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1. Conference Venue

Lucy Hotel is a three-minute drive (2 km) from the central port of Kavala. The hotel’s distance from all crucial locations of the region is ideal. You need just 3 minutes by car to reach Egnatia Odos and 40 minutes for the Megas Alexandros airport. If you would like to go on a day excursion to Thasos, except for the central port, you may take the ferry from Keramoti, which is only half an hour distance from the hotel and you will need another thirty minutes to reach Thasos Island.

Lucy Hotel is one of the landmarks of Kavala, due to both its location and its architecture. Located in the westernmost cape of the city, it combines modern design, utilizing structural components of the 1960s, with modern architectural touches. The 5-star hotel, which operates throughout the year, is housed in an imposing 8-story building, within short distance of the Egnatia Highway, the main road in northern Greece, the airport "Alexander the Great", but also from the port of Kavala, from where the transition on the island of Thasos takes place. Moreover, it is easy to access the center, the market and the most important monuments and museums of the city via car, public transport or on foot, following the enclosed promenade.

The hotel consists of 149 rooms, fully equipped (meeting the needs of disabled visitors as well), with free Internet access, view of the sea or the city of Kavala and potential babysitting. Customers have the opportunity to visit the organized sandy beach, awarded with the Blue Flag, which is opposite the hotel entrance. Finally, free parking in the surrounding owned area of the hotel is allowed.

For information check http://www.lucyhotel.gr  & about bookings please contact directly Lucy Hotel by phone: +30 2510 600060 or by email: bookings@lucyhotel.gr  (don't forget to mention HAICTA 2015 when contacting them).

Useful links:
http://www.kavalagreece.gr/
2. How to Arrive in Kavala and to the Conference Venue

*Travelling by airplane*

**By Plane to Kavala**
Kavala has an international airport, Alexandros Airport, in Chrysoupoli, with two daily flights to and from Athens throughout the year. Many charter flights are added in the summer season from European cities. For more information about Alexandros Airport visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kavala_International_Airport.

After you arrive to Alexandros Airport in Kavala, you can take a taxi to get you to Lucy Hotel. The cost of that is 38€ (EUROTAXI call center: +302510620911).

**By Plane to Thessaloniki**
You can also fly to Macedonia International Airport in Thessaloniki. From the Airport you can take either a taxi or a city bus (No. 78, "KTEL - Aerodromio" route), to get you to the Central Bus Station “MAKEDONIA” of Thessaloniki. The cost of a taxi is 25€ while the cost of city bus is 2€ per ticket. From there, you can take an Intercity Bus to get you to Kavala.

Look for list of schedules with national transfer bus system (intercity bus) from CENTRAL BUS STATION “MAKEDONIA” in Thessaloniki to Kavala and vice versa on http://ktelmacedonia.gr/en/routes/list/tid=17

Ticket prices from Thessaloniki to Kavala are 16.30€ (one way) and 30€ (with return).

After you arrive to the Central Bus Station in Kavala, you can take a taxi to get you to Lucy Hotel. The cost of that is about 5-7€ depending on your luggage (EUROTAXI call center: +302510620911).

*Travelling by Car*
Many Greek and foreign visitors choose to come to Kavala by road, since there are excellent roads and the route offers many visual pleasures.

**From Thessaloniki**
The journey from Thessaloniki takes approximately 1h 30’ on the new Egnatia Odos (165 km). One can reach Thessaloniki either by road or train, or the Macedonia airport, one of the largest international airports of the country. The distance from Athens, through Thessaloniki, is 680 km. Kavala, which is 349 km from Igoumenitsa Port (Ionian sea).

**By road from Europe**
There are now two such routes.

From Western Europe, the traveler crosses the Adriatic and the Ionian either through Brindisi or through Ancona, on fast and comfortable ships for Patra or Igoumenitsa.

From Eastern Europe and the Balkan countries you can reach Kavala directly by road.
3. Programme at a Glance - Conference Events

All HAICTA 2015 participants are invited to attend.

**Thursday, 17 September 2015**
- Tutorial at 14.30
- Doctoral Consortium at 17.00
- Research and Development Dissemination with short papers at 18.30

In the evening, we get to know each other at the Welcome Cocktail event at 20.30 at the pool area of Lucy Hotel.

**Friday, 18 September 2015**
- Official conference opening ceremony at 09.00
- Keynote lectures at 09.30
- Poster session at 15.30

In the evening, don’t miss conference dinner, at Greek traditional seafood tavern “KYRA VAGGELIO”. Conference bus will depart from the hotel at 20.30. Tickets will be included in Conference bags. Entrance to the conference dinner will be by ticket only.

**Saturday, 19 September 2015**
- Keynote lecture at 13.00
- Industry Dissemination Session at 15.00-16.30
- Conclusions and Conference Closing at 18.30

In the evening, don’t miss Official Conference Dinner, 20.30 with live Greek music, traditional dancing groups and Greek fish at restaurant “SYMPOSIO”, N. Heraklitsa. Conference bus will depart from the hotel at 20.30. Tickets will be included in Conference bags. Entrance to the official conference dinner will be by ticket only.

**Sunday, 20 September 2015**
- A bus starts at 9.00 a.m. from the hotel for a 4-hour tour, free of charge, to visit famous landmarks in the area of Kavala.
- The tour includes a visit in:
  - Tobacco Museum in Kavala, a thematic museum about the culture and production of tobacco in the area, huge local commercial exploitation in the early 20th century in Kavala. Find more info at [http://www.tobaccomuseum.gr/](http://www.tobaccomuseum.gr/)
  - Archaeological site of PHILLIPOI, a city in Eastern Macedonia, established by Macedonia King Philip II in 356 BC with Greek ancient amphitheater. Find more info at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philippi)
4. Registration
Registration starts on Thursday, 17 September 2015, at 13.00 and you can also register throughout the conference.

5. Coffee Breaks and Lunches
All coffee breaks and lunches will take place in the premises of the hotel. Tickets will be included in Conference bags. Entrance to conference coffee breaks, lunches and dinners will be by ticket only.

6. Wi-Fi
Wireless Internet is available at the hotel for HAICTA participants, ask the secretary for the access code.

7. Weather
High and low average temperatures in Kavala in 17-20 September are 28 and 18 degrees Celsius, respectively and we hope you can visit the two hotel beaches and pool.

8. Currency, Banks & Credit Cards
The Greek currency is Euro €. In the city center there are several banks open from 08:00 to 13.30, while there are many ATMs operating 24/7. In Greece all main credit cards are accepted.

9. Electricity
In Greece the voltage is 220.

10. Safety
Kavala is a safe city. Nevertheless, we recommend using common sense, keeping an eye on your wallets when in crowds and possibly avoiding carrying too much cash or wearing flashy jewelry.

11. Time
The Greek local time is UTC (GMT) +2, which means one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Greece adopts the daylight saving time (DST) from the last Sunday of March till the last Sunday of October.

12. Tipping
In all restaurants, bars, taxis, tip is included in the price and customers do not need to pay anything more, although tips are usually welcome in restaurants.

13. Telephones & Emergencies
Greek country code is +30. For international calls, dial 00 + national code + area code + personal number. In case of any emergencies or dangerous situations the number to call is the European Emergency number 112 or 100 for the Greek Police.

For any further inquiry please email us at haicta2015@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you in KAVALA
The ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAICTA 2015