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Welcome to Athens, whose cultural legacy to the World is incalculable. During the reign of Pericles (ca. 495 BC - 429 BC), which is also referred to as the Golden Age, Athens became the intellectual and cultural centre of the world, producing intellectuals like Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Sophocles and Euripides, just to name a few. Numerous historic sights like the Parthenon conceptualise Greek democracy and appear as witnesses of an exceptional cultural apogee. Moreover, Athens is of course famous for the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 and for holding the latest Olympic Games in 2004. It is indeed a historic city and I am glad to invite you all to Athens for CIRSE 2007.

I am delighted to announce that this year the CIRSE Programme has changed format, so that delegates can follow a particular of six main themes right through the meeting, including: vascular intervention, transcatheter embolisation, non-vascular intervention, interventional oncology, clinical practice development and a basic education theme. The congress programme is designed so that attendees can follow one of these themes with little or no overlap. Importantly, for our juniors, the basic educational theme running through the meeting has eight Foundation Courses, divided into two main topics: peripheral vascular disease and transcatheter embolisation. There are also three basic workshops on embolisation technique to build on the knowledge gained during the corresponding Foundation Course. For the first time, there will be an optional online test after the Foundation Course as part of the e-learning initiative.

The Good Clinical Practice Course will continue this year with the theme of basic medical statistics. It is a must for those who wish to understand basic statistics used in IR research. As with last year, there will be a number of Interactive Case Sessions, which have proved to be very popular.

All in all, the programme continues to develop and I hope you will agree that there will be something for everyone at CIRSE 2007. I am also looking forward to the social events, which Professor Elias Brountzos and the Local Organising Committee are feverishly working to organise.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Athens.

Michael J. Lee
Chairman of the Scientific Programme Committee
Dear Colleagues

Like in 2006, CIRSE 2007 will take place in a historic city, the city of Athens.

The Scientific Programme Committee under the leadership of Mike Lee is already compiling an exciting scientific programme for CIRSE 2007 to meet the demands of the rapidly evolving discipline of Interventional Radiology. World-renowned experts will lecture on hot topics including cardiac and peripheral vascular imaging, arterial, venous and non-vascular interventions, bone interventions and interventions in oncology. The Foundation Courses will provide a great educational experience for the younger attendees of the meeting, while numerous workshops will offer interactive education. The scientific sessions and electronic posters will give us the opportunity to look into the future of IR.

Like every year, many people will work hard behind the scenes to realise this ambitious and demanding project and I would like to thank all of them. Most of all I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Dimitris Kelekis, the CIRSE 2007 Honorary Meeting Chairman, former CIRSE Foundation Chairman and founder and President of the Hellenic Society of Interventional Radiology for his thoughtful guidance and advice. Without his help we could not carry out our project. I would also like to extend my thanks to the Meeting Co-Chair, my colleague Professor Katerina Malagari, for her most valuable help and to all other members of the Local Organising Committee, who are contributing to this venture with great energy. However, the project of CIRSE 2007 in Athens could not be realised without the tireless work and the management qualities of Daniel Waigl and the CIRSE office staff members, who deal with the organisational details of our meetings on a daily basis.

CIRSE 2007 will take place at the Megaron Congress Centre, an ideal venue for our meeting. Apart from state-of-the-art conference facilities, the Megaron has been regarded as one of the most comprehensive cultural centres in Europe since its opening in 1991. The venue is located in the city centre within walking distance from a number of hotels, including Athens' best five star hotels. Moreover, the new subway system provides an easy way to get to the city's cultural centre and the airport.

The city of Athens needs no introduction. It invites its guests to travel back in time from classical antiquity to Roman times, the Byzantine Empire and up until today. Not many places in the world offer such rich, historic heritage or indeed so many cultural activities. In addition to the city's many attractions, the museums, archaeological sites, concerts, shows, flea markets and exclusive boutiques, we will put together an exciting social programme including dinners in beautiful venues combined with dance and music entertainment.

As you can see, CIRSE 2007 in Athens is going to be thrilling both from the scientific and the social point of view. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Elias Brountzos
Meeting Chairman CIRSE 2007
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Deadline: February 12, 2007

The CIRSE 2007 Scientific Programme Committee cordially invites you to submit your abstracts via the online CIRSE Abstract Submission System at www.cirse.org

All abstracts for papers or posters to be presented at CIRSE 2007 must be submitted by February 12, 2007 at the very latest in order to be considered by the Scientific Programme Committee.

Submitters may indicate their preference regarding the presentation type. They may choose between the following two categories:

- **Oral Presentation Preferred**
  Papers related to the main topics of Interventional Radiology will be presented during parallel sessions. Only abstracts submitted via the online CIRSE Abstract Submission System will be accepted.

- **EPOS™ - Electronic Poster Only**
  One of the main benefits of EPOS™ is the post-congress availability of the electronic scientific exhibition from any computer with internet connection. It is a very straightforward system which enables the user to search by title, poster ID, author, keyword or image annotation presenting all results in a clear and orderly fashion.

There is a two-step submission process.

**Step One:**
Submit your scientific abstract via internet on the CIRSE website (www.cirse.org). Acceptance of scientific contributions will be confirmed until the end of May 2007.

**Step Two:**
If your abstract is accepted, submit your complete electronic poster via EPOS™. Information on how to use EPOS™ will be sent to the authors of the accepted abstracts.

An independent jury will judge the electronic posters with regard to scientific content, educational value and visual impression. Awards for the best posters will be given during the Opening and Award Ceremony on Saturday, September 8, 2007, at 16:00.

**Submission of Abstracts**
Abstracts must be written in accordance with the “Instructions for the Preparation of Abstracts” to be found on the CIRSE website (www.cirse.org). Abstracts must be between 50 and 200 words in length.

For experimental clinical studies and animal studies, a copy of the approval received by the Local Ethical Committee must be sent to the CIRSE Central Office. The abstracts may be submitted from December 4, 2006 to February 12, 2007 by internet only. To access the submission form, please visit www.cirse.org.

**Confirmation of scientific presentations**
Accepted scientific presentation will be confirmed between March and May 2007. Should you not have received confirmation by May 2007, please contact the CIRSE Central Office, info@cirse.org.

**Manuscripts - Publication - CVIR**
All abstract submitters are encouraged to also consider submitting a manuscript for publication in "CardioVascular and Interventional Radiology" (CVIR).

CVIR electronically processes all submitted manuscripts through the online centre Manuscript Central (http://cvr.manuscriptcentral.com). All submissions are received, reviewed and decided upon through this website.

Manuscripts must be written in accordance with the “Guidelines for Authors” published in each issue of the CVIR Journal. Abstracts will be published online and in a supplementary abstract brochure.
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#### Annual Meeting and Postgraduate Course

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### Satellite Symposia

- **Saturday Sep 08**
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  - SS: Clinical practice development
  - FC 1: Embolisation - GI bleeding

- **Sunday Sep 09**
  - SS: AAA Stent Grafts
  - SS: DVT lysis and mechanical thrombectomy
  - SS: Vascular malformations
  - FC 4: Embolisation - Trauma

- **Monday Sep 10**
  - SS: Thoracic aorta stenting
  - SS: Interventional treatment of HCC
  - FC 7: Management of peripheral vascular disease III

- **Tuesday Sep 11**
  - SS: Cavil filtration for venous thromboembolism
  - SS: Management of major hemoptysis
  - SS: Interventional oncologic treatments for colorectal metastases
  - SS: Paediatric intervention

- **Wednesday Sep 12**
  - SS: Carotid imaging
  - SS: Dialysis shunts
  - SS: Controversies in oncologic IR
  - SS: Musculoskeletal intervention

### Free Papers
- SS: Management of acute stroke
- SS: New tumour ablation modalities
- SS: Intervention in severe acute pancreatitis
Vascular Interventions

Vascular intervention remains a major component of the work practice of many interventional radiologists. This year CIRSE is devoting a major part of its programme to vascular intervention including a Foundation Course on intermittent claudication. Special sessions will range from imaging of the peripheral arteries and the heart to management of intermittent claudication and critical limb ischemia. Cutting edge sessions on AAA stent grafts, carotid artery stenting, DVT lysis and management of venous insufficiency will also be held.

Venous insufficiency
When to use sclerotherapy or ambulatory phlebectomy
When to use laser or RF
Results and follow-up

Controversies in vascular IR
Renal protection is necessary for renal stenting (PRO/CON)
Bland embolisation is all you need for HCC (PRO/CON)
Medical management is sufficient for type B dissection (PRO/CON)

Atherosclerotic plaque
Pathophysiology of endothelium and plaque
Imaging of vulnerable plaque
Statins and other drugs - what is the evidence for treatment

Carotid artery stenting (CAS): What’s new?
Filter, flow reversal or nothing?
CAS in asymptomatic patients: Is there any evidence of benefit?
CAS in symptomatic patients: What do the trials tell us?

Thoracic aorta stenting
INSTEAD trial results
State-of-the Art: The hybrid procedure
Stent grafts in acute thoracic aortic trauma

Interactive case session: PVD
Management of acute stroke
Imaging of the acute stroke patient
Medical management of acute stroke
Lysis and stents: When to use and when not to use

DVT lysis and mechanical thrombectomy
Limitations of current management strategies
Thrombolysis
Mechanical thrombectomy

Arterial lysis and mechanical thrombectomy
Management of acute limb ischemia: Lysis, thrombectomy, embolectomy?
Current status of thrombolytic drugs
Mechanical devices for thrombectomy: Current status

Dialysis shunts
Clinical and imaging evaluation of the failing shunt
Interventional management of failing native fistulas
Interventional management of failing graft fistulas

CIRSE meets ESVS (European Society for Vascular Surgery)
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Transcatheter Embolisation

Transcatheter embolisation is a growing part of most Interventional Radiology practices and is almost solely confined within Interventional Radiology. The skills and learning curve for performing embolotherapy are both complex and long. In recognition of this, CIRSE has this year decided to make embolotherapy a major theme of the meeting with a number of Foundation Courses on embolisation, seven special sessions on embolotherapy and three basic workshops.

Vascular malformations
- Pathology, clinical manifestations and work-up
- Treatment of low flow malformations
- Treatment of high flow malformations

Uterine fibroid treatments: An update
- Myomectomy/hysterectomy: How does UAE compare?
- New techniques for fibroid treatment
- Uterine artery embolisation: Long-term follow-up

UFE current status
- Current status of the literature on UAE
- Results of the CIRSE registry
- Current concepts on fertility after UAE

Trauma
- Imaging evaluation of the trauma patient
- Solid organ embolisation
- Clinical management and triage of the trauma patient

Embolotherapy: General concepts
- Pre procedure planning
- Tools and principles of embolisation
- How to avoid non-target embolisation

GI bleeding
- Clinical/Surgical investigation and management of the GI bleeder
- Imaging evaluation
- Embolisation of upper and lower GI tract bleeding

Management of major hemoptysis
- Pre-embolisation work-up for hemoptysis
- Embolisation technique and end-points
- Embolisation for recurrent hemoptysis

Management of non-aortic abdominal aneurysms
- Coeliac/SMA aneurysms: Embolisation, surgery, stents or nothing
- Renal artery aneurysms: Embolisation, surgery, stents or nothing
- Iliac aneurysms: Who to treat and how to treat

Interventional Oncology

Oncology encompasses diverse therapies such as radiofrequency ablation of tumours, transarterial chemoembolisation and targeted delivery of therapeutic payloads. New treatment modalities such as high intensity focused ultrasound, laparoscopically guided radiofrequency ablation, microwave ablation and cryoablation will all be featured at CIRSE 2007. This is an exciting field in which there have been major advances over the last number of years.

Controversies in oncologic IR
- Resection is best for early stage HCC (PRO/CON)
- Resection is best for limited metastatic colorectal disease to the liver (PRO/CON)
- Partial nephrectomy is best for management of small renal cell cancers (PRO/CON)

New approaches in the intra-arterial therapy of HCC
- Imaging anatomy for embolisation
- Radioembolisation with Ytrium 90
- Drug eluting beads

Interventional treatment of HCC
- How new treatment modalities impact on patient selection
- Combination treatments for large HCC
- Treatment of recurrent tumour or when to stop

Interventional oncologic treatments for colorectal metastases
- Current status of RF ablation
- Portal vein embolisation
- Anti-angiogenic drugs for colorectal metastasis

Interventional oncology results in renal, lung and prostate cancers
- Renal cell cancer
- Lung cancer
- Prostate cancer

New tumour ablation modalities
- Microwave ablation
- Percutaneous cryoablation
- MR guided high intensity focussed ultrasound

Tips & Tricks in Radiofrequency Ablation Hands-on Workshops
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Clinical Practice

Interventional Radiology has suffered over the years from the fact that interventional radiologists have been slow to become involved in clinical care. CIRSE sees clinical practice development as an important aspect of work practice in Interventional Radiology and actively encourages interventional radiologists to become involved in the total clinical care of their patients. A number of special sessions and workshops are devoted to clinical practice development.

Clinical practice development
How to network with outside physicians
How to set-up and run an inpatient IR service
How to influence hospital management on the benefits of a clinical IR service

Clinical practice management
Antibiotic prophylaxis for IR procedures
Management of the diabetic patient with PVD
Prevention and management of contrast induced nephrotoxicity (CIN)

IR devices: Trials registries, FDA and CE approval
Advantages and disadvantages of trials and registries
What does a CE mark mean?
What does FDA approval mean?

Non-Vascular Interventions

In many ways, non-vascular intervention is the bread and butter of what Interventional Radiology is all about. Interventions from needle biopsy to abscess drainage, to biliary drainage or percutaneous nephrostomy are all very important aspects of Interventional Radiology. In particular, abscess drainage and nephrostomy are frequently performed in an on-call setting, and require considerable skill and expertise. A number of special sessions and workshops are devoted to these topics at CIRSE 2007.

Musculoskeletal intervention
Radiofrequency ablation of bone lesions
Vertebroplasty or kyphoplasty?
CT guided percutaneous discectomy

Intervention in severe acute pancreatitis
Clinical/surgical management: A surgeon’s prospective
Where does IR play a role?
Minimally invasive pancreatic necrosectomy: Viable technique?

Management of ascites
Clinical management of ascites
TIPS in refractory ascites
TIPS in special situations - Budd Chiari

Paediatric intervention
Paediatric intervention and imaging: Different from adult IR?
Genitourinary intervention in children
Venous access in children

Vertebroplasty hands-on workshops
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New at CIRSE 2007 - Foundation Courses

Foundation Courses cover a specific area of Interventional Radiology, focusing on basic principles and illustrating the procedure in a step-by-step fashion. They are designed for radiologists in training, new consultants and/or experienced consultants who require a refresher course on the subject. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. Each session lasts one hour.

This year the courses will cover the topics "Embolisation" and "Peripheral vascular disease".

Participants of these courses will have the opportunity to assess themselves in an electronic test, which will take place on Monday, September 10, 2007 from 11:30 to 12:30.

**Embolisation**

- **GI bleeding**
  - Clinical features
  - Anatomy
  - Tools and techniques
  - End points
  - Case presentations

- **Liver embolisation**
  - Clinical features
  - Anatomy
  - Tools and techniques
  - End points
  - Case presentations

- **UFE**
  - Clinical features
  - Anatomy
  - Tools and techniques
  - End points
  - Case presentations

- **Trauma**
  - Clinical features
  - Anatomy
  - Tools and techniques
  - End points
  - Case presentations

**Peripheral vascular disease**

- **Management of peripheral vascular disease I**
  - Epidemiology
  - Smoking cessation
  - Statins
  - ACE inhibitors

- **Management of peripheral vascular disease II**
  - Anti platelet drugs
  - Exercise programmes
  - Symptoms, clinical and lab evaluation in IC
  - Symptoms, clinical and lab evaluation in CLI

- **Management of peripheral vascular disease III**
  - Doppler imaging
  - CTA imaging
  - MRA
  - Imaging strategy and cases

- **Management of peripheral vascular disease IV**
  - Vascular access
  - Crossing the lesion
  - Cross-over versus antegrade
  - When to place a stent
  - Case presentations
Workshops - Advanced Series

In the CIRSE 2007 workshops you will have the chance to learn from your colleagues’ expertise in an informal, interactive manner. Workshops will entail individual cases and discussion points with regard to the particular interventional topic. Attendees can contribute their opinion and ask questions in small groups.

**Embolisation of pulmonary AVM: How I do it**

**Balloon retrograde transvenous obliteration (BRTO) of gastric varices: How I do it**

**Radiation protection for patients and staff**

**UFE: Tips to achieve adequate embolisation**

**Iliac stenosis and occlusions: How to treat**

**How to manage problems with dialysis fistulas**

**Abdominal abscess drainage: How I do it**

**Biliary Intervention: Tips and tricks**

**Varicose vein ablation: How I do it**

**EVAR: Problematic cases**

**EVAR: Getting started**

**TIPS: What you need to know**

**Optional inferior vena cava filters: Which filter should I use**

**Iliofemoral DVT: Who to treat and how to treat**

**Percutaneous gastrostomy, gastrojejunostomy and radiological PEG tubes**

**Disc and facet joint treatments: Why and how**

**How I do chemoembolisation**

**Below knee angioplasty: How I do it**

**Peripheral vascular malformation: IR treatments**

**Lung and renal RF**

**Thoracic stent grafting: Which patients, which stents, which technique**

**Carotid stenting: How I do it**

**Closure devices: Which device where**

**Venous access**

**EVAR in ruptured AAA: Tips for success**

**PCN and ureteric stents: How I do it**

**How to set-up inpatient and outpatient clinical services**

**Subintimal angioplasty: Tips for success**

**Renal artery intervention: How I do it**

**RF ablation: What do I need to start?**

**Pelvic congestion syndrome and varicocoele embolisation: How I do it**

**Trauma embolisation: How I do it**

**Peripheral MRA and CTA: Tips for better imaging**

**Management of post transplant complications**

**Neuroembolisation: Aneurysms and AVMs**
Workshops - Basic Series

In the CIRSE 2007 workshops you will have the chance to learn from your colleagues’ expertise in an informal, interactive manner. Workshops will entail individual cases and discussion points with regard to the particular interventional topic. Attendees can contribute their opinion and ask questions in small groups.

**Basic embolisation technique - Flow directed**

**Basic embolisation technique - Blocking agents**

**Basic embolisation technique - Liquids**

**How to obtain safe arterial access and manage complications**

**How to write a paper and prepare a scientific presentation**

**Interactive Case Discussions**

CIRSE’s interactive case discussion forums are divided into several topics. After two presenters have shown individual cases, the audience is asked for its opinion on treatment. These interactive sessions provide an excellent learning experience on how to approach and work up difficult cases and deal with complications that may arise.

**Interactive case discussion I: Embolisation**

**Interactive case discussion II: Oncologic intervention**

**Interactive case discussion III: Carotid stenting**

**Interactive case discussion IV: Hepatobiliary pancreatic**

**Interactive case discussion V: Challenging cases**

Hands-on Workshops

The workshops will provide participants with an insight into the basic principles and techniques of the relevant topics.

**Skeletal Interventions / Vertebroplasty**

Percutaneous vertebroplasty is a rather new technique in which acrylic cement is injected through a needle into a collapsed or weakened vertebra to stabilise the fracture. This procedure is effective for treating certain types of painful vertebral compression fractures and some painful or unstable benign and malignant vertebral lesions that fail to respond to the traditional conservative therapies.

Continued from the past CIRSE congresses, this workshop will give an insight into the principles and techniques of the procedure. The workshop will start with a theoretical introduction and a brief review of the principle and indications of percutaneous vertebroplasty. This will be followed by a hands-on demonstration. Participants will then have the opportunity to practise needle placements, cement preparations and injections. Work will be carried out on plastic spine models under fluoroscopic guidance.

**Tips and Tricks in Radiofrequency Ablation**

The focus of this workshop is the description of approaches and methods that can improve the outcome or decrease the chances of complications in liver, lung, kidney and bone tumour ablation. Furthermore, there will be a discussion on how to handle the various types of equipment and electrodes available for RFA. By the end of the workshop, the participants should have a good understanding of the spectrum of RFA techniques and be aware of some key clues for proper clinical application.

**Virtual Reality**

The participants will have the opportunity to practise their knowledge of interventional procedures in 3 pre-selected topics: ilio-femoral-angioplasty, renal PTA and stenting and carotid stenting. After a technical introduction, each participant will practise under the guidance of a technician and an instructor.

Registration and more detailed information on the Hands-on Workshops will be available as of February 2007 at www.cirse.org.
CIRSE meets China

A rather young activity of the annual meeting’s scientific programme is the CIRSE meets… series. The aim of the sessions is to establish and consequently develop relations between interventional radiologists within and outside of Europe.

Last year’s session was CIRSE meets India, which proved to be a great success. Outstanding lectures and presentations were staged by our colleagues and friends from the Indian Society of Interventional Radiology.

We are very proud to announce that at CIRSE 2007 we will be the host of the Chinese Society of Interventional Radiology in a CIRSE meets China session. CIRSE recognises the commitment of Chinese interventional radiologists, both to CIRSE and, indeed, to developing Interventional Radiology in their own country. The society will have the opportunity to present topics of special importance to China to the European interventional radiological community during the especially dedicated session.

The 30 minute session will be scheduled on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, from 13:00 to 13:30.

CIRSE meets the ESVS

We are proud to present another novelty of the CIRSE meets … series. Since vascular therapy is carried out by specialists from many different medical fields, it is one of CIRSE’s great objectives to create closer cooperation with its sister societies throughout Europe. In this endeavour we consider the European Society for Vascular Surgery as one of our key partners.

It is therefore a great honour to welcome the European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) as the official “CIRSE meets” society at CIRSE 2007.

The 30 minute session will be scheduled on Sunday, September 9, 2007, from 14:30 to 15:00.
General Information

Congress Dates and Venue
CIRSE 2007 will take place at the Megaron Centre in Athens from September 8 - 12, 2007.

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Congress Registration
Online registration for CIRSE 2007 will be available on www.cirse.org (secured payment) from March, 2007 until August 21, 2007.

For information about registration and fees kindly refer to www.cirse.org.

CME Credit Allowance
European Accreditation is granted by the EAC-CME (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education) to CIRSE congress participants in order to validate the credits in their home European country.

CIRSE 2006 in Rome, Italy, was granted 27 hours of European external CME credits.

The same amount of credits or even more are expected for CIRSE 2007.

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CIRSE Travel Services, in cooperation with Kuoni / Hellenic Tours, has secured a great number of hotel rooms in Athens for the benefit of our congress participants (see page 20). Online hotel reservation will be available on the CIRSE website starting in February 2007. If you would like to book your room at an earlier date, please contact Hellenic Tours.

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Conditions
A deposit of 100% payment per reserved room is required to secure your hotel reservation. Rooms will be assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Early booking is highly recommended.

Reservation can be made:

a. by fax (please download the accommodation booking form at www.cirse.org)

b. by internet (please use the online registration form, which will be online at www.cirse.org from February 2007 onwards)

Please note the following Cancellation Policy which will apply to all individual hotel bookings:

Before May 15, 2007
100% of the reserved room payment will be refunded less administration fee of Euro 25.

Before July 15, 2007
50% of the reserved room payment will be refunded.

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Greece...

It’s hard to imagine what civilized life would be like today without the influence of ancient Greece, nor what the world would be like without the geometry of Euclid or Pythagoras, the logic of Aristotle and the unique Greek architectural style which has influenced architects all over the world. Let us also not forget the Olympic Games, first conceived and organized by Greeks, with their spirit of world-peace and brotherhood. Looking back at Greece’s history it comes as no surprise that the world has adopted the original Greek terms for concepts that were born there, such as ‘politics,’ ‘democracy,’ ‘economy,’ ‘theatre,’ ‘music,’ ‘poetry,’ ‘philosophy,’ ‘logic,’ ‘ethics,’ and ‘system,’ to name but a few.

Nevertheless it is not only the lure of history that brings foreign travellers to Greece…

Athens...

With its 5,000 year old history the city of Athens has contributed to Western civilization like no other place. Visitors to Athens experience the excitement of strolling through the oldest inhabited city in the world while at the same time enjoying all the commodities of a modern metropolis.

The history of Athens began when a small fortified village called Kekropia was built on top of the Acropolis rock in the year 3,000 BC. Legend has it that Poseidon and Athena held a competition in order to find out who should become the protector of the young and rising city. The city was to be named after the god who would give the better present to the city’s population. Athena, who offered the gift of the olive tree, won, thus becoming the city’s namesake.
the sights…

The Acropolis is doubtlessly Athens’s number one attraction. Located atop Acropolis Hill, the magnificent Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, rewards its visitors with a spectacular view for their climb.

Athens is also the home of great museums such as the national Archeological museum, the Benaki museum, the Byzantine museum and the museum of Cycladic art. Other important sights include the Panathenaikon Stadium, the Zappion Hall, the Greek Parliament on Syntagma Square, the former Royal Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which is guarded by soldiers dressed in the famous traditional uniforms.

Below the Acropolis lies the old town of Plaka with its narrow streets, picturesque churches and old mansions. Next to Plaka lies Monastiraki, a shopper’s paradise with many small stores and boutiques. They are extremely popular with bargain hunters and offer a large variety of new and second hand articles, including antiques.

The Apollo Coast originates in Athens and stretches from Pireaus, the port of Athens, to the southern tip of the Attica Peninsula at Cape Sounion. The scenic road runs along a beautiful and constantly-changing landscape. The Apollo Coast has become the entertainment district of Athens offering an overwhelming choice of beaches, restaurants and some of the liveliest nightclubs in town. Driving along the coastline, one can enjoy the picturesque seaside towns of Faliron, Kalamaki, Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza and finally stop at the awe-inspiring Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion.
meet the new Athens...

The 2004 Olympic Games were not only a fantastic celebration, bringing this ancient tradition back to the place of its birth, but also significantly changed the city, adding a modern side to its many facets. The new Eleftherios Venizelos Airport can be reached by metro, railway and express airport buses, ensuring efficient transportation for air travellers and facilitating access to key tourist attractions.

New metro lines will let you travel around Athens in record time. Many metro stations resemble miniature “art of antiquity museums”. Even if you do not plan to ride the subway, make sure you visit the impressive Syntagma Square station, which houses excellent displays of finds from excavations.

Modern Athens is a vibrant city with great appeal and charm while at the same time being one of the safest and most affordable cities in the world. Despite its new face, Athens has not lost any of its ancient magic. You will see that thousands of years of history still echo throughout the city.

the city of tastes...

Looking back on more than 4,000 years of history, Greek cuisine offers a great diversity of dishes combining the countless flavours of the many areas which were once part of the Greek empire. In Athens traditional Greek and Mediterranean recipes are blended with modern haute cuisine, resulting in a unique variety of culinary delights. Picturesque, cosy taverns and trendy restaurants with outstanding service and aesthetics will make your stay in Athens an unforgettable culinary experience.

after dark...

Amongst the ancient and the modern, Athens is also a vibrant capital at night. Home to one third of the Greek population, it houses a multitude of world-class restaurants, lively cafés, bars and nightclubs. People say that Athens lives by night and indeed the options for evening entertainment are countless. Ancient Greek drama in a theatre dating from the time the play was written, a world-famous orchestra playing a jazz concert in one of the most modern concert halls in Europe and a unique club scene are just some of the many possibilities you will be able to choose from. Whatever your choice will be, you will soon discover that nightlife in Athens is not only extremely varied, but it is also quite reasonably priced, allowing you to enjoy the city’s many treats throughout the night.
Greece beyond Athens…

Corinth - Consisting of both, an old and a new town 7 km apart, Corinth is definitely worth a day trip. The remains of the ancient city include the agora (marketplace) and Apollo's Temple - evidence of how important Corinth was in the past.

Nauplia - On a scenic bay of the Argolic Gulf lies the beautiful town of Nauplia, which can be visited from Athens in half a day's time. During the 19th century Nauplia was the capital of independent Greece. Boasting Venetian as well as neoclassical buildings, it offers a unique and relaxing atmosphere.

Olympia - When visiting the site of the first Olympic Games you will see the eternal flame of Altis, from which the Olympic fire begins its journey to the Game's venue. The home of the International Olympic Committee also features a museum of the Olympic Games.

Meteora - The monasteries of Meteora, the largest and most important complex of monasteries in all of Greece, second only to Mount Athos, are an absolute must-see. Atop gray rock pinnacles jutting some 600 m in the air (meteora means "hanging between heaven and earth"), these 11th century monasteries contain ancient manuscripts, ornate icons and Byzantine artifacts.

Delphi - Home of the ancient Oracle, Delphi is known in mythology as the "Navel of the Earth." Today, archaeologists consider it to be one of Greece's biggest cultural treasures. You will need at least half a day to visit its many beautiful sights, among which are the Castalia Spring and the Temple of Apollo, in which the oracle used to operate.

Hydra is one of Greece's most beautiful port villages. The harbour with its cafés, restaurants and gold shops is surrounded by a village of stone houses and villas rising up the hills like an amphitheatre. Apart from its beauty, Hydra's most distinguishing feature is that it is completely car free. Everything is moved by donkey, including groceries, building supplies, people and their luggage.

Poros - Charming and lovely, exciting and sophisticated, lively and tranquil Poros is an island for everyone's taste. The island is blessed with beautiful forests all the way down to the sea and the small harbour with its cafés, restaurants and shops teems with life.
### Hotel List CIRSE 2007 Athens

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