



## 2nd RECROP Annual Meeting COST Action CA22157

**Climate-Proof Crop Reproduction:  
from lab to farm**

**13-15 May 2025  
Thessaloniki, Greece**

Under the auspices of the School of Biology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

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## ONLINE REGISTRATION

**<https://www.recrop-cost.com/Conference>**

Deadline for registration for oral talk: **March 15th**

Deadline for registration for poster presentation: **April 15th**

Final registration deadline: **May 6th**

***There are no registration fees for the scientific sessions***

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## Scientific Sessions

- Plant Reproduction Under Abiotic Stresses
- Abiotic Stress Sensing, Signalling, and Response
- Breeding for Climate Resilience Crops
- Biotechnology, Gene editing and Systems Biology Approaches to Decipher Crop Resilience
- Chemical Priming and Modern Practices for Increased Crop Yields in Challenging Environments

## Keynote Speakers



**Prof. Anja Geitmann**  
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**Prof. John Doonan**  
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## HOW TO REACH THESSALONIKI

### Thessaloniki International Airport "Macedonia" (SKG)

The International Airport "Macedonia" (SKG) connects Thessaloniki with more than 30 countries and 60 foreign cities with direct flights, as well as 35 cities and islands in Greece.

**Transportation from the airport:** The airport is connected to Line 1 of the subway system at Nea Elvetia via the 02X shuttle bus. The bus terminal is located in the "Arrivals" area, in front of Exit 4 of Terminal 1. Tickets can be purchased at the terminal from the ticket booth or the automated ticket machines of OASTH (<https://www.oasth.gr/en/>).

A 24/7 taxi service is also available, with fares ranging from €25 to €35 to the center of Thessaloniki.

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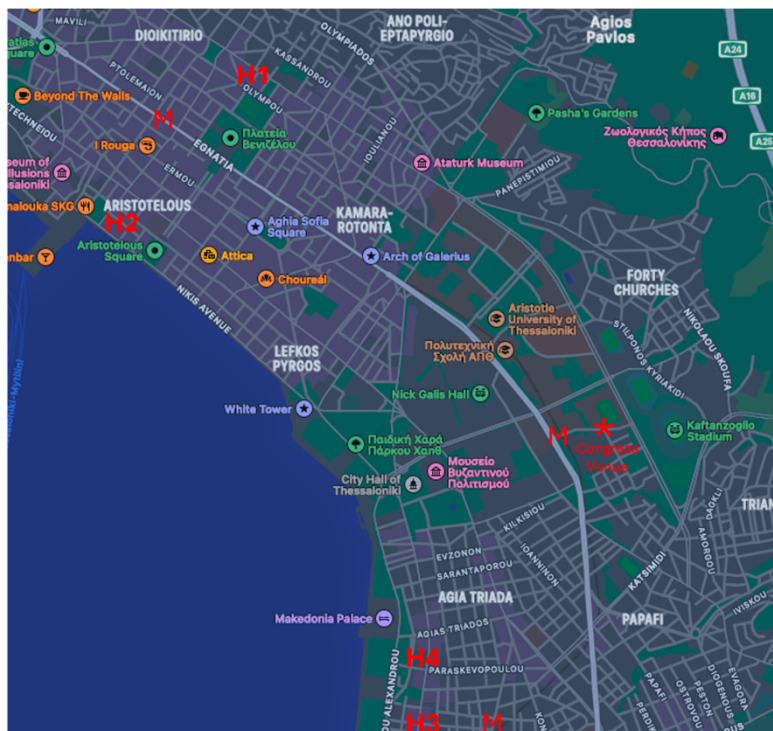
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## ACCOMODATION

Below is a list of recommended hotels for the conference. To receive the discounted rates, please mention "RECROP conference" or the specific code provided below when booking by email. Prices are per room, per night (including VAT and Breakfast) (Environmental Tax 5€/room/night is not included).



### **H1. Domotel Olympia \*\*\***

Olympou street, 65, Thessaloniki  
Tel: +30 2310 366 466  
Email: [reservations-olympia@domotel.gr](mailto:reservations-olympia@domotel.gr)  
Website: <https://domotel.gr/olympia/>  
Single room €80,00/night  
Double room €93,00/night

### **H2. Luxembourg \*\*\***

Komninon 6, 546 24 Thessaloniki Greece  
Tel.: +30 2310 252600  
Email: [info@hotelluxembourg.gr](mailto:info@hotelluxembourg.gr)  
Website: <https://www.hotelluxembourg.gr/>  
Single room 70,00€/night  
Double room 87,00€/night

### **H3. Queen Olga \*\*\***

44, Vasilissis Olga Av.  
54641 Thessaloniki  
Tel: +30 2310 824 621  
Email: [reservations@queenolga.gr](mailto:reservations@queenolga.gr)  
Website: <https://www.queenolga.gr/en/>  
Single room 50,00€/night  
Double room 65,00€/night

### **H4. Metropolitan \*\*\*\***

65, Leof. Vasilissis Olgas  
54642 Thessaloniki  
Tel: +30 2310 824 221  
Email: [reservations@metropolitan.gr](mailto:reservations@metropolitan.gr)  
Website: <https://www.metropolitan.gr/>  
Single room 80,00€/night  
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## Practical Information

### **\*Travel and visas**

Delegates requiring a visa for entry to Greece are strongly advised to make their application in their home countries at least two months before the intended date to travel. Visa application procedures are more manageable when the acknowledgement of registration is included.

### **\*Letter of invitation**

The Congress Secretariat will send you a Letter of Invitation upon request. This letter is only to help delegates to raise travel funds or to obtain a visa, and it is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support.

### **\*Location**

Aristotle University's Research Dissemination Center (KEDEA) is located downtown, on Tritis Septemvriou Str. at Aristotle University's campus between the Student Club and the University Gymnasium.

An important element of the architecture of the building is the characteristic red color, which makes KEDEA a new spatial reference point on the axis of Tritis Septemvriou Str.

The conference venue can be reached by metro, line 1, and by bus, along several lines.

### **Bus lines (<https://www.oasth.gr/en/>):**

**2, 7, 14, 58:** Stop University of Macedonia

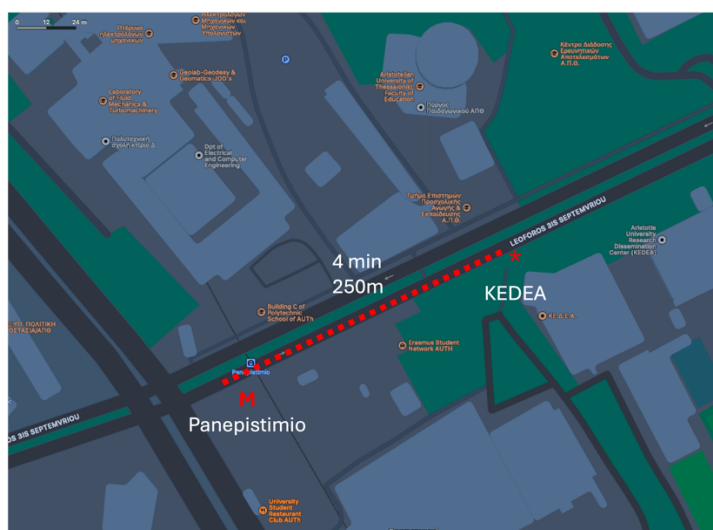
**17, 24, 37:** Stop Fititiki Leschi

**10, 31:** Stop Agia Foteini- University of Macedonia

**27, 28, 83:** Terminal Station

### **Metro line:**

**M :** Stop "Panepistimio"



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## **About Thessaloniki**

Thessaloniki city story begins with its founding in 316/315 BC. From the outset, it bore a regal connection—its name was taken from Thessaloniki, sister of Alexander the Great and daughter of Philip II, King of Macedonia. Owing to its strategic position, the city soon became a major port and commercial hub for Macedonia and the broader Balkan Peninsula—a role it has upheld for over two millennia.

Thessaloniki is the most significant administrative, cultural, and business hub in northern Greece, as well as the country's second-largest city. Home to over 1.1 million people in its wider metropolitan area, this mid-sized city lies on the shores of the Thermaic Gulf and boasts over 50 kilometers of coastline. In 2014, a major redevelopment of the urban waterfront was completed, offering a unique space for walking, running, and cycling. Conveniently located near the Aegean Sea, Thessaloniki is only about an hour's drive from majestic Mount Olympus and the Chalkidiki region's beautiful beaches and just a short flight away from several Balkan and Mediterranean capitals.

The city's pleasant Mediterranean climate features hot, dry summers, typically moderated by sea breezes and mild, wetter winters. Spring and autumn often bring occasional rainfall and comfortable temperatures, making Thessaloniki an appealing destination year-round for tourists and residents.

Thessaloniki's rich cultural scene includes 30 museums and 15 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, reflecting its long history and diverse influences. It offers flights to 81 international destinations in 31 countries, plus 35 domestic routes, making travel to and from the city both accessible and convenient. Notably, one can walk from its eastern to its western edge in just 30 minutes, highlighting Thessaloniki's highly compact and walkable center.

Food and nightlife are integral to the local lifestyle. The New York Times recognized Thessaloniki as one of the 52 places to visit in 2016, emphasizing its exceptional gastronomy. According to National Geographic, Thessaloniki has more cafés per capita than any other European city, and it was listed among the "Top 10 Nightlife Cities" for 2015 and "Best Trips 2013." As the country's largest student city, it hosts around 150,000 Greek and international students each year, supported by leading institutions such as Aristotle University (the largest in Greece and the Balkans), the University of Macedonia, and other prominent colleges. Since 2014, the "Study in Thessaloniki" initiative has aimed to attract even more students from around the globe, further cementing the city's reputation as a vibrant, cosmopolitan center.

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