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MESSAGE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dear Participants,

On behalf of the Steering Committee I would like to warmly welcome you all to the 7th Samos International Conference on Education (Samos ICE 2011). Despite their short history the Samos ICE International Conferences, co-organized this year by INEAG and the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, have already gained a worldwide reputation and have been established as a forum in which academics, researchers and professional experts in various fields of Education from all over the world come together, interact, exchange ideas, and present their research. A direct reflection of this success story is the number of submitted papers, which increases substantially year by year, as well as their high quality. Indeed, scientifically, as well as in terms of participation, this year’s conference is expected to be very successful, as the Scientific Committee has received more than 140 research papers (by far the largest number thus far), most of which are indeed very interesting, while presenters come from over twenty countries. It should be noticed that the submissions have been reviewed using a double blind review process.

I would like to express our special thanks to all who have contributed to the organization and in making 7th ICE Samos a success. First of all we would like to thank the authors of the articles. Their contribution was crucial and established a venue for a number of discussions. In addition, I would like to thank the reviewers and the members of the scientific committee. Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the Research and Training institute of the East Aegean for their very hard work to make this event possible.

On behalf of the Samos ICE 2011 Steering Committee, I would like to encourage you to contribute to the future of Samos ICE conferences as authors, speakers, panellists, and volunteer conference organisers.

Wishing you all a very pleasant and fruitful stay on the beautiful island of Samos.

Emeritus Professor Kyriakos Kioulafas
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