



7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on HANDS-ON SCIENCE

1st CALL FOR PAPERS

The 7th International Conference on Hands-on Science, HSCI2010, will be held in Rethymno, Crete, Greece, July 25 to 30, 2010.

In an remarkably friendly open minded and productive environment, back in 2005 our 2nd annual conference was very successfully organized also at the University of Crete in Rethymno addressing as main topic “Science in a Changing Education”. Again our 2010 Conference will provide an excellent opportunity for presentation and open friendly discussion of all kinds of ideas experiences and works related to Science Education providing the ideal conditions for an excellent profitable an enjoyable time for all participants. Open to contributions in all relevant subjects, we will focus this year on a topic of utmost importance: “Bridging Science and Society”. The general aim of the Conference is to promote an open broad and friendly exchange of experiences on good practices, syllabus and policy matters, social factors and the learning of science, and all other issues related to Science Education and its development... through an enlarged use of hands-on experiments in the classroom

...towards a better Science Education....

Proposals are invited for oral or poster presentations, workshops and group discussions, international cooperation project proposals, hands-on experiments demonstration sessions and Science Fair booths and exhibitions (all accepted contributions will be published in electronic format and in printed form).

Inquiries should be addressed to the Conference Vice-Chair, Professor Panagiotis Michaelides, Dean of the School of Education Studies of the University of Crete, email: HSci2010@edc.uoc.gr, or contact@hsci.info. Conference website: <http://www.clab.edc.uoc.gr/hsci2010/>.

Deadline for submission of extended abstracts: May 20, 2010 (see <http://www.clab.edc.uoc.gr/hsci2010/> for details)

Until June 18 late submissions might be accepted depending on space availability and on the quality of the work submitted.

Deadline for submission of camera ready full papers: June 26, 2010 (see <http://www.clab.edc.uoc.gr/hsci2010/> for details)

Oral and poster presentations

Oral presentations may be between 10 and 40 minutes in duration. Poster presentations will be available for the full duration of the meeting. An abstract of up to 300 words describing the main points and conclusions of the presentation is expected.

Discussion workshops, hands-on experiments demonstrations and Science fair

Sessions will be scheduled for the discussion of particular topics (such as science museums and informal learning, scientific literacy, women and science, migrants and minorities, science and society, ethics, R&D, life-long learning,...). Proposals for other workshops' topics are encouraged. Schools, research institutions, commercial companies, science clubs, teams and or groups of students or teachers, and individuals may prepare a booth to present their work at the Conference' Science Fair. A short abstract of no more than 500 words describing the activity must be submitted by May 20, 2010 (see <http://www.clab.edc.uoc.gr/hsci2010/> for details).

Informal contacts between participants are considered of utmost importance. A diversified social and cultural program will be offered. English is the official language of the Conference. Abstracts received in other languages before April 30 may also be accepted and translated into English.

****The H-Sci Network (www.hsci.info) exists to promote the development of Science education and scientific literacy. It encourages a generalized use of innovative hands-on experimental approaches to science and technology in-school teaching. In raising the profile and attractiveness of Science in Education, we aim also to increase the desirability of a career in Science for all.***

