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## WELCOME ADDRESS

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

We have every reason to believe that the “7<sup>th</sup> Pan-Hellenic and 6<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Scientific and Professional Nursing Conference” which will take place in Ioannina, Greece from 8 to 11 May at the Grand Serai hotel, will provide a new opportunity for a useful and fruitful scientific meeting which will fulfill our expectations.

The main objective of this conference is to help our participants to form a comprehensive perspective of all the topics that will be presented, since in the context of our profession we have to deal with constant challenges. Thus, we invite all of our members to participate actively in the Conference, in order to highlight the exceptional educational, research, clinical and social aspect of the work that has been produced and offered to the Greek people. We owe it to those who have been selflessly struggling for our Association to fulfill its great mission.

Above all, we are expected to form nurses with high self-esteem and participatory culture, in order to protect and promote our profession.

The fact that our previous conferences were highly successful is a challenge, thus we encourage our colleagues to submit their papers on time, in order to carry out an equally successful conference.

Consequently, we expect that our 7<sup>th</sup> Conference will be successful as it will highlight important aspects of interest, as well as for its contribution to the solution of problems that concern the nursing community as a whole.

Nursing students are also encouraged to attend the conference, since obtaining knowledge is not enough; active participation in creating new knowledge is essential. During the conference, many lectures, round tables, workshops, clinical education seminars and short presentations of poster contributions will take place.

Participants will be credited with 23 Units of Continuing Nursing Education.

Also, the best papers will be given an award.

## WELCOME ADDRESS

We would like to congratulate the keynote speakers who willfully share their knowledge with us. We give our warmest 'thank you' to the members of the scientific, honorary, international, and local conference committees. An important point is the overwhelming interest of our colleagues to participate in this conference.

We invite you to walk together towards substantial and multilateral nursing education through this scientific and social event, which will emphasize once again the fact that nurses, despite of the current adverse circumstances, want and can do the best.

President of H.R.B.o.N  
*Dimitrios Skoutelis*

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# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

## Thursday May 8, 2014

19:00	Official Opening, Opening Lecture, Awards
21:00	Welcome Reception

## Friday May 9, 2014

	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL D
09:00-10:00	Oral Presentations Public Health & Epidemiology	Oral Presentations Surgical Nursing	09:00-10:00 Oral Presentations Paediatric Nursing	09:00-10:00 Oral Presentations Medical Nursing
10:00-10:30	Lecture	09:00-10:30	10:00-11:30 Oral Presentations	Workshop
10:30-11:00	Lecture	10:30-12:00 Round Table	Mental Health Nursing	10:00-12:00 Workshop
11:00-11:30	Lecture			
11:30-12:00	BREAK		11:30-12:00 BREAK	
12:00-12:30	Lecture	12:00-14:00 Δια δραστική – Συμμετοχική Συνεδρία	12:00-14:00 Oral Presentations Mental Health Nursing	12:00-14:00 Workshop
12:30-13:00	Lecture		14:00-16:00 Oral Presentations Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Nursing	
13:00-13:30	Lecture		16:00-17:30 Oral Presentations Infection Control Nursing	16:00-20:00 Workshop
15:00-16:30	Oral Presentations Medical Nursing	15:00-16:00 Oral Presentations Surgical Nursing		
16:30-17:30	Oral Presentations Community Nursing	16:00-17:30 Oral Presentations Community Nursing		
17:30-18:00	Round Table			
18:00-19:00		BREAK		
19:00-20:00	Oral Presentations Health Nursing & Safety	18:00-20:00 Workshop	19:00-20:00 Oral Presentations Surgical Nursing	

# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

## Saturday May 10, 2014

HALL A		HALL B		HALL C		HALL D	
09:00-10:00	International Oral Presentations	09:00-10:00	Oral Presentations Paediatric Nursing	09:00-10:00	Oral Presentations Nursing Education	09:30-11:30	Clinical Workshop
10:00-10:30	Lecture	10:30-11:30	Round Table	10:00-11:30	Oral Presentations Health Law		
10:30-11:00	Lecture						
11:00-11:30	Lecture						
11:30-12:00			BREAK				
12:00-12:30	Lecture	12:00-13:30	Round Table	12:00-14:00	Oral Presentations Cardiac Nursing	12:00-14:00	Clinical Workshop
12:30-13:00	Lecture						
13:00-13:30	Lecture			14:00-16:00	Oral Presentations Medical Nursing	14:30-16:30	Clinical Workshop
13:30-15:00	Round Table	13:30-15:00	Round Table				
15:00-16:30	Oral Presentations Health Law	15:00-16:30	Oral Presentations Surgical Nursing	16:00-17:30	Oral Presentations Public Health & Epidemiology	17:00-19:00	Clinical Workshop
16:30-17:30	Oral Presentations Oncology Nursing	16:30-17:30	Round Table				
17:30-18:00			BREAK				
		18:00-19:00	Round Table	18:00-19:00	Oral Presentations Medical Nursing		

## Sunday May 11, 2014

HALL A		HALL B		HALL C		HALL D	
09:00-10:00	Oral Presentations Medical Nursing	09:00-10:00	Oral Presentations Surgical Nursing	09:00-10:00	Oral Presentations Professional & Legal Issues		Workshop
10:00-10:30	Lecture	10:00-11:00	Round Table	10:00-12:00	Oral Presentations Nursing Education	09:00-11:00	
10:30-11:00	Lecture						
11:00-11:30	Lecture	11:00-12:00	Round Table			11:00-12:00	Oral Presentations Community Nursing
11:30-12:00	Lecture					12:00-13:30	Oral Presentations Medical Nursing
12:00-13:30	Oral Presentations Surgical Nursing	12:00-13:30	Oral Presentations Health Services Administration & Organization	12:00-13:30	Oral Presentations Community Nursing		
14:00-15:00			Closing Ceremony - Awards				

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 16/02/2014**

Abstracts may be submitted either by email or through the Conference web page as follows:  
**www.enne2014.gr**

**A. By e-mail**

The abstract should be sent by email to **abstracts@enne2014.gr** with the following attachments:

- i.** The abstract submission form duly completed
- ii.** The abstract in a word .doc file which must include the title, the authors, their institutions of origin and the abstract.

**B. Through the conference website**

An abstract may be submitted online through the Conference web page **www.enne2014.gr** where all the necessary information for the proper submission of your abstract is available.

- 1.** Abstracts submitted after the deadline (16/02/2014) will not be accepted.
- 2.** Abstracts sent by fax or ordinary post will not be accepted.
- 3.** At least one of the authors must be registered at the Conference (i.e. registration fee settled).
- 4.** The authors of a review abstract must not exceed 3 authors and a research abstract must not exceed 7 (except for special cases of research activities).
- 5.** Upon receipt of the abstract, the Conference Organiser will send an acknowledgement of receipt to the author in charge of correspondence with the organiser.  
If such acknowledgement to the author is not received within three days, please contact the Conference Secretariat at the following number: +30 210 3215600 or via e-mail at **www.enne2014.gr**.
- 6.** The abstracts' evaluation results shall be sent to the authors in charge of correspondence no later than the 16th of February 2014.
- 7.** Abstracts submitted may be withdrawn only until the 16th of February 2014, which is the closing date for the submission of abstracts.
- 8.** The Conference Secretariat is available for any further information at the following number: +30 210 3215600 or via e-mail at **www.enne2014.gr**

### Preparation – Structure

Given that the abstracts will be included in the Abstracts CD exactly as they are submitted, the authors are kindly requested to follow precisely the detailed instructions given below on the preparation of abstract text.

### Instructions on the preparation of abstracts

The structure of a research abstract must comprise the following distinct paragraphs:

- Introduction
- Objective
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusions
- Keywords (3 to 5)

The structure of an abstract literature review must comprise the following distinct paragraphs:

- Introduction
- Objective
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusions
- Keywords (3 to 5)

The corresponding title should be typed before each paragraph in bold case characters.

E.g. **Introduction, Objective, Methodology, Results, Conclusions.**

1. In case of a poster presentation, the points mentioned above apply to posters as the case may be, and the relevant literature should also be included.
2. The text of the abstract should not exceed 350 words in length (keywords, title, authors & affiliations not included)
3. The text dimensions should be suitable for transcription to A4 size (21 cm x 29.7cm), with the top and bottom margins set to 2.54 cm and the left and right margins set to 3.17 cm (which are the standard dimensions of a Word file).
4. Each text must be typed using the Arial 11 pt. font type, formatted in single space and fully justified.
5. The title of the paper must be typed in bold title case characters and center justified.
6. The title should be followed by the name(s) of the author(s). The names of the authors must be in nominal case, written in title case, with the first name (unabbreviated) preceding the surname (e.g. Antonis Papadopoulos – not A. Papadopoulos).
7. The name of each author is followed by a number in superscript indicating the position, institution of origin as well as the city of each author.

E.g. Costas Papadopoulos<sup>1</sup>, Irini Nikolaou<sup>2</sup>, Nikolaos Anagnostou<sup>1</sup>

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## SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

8. The name of the author who will present the paper must be underlined.  
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9. At the end of each abstract the authors should count total words of the text
10. The text may contain standard abbreviations, tables and diagrams on the condition that they do not exceed the text justification margins, and that the text does not exceed the total number of 350 words.
11. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to reject a paper if it does not comply to the above criteria.
12. The wishes of the authors as well as the organisational requirements of the Conference will be taken into consideration in selecting the method of presentation either oral or poster, also depending on the available time and space.
13. Final classification in a thematic unit and the final method of presentation of the papers which will be accepted are determined by the Scientific Committee that will evaluate the paper abstracts.

## QUANTITATIVE STUDY

### PATIENT ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION AFTER LARYNGECTOMY

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#### ABSTRACT

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:** Laryngeal cancer is responsible for various physical and psychosocial problems for the patients who often exhibit high levels of anxiety and depression.

**AIM:** The aim of this study was to explore anxiety and depression levels of laryngeal cancer patients after total or partial laryngectomy, comparing three groups with different clinical traits.

**METHODOLOGY:** This study follows a cross-sectional survey design. The population of the study included 168 hospitalized patients from two large urban hospitals from Athens and Thessaloniki. Sixty five patients (38.7%) had total laryngectomy as part of their treatment (group A), 63 patients (37.5%) had partial laryngectomy or other treatment (radiation or chemotherapy) with voice maintenance (group B) and 40 patients (23.8%) had also total laryngectomy but they participated additionally in a self care training program (group C). This survey used the following instruments: a) a demographic data and clinical traits questionnaire, b) the Self Rated Depression Scale (SRDS- Zung) and c) the Self Rated Anxiety Scale (SRAS-Zung). Statistical analysis included Mann-Whitney U test, Kruskal-Wallis test and Chi-square test, using SPSS 15 statistical package.

**RESULTS:** Overall 9.6% and 19% of patients exhibited symptoms of anxiety and depression respectively, while patients after laryngectomy (group A) presented the higher percentages. Both group B and C had lower anxiety and depression levels compared with group A ( $p < 0.05$ ). However, no significant difference was found between group B and C for anxiety ( $p = 0.222$ ) and depression ( $p = 0.198$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Patients after laryngectomy exhibit high anxiety and depression levels. It is suggested that training programs promoting self care may help anxiety management and prevent depression after the traumatizing experience of laryngectomy.

**Keywords:** Anxiety, depression, laryngeal cancer, laryngectomy, self care program.

**Total Count:** 264

### THE DESIRE FOR A CHILD AMONG INDIVIDUALS WHO CONCEIVE WITH ASSISTED REPRODUCTION TECHNIQUES: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:** There was a time when it was natural and inevitable to have children. Marriage was expected to lead to procreation, and parenthood was perceived as a significant life achievement. The situation changed with the advent of contraception, when it became possible to plan whether and when to have children. Research has mainly focused on the motives of people to have children, with little attention given to their desire for a child, which has been debated mostly by psychoanalysts, philosophers and anthropologists.

**AIM:** The aim of this qualitative study was to explore the desire for a child among Greek individuals who had procreated through various assisted reproductive methods (sperm donation, oocyte donation and surrogate mothers).

**METHODOLOGY:** A Heideggerian hermeneutic phenomenology design was used to explore the participants' subjective experiences with assisted reproductive methods. The sample comprised 19 Greek women who had conceived with assisted reproduction methods, and retrospectively described their overall experience, during an in-depth interview in (from 2009-2012). The data analysis was conducted according to the Diekelmann, Allen, and Tanner's technique (1989).

**RESULTS:** Results showed the following four basic categories which reflect different experiences in the development of a desire to have a child. a) emergence of a desire with the realization that because of their age, women may not be able to reproduce, b) desire for a child as a fundamental aspect in the formation of their identity, c) desire for a child when life conditions were appropriate, and d) desire for a child, as a compensation for past abortion(s).

**CONCLUSIONS:** The desire to have a child is complex and is described more as a process, than as a state or personality trait. It gradually develops, while its nature and intensity fluctuates over time. Appropriate support for women and their partner can help them develop an increased awareness of their motives to have a child by resorting to assisted reproduction technologies, and can facilitate the process of decision-making in their pursuit to become parents.

**KEY WORDS:** desire for a child, pregnancy; infertility, assisted reproduction, phenomenology

**Total Count:** 326

### CAUSES OF INFERTILITY IN MODERN COUPLES: A LITERATURE REVIEW

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**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:** Infertility seems to be a multidimensional health issue with personal, economic and social dimensions. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 8-10% of couples are facing some kind of infertility problem. Infertility is defined as the inability of getting pregnant after trying for at least 6 months or one year, for women over 35 years old, without use of birth control means and while having normal sexual intercourse.

**AIM:** The aim of the present study was to review the literature about the causes of infertility, as well as the risk factors.

**METHODOLOGY:** The method of this study included bibliography research from both the review and the research literature, mainly of the last five years in the "Pubmed" and "Cinahl" data bases which referred to the causes of infertility, as well as the risk factors.

**RESULTS:** During recent years, it has been noticed a remarkable increase in the prevalence of infertility, globally. According to the literature, nowadays, infertility occurs not only due to health problems but it may also be a result of the choices imposed by the modern lifestyle. Results of recent studies indicate that, regarding women's aspect, problems of fallopian tubes, ovary, matrix or disorders menstruation, are the main causes of infertility, while in regard to men's aspect, the poor quality of sperm and varicocele. Other contributing factors were environmental, socio-economic as well as advanced age of child-bearing and smoking.

**CONCLUSIONS:** As it is supported by published evidence, infertility is an issue of great complexity, which threatens with demographic problem. Information of couples regarding risk factors consist the cornerstone for prevention.

**KEY WORDS:** Infertility, couple, risk factors.

**Total Words:** 264

## PRESENTATIONS

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to select the final type of presentation, either oral or poster, depending on available time and space.

Delegates who have submitted an abstract will be informed by e-mail regarding their abstract evaluation and approval.

### Oral Presentation

The duration for Oral Presentation is eight (8) minutes. It is imperative that the given time limit must not be exceeded.

### Posters

All poster frames will be numbered and a list of names/numbers will be posted in a prominent place. The authors are responsible for putting up the posters using materials provided by the Conference Secretariat as well as for their mounting. The recommended dimensions for posters are: 120 cm high by 80 cm wide. After the evaluation and approval of each abstract, poster models will be sent in due time by the Scientific Committee



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### BEST ABSTRACT AWARDS

The Organizing and Scientific Committee of the 7th Pan-Hellenic and 6th Pan-European Scientific and Professional Nursing Conference instituted a competition to award four full papers of the Conference as follows:

#### Awarding conditions

1. Original papers in which authors have collected research material or data over the past five years and are highly relevant to the subject of the Conference.
2. The structure of the papers should follow the guidelines given to the authors of the Hellenic Journal of Nursing Science.
3. Full papers should be submitted until March 2nd, 2014

#### Paper Submission

Papers should be submitted in word document by e-mail at [abstracts@enne2014.gr](mailto:abstracts@enne2014.gr)

#### Evaluation and selection criteria for the papers' awarding

Papers will be evaluated by the awarding committee. Papers will be graded with the use of a weighted scale and classified according to their order.

#### The main criteria are:

- The degree of topic's originality.
- The innovation and suitability of the methods.
- Papers' potential contribution to the health sector.
- The prospect of continuing research.
- The presentation of papers at the Conference

#### Prize awarding

Prizes will be awarded during the Closing Ceremony of the Conference.

During the awarding ceremony, at least one of the authors of the prized papers should be present.

Along with the prize, the four best full papers will be published in the Hellenic Journal of Nursing Science, which is the official journal of the Hellenic Regulatory Body of Nurses.

**1st Prize** for Original Research Paper

**2nd Prize** for Original Literature Review Paper

**3rd Prize** for Poster Presentation

**4th Prize** for Original Student's Paper

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF THE FULL PAPER FOR BEST ABSTRACT AWARDS

### Proper way of writing a full paper

Accuracy and simplicity. Ensuring cohesion of the content.

Correct use of grammar and syntax. Usage of the 3rd singular or 1st plural. All manuscripts should be written in word.doc format only.

12 point Arial Font, Complete Alignment, 1, 5 line Spacing.

2.54 Margins up, down, right, left, page numbering. The text should not exceed 5 pages.

### Manuscripts should be set out as follows:

#### 1. Introduction

The introduction of the study will describe the basic parameters clearly and succinctly, which will introduce the reader to the subject. The introduction will include 1 to 3 pertinent references, preferably of current reviews concerning the subject.

#### 2. Main Body

The development of the main part of the study will be based on the following principle:

80% of the text will cover basic knowledge, which informs and educates the non-expert and the remaining 20% will introduce the current trends and evolutions in order to satisfy the demanding reader.

Each part of the Main Body should include a sufficient number of references, all of which should not be more than 20. References should have a clear temporal distribution (if applicable) of the described data.

In this part, references of specific clinical or research interest are of preference, in order to raise awareness of the forward-looking nurse.

#### 3. Conclusions

This part of the study will inform the reader of the following:

- What is acceptable about the subject today?
- What parts are ongoing?
- What are the prospects?

#### 4. References

- References should not exceed the 20 +\_ 5. From these, the basic overviews of the last 2-3 years will be accompanied by the sign \*.
- References should be cited using the Harvard convention.

#### 5. Key-Words

Full paper will necessarily be accompanied by key words.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Time and Venue

The 7<sup>th</sup> Pan-Hellenic & 6<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Scientific & Professional Nursing Conference of the Hellenic Regulatory Body of Nurses, will be held at the Grand Serai Hotel, from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### Important Dates

Conference Dates:	May 8–11, 2014
Deadline for submission of abstracts:	February 16, 2014
Reply on the approval of abstracts submitted:	March 24, 2014

### Language

The official language of the Conference is Greek. Presentations by foreign delegates will be made in English with simultaneous translation.

### Accreditation

23 Postgraduate Credits will be awarded for participation in the Conference.

### Commercial Exhibition

During the Conference, an exhibition area for pharmaceutical companies as well as publishers of medical books and journals will be open.

### Audiovisual

All Conference rooms are equipped with:

- Data video projector
- Computer
- Projection screen
- Laser pointer

The audiovisual material to be used by each speaker must be handed to the Conference technical Secretariat at least one hour before the scheduled presentation.

### Conference Secretariat

During the Conference, the Secretariat will be open:

May 8	10:00 – 20:00
May 9	08:00 – 20:00
May 10	08:00 – 20:00
May 11	08:00 – 15:00

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration Fees

	Up to 14/02/2014	Up to 04 /04/2014	Up to 11/05/2014
ENE members	55 €	95 €	140 €
Non ENE members/ Other Professionals	110 €	150 €	200 €
Unemployed Nurses/ Students	30 €	40 €	70 €

### The Conference Registration Fee includes

- Attendance of all Conference proceedings
- Admission to the exhibition area
- Conference Material
- Coffee Breaks
- Certificate of attendance
- Opening Ceremony & Reception

Participation in the Clinical Workshops (which will be announced in the Conference website ([www.enne2014.gr](http://www.enne2014.gr)) is FREE of charge but registration is required at the Conference Secretariat. Due to limited availability, registration request for the Clinical Workshops will be on first come first served basis.

### Accommodation

Category	Rate per person in a single room	Rate per person in a double room	Rate per person in a triple room
C'	190 €	130 €	90 €
B'	290 €	220 €	140 €
A'	390 €	290 €	190 €

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### Category C



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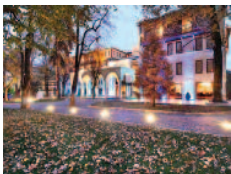
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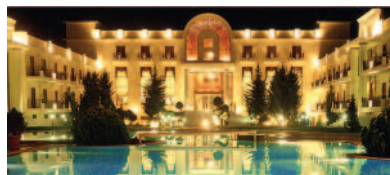
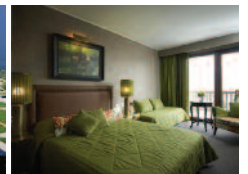
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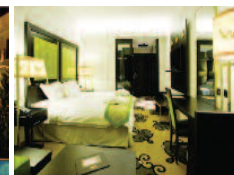
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All the above rates are:

- are for three nights (8,9,10/05/2014)
- include breakfast and all applicable taxes

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### Important Information

- three overnight stays (8,9,10 /05/2014) are mandatory.
- Reservations are confirmed only after full payment.
- a copy of the deposit slip must be sent to the conference secretariat by fax (0030 210 3219296) or e-mail (registration@enne2014.gr) including the participant's full name as well as a contact telephone number.
- all reservations are confirmed in writing to the e-mail address or fax number specified to the conference secretariat.
- cancellations for reservations must be made in writing and are subject to cancellation fees, depending on the date when they are made, namely:
  - up to 14/02/2014, no cancellation fee
  - up to 06/04/2014, 50% cancellation fee
  - after 07/04/2014, 100% cancellation fee



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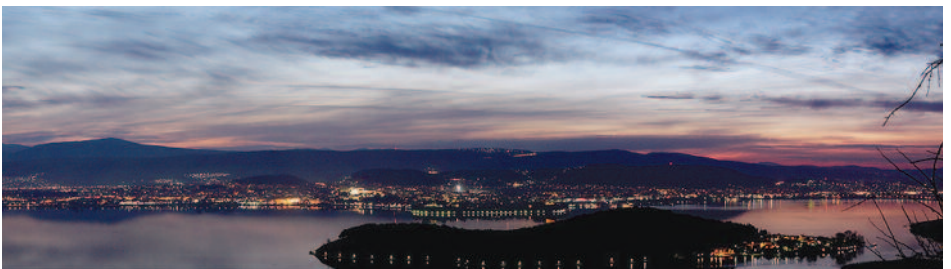
Ioannina, the capital of Epirus, spreads out around beautiful Lake Pamvotida.

The natural environment, the climate and character of the town are defined by this stretch of water – the area's trademark. The lake, with its still waters and its small island, is a natural monument, around which the entire area lives and breathes. The strong cultural traditions of the town, home to a number of great novelists and poets, and the artistic and intellectual events which are organized throughout the year, give visitors the opportunity to get to know the roots of the intellectual life of Epirus.

A walk through the city has the feel of a bygone era, full of secret places and legends still living. Wonderful buildings like the House Matei Hussein, the Ottoman mosque of Veli Pasha and the entire historic centre of the town are unique attractions.

Ioannina was always multicultural, dominated mainly by Christian, Islamic and Jewish influences. This coexistence of cultural influences is clearly evident in the historic city centre. The Stoa Louli arcade is one of the locations where the three communities worked together and prospered. The arcade was originally an inn and then became a mercantile exchange of great importance throughout the whole of Epirus.

*([http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main\\_cities/ioannina](http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main_cities/ioannina))*





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