Proposals for Conferences and other Events

ATINER is open to suggestions for the organizing of events such as Annual Conferences (Colloquiums, Symposiums, Congresses, Conventions) and non-annual events such as Small (mini)-Conferences, Workshops, Meetings, Round Table Discussions, Panels, Single Sessions etc, but all proposals must address the mission of the Association. ATINER's conferences always take place in Athens with one mission: to make Athens a place where Academics and Researchers from as many different countries as possible can meet and exchange ideas about current and future developments in their disciplines.

Proposals must respect ATINER's rules, regulations and policies. In summary, these imply that the entire organization of the event is exclusively managed by ATINER's administration staff and Executive Committee as this is represented by the President. The academic member responsible for the conference (whose name will appear in the call for papers and used to promote the event by ATINER) may help to promote the event, advise on the academic part of the conference and be present on the two days of the conference. S/he might also help in the editing of a book after the conference. On the issue of the program, the academic members makes his/her proposal on sessions but the final program (sessions and schedules) is the sole responsibility of ATINER's administration under the supervision of the President and this includes all changes which should be made during the two days of the conference. It is important to understand that ATINER's primary objective is to facilitate the needs of our participants who come from so many different countries rather than serve the needs of an academic program. In any case, before you submit a proposal, please read our policy on http://www.atiner.gr/acceptance.htm.

In order to decide on an event, ATINER needs the following information:

1. Give as many keywords (topics) as possible which describe the scientific area of the proposed event.
2. List scientific disciplines which might relate to the proposed event. Interdisciplinary events "sell" better.
3. List universities which have specialized faculties, schools, departments, (graduate and undergraduate) programs, laboratories etc, which relate to the topic(s) of the proposed event.
4. List all academic journals which specialize in publishing papers which relate to the topic(s) of the proposed event.
5. List all associations related to the proposed subject.
6. List academics who know you and/or your work and who can be invited (be informed) on your behalf. We do the invitation on your behalf. The invitation is usually a joint one, with your name and the name of the President of ATINER. In this case, it is of great importance to approach these academics in advance to see whether they are willing to submit a proposal under ATINER's terms and conditions.
7. List any other academics.

If the proposed event is a Conference, then ATINER may consider the establishment of an annual international event in a well defined area of research. Otherwise, it will be considered a small (mini) conference, a panel or a single session. The latter are not planned as annual events, and are organized as part of a general Conference. Based on the above information, ATINER will decide on the type of event that is to be organized. The most important thing for a conference is to invite a number of academics who do research in the proposed area. In this way, the event can be sustainable. For ATINER, a sustainable conference is one that can attract at least 25 paper presentations, whose authors meet the acceptance criteria, and who come from a variety of countries. A minimum of 10 countries is required for the conference to be evaluated as being successful. A new conference in a well defined area of research that usually corresponds to University Departments, could lead to the creation of a Research Unit. In such a case, ATINER's Executive Committee will appoint a Head or an Acting Head. For panels or small (mini) conferences (symposiums), which are organized as part of a conference, the criteria for a conference do not apply. A panel or a session must consist of at least three papers.

Important Note: The academic members responsible for an event pay no registration fee but cover the rest of the cost of their participation (travel, accommodation, food etc). This applies to cases that the panel/session actually takes place. In this regard, please see http://www.atiner.gr/acceptance.htm. This policy is applied with religious zeal.