

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS,  
DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS**

*In memory of Professor Panayiotis D. Siafarikas*

September 3 – 7, 2012, Patras, Greece.

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

On September 3 – 7, 2012 an international conference on differential equations, difference equations and special functions is programmed to be held in Patras, Greece, at the Conference and Cultural Hall of the University of Patras. The conference is dedicated to the memory of Professor Panayiotis D. Siafarikas, who left so early in 2010.

The main aim of the conference is to bring together experts working in all areas (including numerical investigations and applications) of differential equations, difference equations and special functions and to promote the research in these areas.

The conference is organized by the local Organizing Committee consisting of Evangelos K. Ifantis (Emeritus Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Patras), Chrysoula G. Kokologiannaki (Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Patras) and Eugenia N. Petropoulou (Assistant Professor, Department of Engineering Sciences, University of Patras).

The scientific committee of the conference consists of

- Ondrej Dosly, (Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Masaryk University, Czech Republic)
- Evangelos Ifantis (Department of Mathematics, University of Patras, Greece)
- Chrysoula G. Kokologiannaki (Department of Mathematics, University of Patras, Greece)
- Andrea Laforgia, (Department of Mathematics, University of Rome III, Italy)
- Lance Littlejohn (Department of Mathematics, Baylor University, U.S.A.)
- Martin Muldoon (Department of Mathematics & Statistics, York University, Canada)
- Eugenia N. Petropoulou (Department of Engineering Sciences, University of Patras, Greece)

The scientific program will consist of plenary lectures (50 minutes talk + 10 minutes for questions), invited lectures (25 minutes talk + 5 minutes for questions) and short communications (15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions).

The registration fee although not yet estimated, is expected to be very reasonable and will include

- the conference material
- the proceedings
- all coffee breaks during the conference
- all lunches from September 3 until September 9
- all the social events from September 3 until September 8, which will include almost all dinners during the week of the conference and an excursion
- transportation from the hotels to the conference site and vice versa
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To help us with the organisation of the Conference, we would appreciate it if you, **already at this early stage**, could indicate your potential attendance to the conference. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the attached preregistration form and return it by September 1, 2011 (only by e-mail to **chrykok@math.upatras.gr** or **jenpetro@des.upatras.gr**).

We look forward to seeing you in Patras.

The Local Organizing Committee