congress 2015:

Date and time: Sunday the 15th of November 2015 from 09:00 to 13:00 hours

Congress venue and official hotel: to be announced soon in <http://hps.gr/notos2015/>

Venue of the exhibition: Peristeri Exhibition Centre, Dodekanisou 106, 12135 Peristeri, Greece

How to get there:

Take Athens Metro Line 2 (red line) from Syntagma Square station and get off to Anthoupoli station (13 min). Then just walk to the Exhibition (3 min).