



22nd World Congress of Poets



UNITED POETS LAUREATE INTERNATIONAL
WORLD BROTHERHOOD AND PEACE THROUGH POETRY



June 29 - July 3, 2011
Larissa IMPERIAL Classical Hotel
LARISSA - GREECE



President of 22nd WCP/UPLI
Dimitris P. Kraniotis

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INVITATION

Dear poet,

We invite you to the **22nd World Congress of Poets** that will take place from the **29th June to the 3rd July 2011, in Larissa, Greece**. President of the Congress was elected the Greek poet, Dr. **Dimitris P. Kraniotis**, internal medicine specialist physician, academician and doctor of literature.

The **World Congress of Poets (WCP)** which will be held for the first time in Greece is conducted since 1969 in various countries around the world and is an internationally recognized cultural event. Held every two years by the **United Poets Laureate International (UPLI)**, one of the major international poetic organisms, brings together poets from all around the world. The aim of the institution is to promote the **"World Brotherhood and Peace through Poetry"** without discriminations of race, religion and nationality.

The history of the Congress delegation in Greece began in the 20th World Congress of Poets, held on 13th – 17th June 2007, in the city of Montgomery, the capital of the state of Alabama, USA. At this congress, Dr. Dimitris P. Kraniotis was elected President of the 22nd World Congress of Poets 2011. The election of the Greek poet as President meant also the conduct of congress in Greece.

Dr. Dimitris P. Kraniotis who participated at the 21st World Congress of Poets, which was held on 16th - 20th July 2009 in Managua, capital of Nicaragua, in his speech he suggested Larissa as the host city of the 22nd World Congress of Poets in 2011. The Board of Directors unanimously accepted the proposal and President of UPLI Dr. **Benjamin R. Yuzon**, announced Larissa as the **World Capital of Poetry in 2011**.

Larissa is located at the heart of continental Greece, having a dynamic economy and extremely vibrant population. According to archaeological evidence, the capital of Thessaly, Larissa, has been inhabited since the tenth millennium BCE. Today, Larissa is a major commercial and industrial centre in Greece. Legend reveals that Achilles was born here and Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, died here as well. Larissa has a Municipal Art Gallery – G.I. Katsigras Museum, well-known for its selection. It is full of places for entertainment, Larissa's Ancient Theatre, Monument of Hippocrates, Larissa's Archaeological Museum, Saint Achillius Church, Alkazar Park, Pineios River. Near Larissa, there is an interesting diversity of sceneries with the mountain of ancient Greek Gods, Olympus, the Valley of Tempi, the beaches of Larissa (Stomio, etc), the mountain Meteora (UNESCO World Heritage Site) with the old Christian monasteries, etc.

We expect you to enjoy a high-quality meeting along with our wholehearted hospitality, and we hope that you will have the opportunity to spend some fruitful time with friends in a relaxing atmosphere.

With these thoughts we look forward to seeing you all in Larissa.

Dear poet,

It will be a great honor for the Organizing Committee of the 22nd World Congress of Poets 2011 to attend and participate in this important cultural event, held in the heart of Greece, from the **29th June to the 3rd July 2011, in Larissa**. The congress offers to the participants a rich social and recreational program that includes **"1st Mediterranean Poetry Festival"**, traditional Greek night, visits to interesting sights in the Periphery of Thessaly, banquets with music and dancing, etc. We have also scheduled enough space for speeches and poetry reading.

We kindly request confirmation of your participation to the congress as soon as possible. Please also notice that you make your own airplane and hotel reservations.

We look forward to meeting you at the congress.

On behalf of Organizing Committee of 22nd WCP/UPLI

Yours Sincerely,



Dr. Dimitris P. Kraniotis
President of 22nd World Congress of Poets / UPLI



- Organizing Committee of 22nd WCP / UPLI

PRESIDENT:

Dimitris P. Kraniotis, *President of 22nd World Congress of Poets / UPLI*

MEMBERS:

- Katerina Ziazia-Souflia
- Christos Sideropoulos
- Dimitra Bardani
- Athanasios Karatolias
- Vasiliki Mandalou
- Evangelia Raptou
- Christina Yianguou-Lavdaki
- Giorgos Zimianitis
- Pavlos Lalos
- Lina Folina
- Stefanos Koutras
- Giorgos Tsitroulis
- Panos Papageorgiou
- Athanasios Michail

• 5th UPLI POETRY CONTEST (IN ENGLISH AND GREEK):

- ✓ **Open contest:** Anyone may enter any of the contest categories.
- ✓ **Rules and guidelines:**

ENTRY FEE: 5€ per poem entered. Participation with one or more poems. The delivery of the poems will be at the first day of the Congress (June 29 at 17.00 pm), at 2 copies - A4, one with your name, the other without name. You can either join with poems in English (3 categories) or in Greek (1 category). No individual poem may be entered in more than one category. There is no limit on the number of entries.

LINE LIMIT: Specified on each category.

✓ **Categories:**

Category 1. Rhymed poetry (English)

Any subject, rhymed, limit: 30-lines

*Prizes: 1st Place €75, 2nd Place €50, 3rd Place €25, 3 Honorable Mentions

Category 2. Free verse poetry (English)

Any subject, any form, limit: 30-lines

*Prizes: 1st Place €75, 2nd Place €50, 3rd Place €25, 3 Honorable Mentions

Category 3. Open form (English)

Any subject, any form, limit: 40-lines

*Prizes: 1st Place €75, 2nd Place €50, 3rd Place €25, 3 Honorable Mentions

Category 4. Open form (Greek)

Any subject, any form, limit: 40-lines

*Prizes: 1st Place €75, 2nd Place €50, 3rd Place €25, 3 Honorable Mentions

• **PARTICIPATION IN ANTHOLOGY (IN ENGLISH):**

Send 1 poem (limit: 20 lines), short bio (limit: 10 lines) and 1 small photo. *(For the participants is required the translation into English of their poem and bio as well according to the instructions).*

Deadline: April 15, 2011

Submit by **postal mail** to:

Dimitris P. Kraniotis, 2 Panagoulis str, Larissa 41222, GREECE, or by **e-mail:** info@wcp-greece2011.org

• **PARTICIPATION IN MEETING:**

Theme: "World Brotherhood and Peace through Poetry"

Each speech will last 8 minutes, in English language.

(For the participants is required the translation into English).

• METHOD OF PAYMENT

Bank Transfer (in Euro):

National Bank of Greece

Bank account: 883/470043-06

IBAN: GR32 0110 8830 0000 8834 7004 306

Swift-BIC: ETHNGRAA

Beneficiary: **ASA CONSULTING ASA CONGRESSES AND GALA**

Please on the bank remittance do not forget to mention:

1. The participant's full name.
2. Reason of payment (22nd WCP/UPLI, Greece 2011).

Please note that Registration Form will be accepted **only if it is accompanied by proof of payment** (Copy of bank remittance or bank remittance number) sent by email to the Organizing Secretariat info@wcp-greece2011.org or **sent by postal mail** to: Dr. Dimitris P. Kraniotis, 2 Panagoulis str, Larissa 41222, GREECE.

• HOTEL RESERVATION - CONGRESS AREA

Classical Larissa Imperial Hotel *****

182 Farsalon Street - 41335 Larissa – Greece

Tel: (+30) 2410 687640, Fax: (+30) 2410 687687

Mobile: (+30) 6947275484, E-mail: fom_li@classicalhotels.com,

Site: www.classicalhotels.com

Contact person: Tourtouni Vassiliki (Front Office Manager)

The rates are valid only for the members of 22nd WCP/UPLI

- Single room: **80 Euro** per overnight
- Double room: **90 Euro** per overnight
- Rates include American Buffet Breakfast, all local taxes and services.

Special Offers : Wi-fi Internet, Parking, Free use of the outdoor pool, Free use of gym, hamam and sauna of Imperial Health Spa

• TRANSFER OF FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

Transfer by bus will be made **only** from the **International Airport "Macedonia" (Thessaloniki)** to Larissa (90 minutes away). The daily programme will be announced after updating the flights of the participants.

Dates:

- June 28 & June 29, 2011
- June 3 & July 4, 2011

Please notice that you make your own airplane and hotel reservations.

• CONGRESS SECRETARIAT

Please do not hesitate to contact the organizers if you require any additional or assistance:

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REGISTRATION FORM

22nd WORLD CONGRESS OF POETS / U.P.L.I.
(LARISSA, GREECE, JUNE 29 – JULY 3, 2011)

UPLI Member / Non - Member Full Name: _____ M/F
(Circle) Member/Spouse/Guest(Circle) (Circle)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Arrival Flight Time: _____ Number: _____ Airline: _____

Full Member of WCP Simple Member of WCP

Bank Remittance Number: _____

Please sign acknowledgement of: having the responsibility for the cost of transportation to Greece (a le ret our), lodging, airline fares/travel documents, i.e. passport, visa, etc. The Organizer is not accountable for any injury or damage involving persons and/or property for the duration of the Congress. All participants are accountable and should make provisions for their own personal safety and belongings.

Date: -----/-----/2011

Signature: _____

All participants can either register through the website using the **online Registration Form** or alternatively, they can download the Registration Form, complete it and send it by email to info@wcp-greece2011.org. After online registration you will receive (by e-mail) a "Registration Submission" indicating that your registration form has successfully been submitted.

Alternative way to register is to send the Registration Form by **Postal Mail** to the President of 22nd WCP: **Dimitris P. Kraniotis, 2 Panagoulis str, Larissa 41222, GREECE.**

www.wcp-greece2011.org

Thank you for wanting to attend the Congress.

Please make sure UPLI membership information and dues of \$25.00 has been remitted to: Benjamin R. Yuzon, President U.P.L.I., 2226 Pheasant Drive, Hercules, CA 94547, USA or Judy Hardin Cheung, Secretary U.P.L.I., 704 Bingham Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404, USA.

Visit the website www.upli-wcp.org for further information and updates.

- REGISTRATION: Deadline April 30, 2011.
- REGISTRATION FEES:

Full member of WCP	€ 200,00 (For all 5 days: Anthology/Tours/Banquets)
Simple Member of WCP	€ 100,00 (For all 5 days: Anthology, No Tours/No Banquets)

NOTE: Plus € 50,00 late fees after April 30, 2011.



IMPORTANT INFORMATIONS:

There is no free entry-participation in the Congress.

Those who will participate should get from the Congress Secretariat on the first day of the Congress, Tuesday June 29, 17.00pm at Classical Larissa Imperial Hotel, their **Congress Bag** and their **Registration Card**. It is necessary, the registered users to have always with them throughout the Congress their **Registration Card**.

• CERTIFICATE

Certificates will be awarded on the last day of the Congress, Sunday July 3 at 11.00 – 12.00 am at Classical Larissa Imperial Hotel. It is necessary to show your Registration Card to the Congress Secretariat so as to receive your Certificate of your participation.

• SOCIAL PROGRAMME (Only for Full Members)

- Welcome Banquet (Gala Dinner)
- Tour of Meteora (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Tour of the Tempi Valley (by traditional train)
- Tour of the Larissa beaches (Stomio, Monastery of Komnenion)
- Traditional Greek night
- Farewell Banquet (Gala Lunch)

• SOCIAL PROGRAMME (for All Members)

- Opening Ceremony (with traditional Greek dances)
- Tour of the city of Larissa (Ancient Theatre, Monument of Hippocrates, Archaeological Museum, Alkazar Park, Pineios River, Saint Achillius Church, Municipal Art Gallery of Larissa)
- Dancing Poetry in the amphitheater area of the Municipal Art Gallery of Larissa
- "1st Mediterranean Poetry Festival" (with Music Concert) in Theatre of Tempi
- Award Ceremony

• LANGUAGE

Official language: English

(There will be simultaneous translation from Greek to English and vice-versa.)

• CONGRESS LOCATION

Larissa, Thessaly, Greece

Larissa is the capital of the Larissa Peripheral Unit (Larissa Prefecture). It is a principal agricultural centre and a national transportation hub, linked by road and rail with the port of Volos and with Thessaloniki and Athens. The population of the greater area is around 250,000, and takes in other smaller suburban communities. According to archaeological evidence, the capital of Thessaly, Larissa, has been inhabited since the tenth millennium BCE. Today, Larissa is a major commercial and industrial centre in Greece. Legend has it that Achilles was born here and Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, died here as well.

• CLIMATE

The weather in Larissa in June and July is hot, even too hot at times. An experience of a hot weather and an endless sunshine.