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RE: **Annual International Conferences & Symposia, 4-7 June 2018**, The Titania Hotel, 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Greece

The [Athens Institute for Education and Research](http://www.atiner.gr) hosted its conferences and symposia of the first week of June 2018 in the following fields: **Literature; Urban Studies & Planning; Geology & Earth Science; Geography; Transportation; Engineering Education & Teaching; and Classical & Byzantine Studies.** The events took place on Monday 4 June 2018 and Tuesday 5 June 2018 at the Titania Hotel, 52 Panepistimiou Avenue, Athens, Greece. The **opening address** and welcoming remarks were given by **Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos**, President, ATINER and **Dr. Nicholas Pappas**, Vice President of Academic Membership, ATINER & Professor of History, Sam Houston State University, USA.

During the two days of the conferences, 94 papers were presented, authored by more than 150 researchers coming from 33 different countries (Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, Uganda, UK and USA).

Two special **Symposium Discussions** took place on Monday 4 June 2018, in the afternoon; one **on Teaching Arts & Humanities in a Global World**, chaired by **Dr. Nicholas Pappas** (Sam Houston State University), and one on the **Recent International Research in Urban Studies and Planning**, which was held at the Harokopio University (New Building-Ceremony Hall), Eleftheriou Venizelou 70, Kallithea, Athens, Greece and was chaired by **Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku** (The University of Alabama at Birmingham). The programs and more information on the aforementioned events are available on ATINER's website.

The academic members of ATINER responsible for this week's conferences and symposia were: **Dr. Stamos Metzidakis**, Head, Literature Unit, ATINER & Emeritus Professor of French and Comparative Literature, Washington University in Saint Louis, USA; **Dr. Tatiana Tsakiropoulou-Summers**, Director, Athens Center for Classical & Byzantine Studies (ACCBS) & Associate Professor, The University of Alabama, USA; **Dr. Nicholas N. Patricios**, Vice President of Strategic Planning & Analysis, ATINER and Professor & Dean Emeritus, School of Architecture, University of Miami, USA; **Dr. Virginia Sisiopiku**, Head, Transportation Engineering Unit, ATINER, & Associate Professor, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA; **Dr. Panagiotis Petratos**, Vice-President of Information Communications Technology, ATINER & Fellow, Institution of Engineering and Technology & Professor, Department of Computer Information Systems, California State University, Stanislaus, USA; **Dr. Theodore Trafalis**, Director, Engineering & Architecture Division, ATINER & Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering &

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