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53rd ICOHTEC Annual Meeting

Alexandroupolis, 8–11 October 2026

AT A GLANCE

DAY	VENUE	TIME	AT A GLANCE
Thursday 8 October	Metropolis Conference Hall Alexandroupolis	18:30 – 21:00	Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech Award Ceremonies Finger food, drinks & music
Friday 9 October	Medical School, Democritus University of Thrace	08:30 – 09:15 09:30 – 18:00 18:15 – 19:15	Registration Sessions 1–4 · Panels 1–16, ICOHTEC Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday 10 October	Medical School, Democritus University of Thrace	09:00 – 17:00 17.15 – 18.15 18.20 – 19.15 19:15 – 19:45	Sessions 5–8 · Panels 17–31 ICOHTEC General Assembly Session 9 · Panels 32–34 Closing Remarks
Saturday 10 October	Port of Alexandroupolis. Old Customs Warehouses	21:00	Farewell Party Finger food, drinks & music
Sunday 11 October	Thracian countryside	09:00 – 16:30	Explore the Thracian inland (optional, up to 50 participants)
8–11 October	Ethnological Museum of Thrace	All days' event	Guided interactive museum tours (optional, groups of up to 10 persons each, 2 tours per day)

HOW TO READ THIS PROGRAMME

ON SITE Panel held in Alexandroupolis only. **HYBRID** On site with remote participants.

VIRTUAL Fully online panel. **ROOM** Venue of events.

The colored spine on the left of every panel repeats the same code. **ON SITE** / **VIRTUAL** next to a name shows how that speaker attends.

VENUES

Metropolis Conference Hall, Alexandroupolis · Medical School, Democritus University of Thrace
Ethnological Museum of Thrace · Port of Alexandroupolis Old Customs Warehouses



DAY 1

Thursday 8 October 2026

Metropolis Conference Hall, Alexandroupolis

18.30 – 21.00 Opening Ceremony

■ **Welcome Notes**

- ❖ **Prof. Maria Michalopoulou**, Rector of the Democritus University of Thrace
- ❖ **Prof. Nelson Arellano**, ICOHTEC President
- ❖ **Prof. Angelos Palikidis**, Head of the Local Organizing Committee
- ❖ **Angeliki Giannakidou**, President of the Ethnological Museum of Thrace
- ❖ **Prof. Konstantinos Vadikolias**, President of the Medical Department
- ❖ **Saara Matala**, ICOHTEC Officer
- ❖ **Henk-Jan Dekker**, Programme Committee
- ❖ **Municipality of Alexandroupolis, Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace**

■ **Keynote Speech / Kranzberg Lecture**

Dr. Irina Gouzévitch, COMMITTEE MEMBER Turriano ICOHTEC Prize. Membre associé du Centre Maurice Halbwachs, École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, "*The macro-challenges of a micro-history: questioning the biographic of engineers*"

■ **Award Ceremonies**

Maurice Daumas Prize (ICOHTEC Article Prize) · Turriano ICOHTEC Prize

■ **Chamber Orchestra of Medicine School Students**

Maria Venetia Apostolopoulou (director, piano), Zoi Germpesioti (flute), Theodora Thymianidi (flute), Katerina Papamichael (violin), Dimitris Arvanitis (clarinet), Eudoxia Kyrkou (cello), Vaia Papamichael, (cello), Maria Vadikolia (piano), Ioannis Tente (lute)

■ **Finger food & drinks at the courtyard of Metropolis**



DAY 2

Friday 9 October 2026

Medical School, Democritus University of Thrace

08.30 – 09.15 · REGISTRATION

SESSION 1

09.30 – 11.15 · Parallel panels

PANEL 1

ROOM 1

ON SITE

Technology, Knowledge, and Historical Practice

Chair Saara Matala

1. Tijana Rupcic

Technocracy in Socialist Yugoslavia: Expertise, Power, and the Limits of Modernization

2. Ahti Korhonen

The Divergent Era of Audio Technological Innovations 1775 – 1914

3. Matteo Torre

InsAId: using the History of Technology in Education

4. Claudia Streblow-Poser

'There is a risk of neglect' – Decisions in youth welfare offices between streamlining, rationalisation and digitisation (1950–2026)

5. Angela Repanovici, Liliana Rogoza

The History of Scientometrics: From Bibliography to Innovation Policy

PANEL 2

ROOM 2

ON SITE

Technology, Power, and Institutions

Chair Anna Batzeli

1. Henrieta Serban

The historical alliance of Technology and Power: Technologies of Power, Social Epistemology



2. Elife Biçer-Deveci

The Olive Production in the Mediterranean Region, from 1940s to 1970

3. Zhihan Li, Jingjia Qiu

The Reconstruction of Astronomical Knowledge and Institution in Early Song Dynasty

4. Marta Musso

Data is the New Oil: a political comparison between the European Computing industry and the European oil industry

PANEL 3

ROOM 3

ON SITE

Museums, Collections, and Technological Heritage

Chair Nelson Arellano

1. Katarzyna Jarosz

Science Museums and the Scientific Identity of Shanghai

2. Jørgen Burchardt

Preserving the Unpreservable: A Framework for Large Scale Archival Conservation of Technical Constructions

3. Juliette Ronsin

Collecting for Comparative Technology. The Jankovic Collection of Ethnographic Objects at the Musée de l'Homme

4. Chrysalena Antonopoulou

A century of history of printing technology in Greece through the archive and collections of the Aspiotis-ELKA Graphic Arts SA, held by the Historical Archive of the National Bank of Greece.

5. Maria Petra

The ""Pastali"" Farmhouse in Xanthi: From Historical Tobacco Cultivation to a Hybrid Model of Adaptive Reuse

PANEL 4

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Technology Across Cultures and Regions

Chair Yoel Bergman

1. Michele Corti ON SITE



Hero Alexandrinus Pneumatica: two devices and their contexts through the ages

2. Zsuzsanna Ihar VIRTUAL

Myths, Mythologies, and Missiles

3. Jiajing Zhang, Haoxuan Liu ON SITE

Instruments, Images, and the Heavens: Non-Official Astronomical Practices and Literati Knowledge-Making in Qing China

4. Mauro Gargano, Pietro Schipani ON SITE

Crafting Light: A historical Perspective on Reflecting Telescopes in the Speculum Era

11.15 – 11.45 · COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2

11.45 – 13.30 · Parallel panels

PANEL 5

ROOM 1

ON SITE

Technology, Society, and Everyday Life

Chair Henk-Jan Dekker

1. Aviva Weizman

Infrastructural Memory: A Mnemotechnical History of Stari Most and Burntollet Bridge

2. Urszula Jarecka

A return to forgotten everyday technologies as a regional development strategy

3. Young Su Park

Implanon: An Interregional History of Contraceptives and Mobile Clinics in Ethiopia and South Korea

4. Maria Petra, Chrysoula Mouchtari

The FAEROP Model: Industrial Heritage as a Living Ecosystem for Sustainable Regional Development

PANEL 6

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Interpreting Technological Heritage: Museums and Public Engagement

Chair Florian Bettel

1. Milena Meira da Silva ON SITE



Heritage protection of a railway-associated technology: an analysis of the case of the Paranapiacaba Funicular System (Brazil)

2. **Sophie Gerber** ON SITE

Gender as an Analytical Tool for Technical Collections. Rethinking Material Culture in the History of Technology

3. **Ahto Harmo** ON SITE

From Nation Building to Campus Spirit: The role of Polytechnic Museum and Museum of Student Life in engaging technology students to history of profession and cultural heritage from 1958 to 2021

4. **Alexander Kolibaba** ON SITE

Creeping into the contemporary: Material sources, places and exhibitions of salt history in nuclear repository siting

5. **Tyler Gillis** VIRTUAL

History Through Exploration: Periphery Passive Engagement in Historical Video Games

PANEL 7

ROOM 3

ON SITE

Technology Across Borders: Mobility, Adaptation, and Exchange

Chair **Stefan Krebs**

1. **Frode Lindgjerdet**

Heimdal - The Airport that never was

2. **Julien Gressot**

Trajectories of atomic clocks: England, Canada and Switzerland

3. **Konstantinos Gkarakis**

Islands as Laboratories: Localising Global Energy Technologies in the Aegean

4. **Jaume Sastre-Juan, Gemma Garcia-Alonso**

The Journey of the Basset Method: Metallurgy, Cement-Making and Technopolitics across Borders (1930-1945)

5. **Stefan Krebs**

Unusual Repair Practices of Telephone Technicians



PANEL 8

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Technology, Communication, and Global Networks

Chair Simone Fari

1. Rodrigo Rivero-Cantillano ON SITE

Pioneer wireless telegraphy through the Chacao Channel. Chile 1898

2. Camille Paloque-Bergès ON SITE

There are so many anecdotes: how modems write a multiscale internet history

3. Nihal Özdemir ON SITE

Making 'New Science' Public: Print, Language, and Curriculum in the Ottoman Empire

4. Frank Veraart, Dulce Van Vliet ON SITE

Sustainability, Well-being and a Greek Connection: the case of the aluminium industry in Delfzijl, in the Northern Netherlands

5. Nils Goseberg, Daniel Jankowski, Oliver Lojek, David Schürenkamp VIRTUAL

Agreeing on the Past: The History of Technology in Coastal Real-World Laboratories

13.30 – 14.30 · LIGHT LUNCH

SESSION 3

14.30 – 16.00 · Parallel panels

PANEL 9

ROOM 1

ON SITE

Technology, Knowledge, and Environmental Change

Chair Cecilia Ibarra

1. Martha Ortega Soto, Tadeo Hamed Liceaga Carrasco

Transmission of artisanal knowledge between mining communities: between tradition and profession.

2. Péter Szabó

"Unity from diversity, centralization in the face of pluralism": 19th-century forests as envirotechnical systems

3. Sotiris Mikros



Data Structures of Extinction: Authority and the Making of Global Conservation

4. Simone Fari

Who Defines the "Revolution"? Social Construction, Periodization, and Contemporary Technological Hierarchies

PANEL 10

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Technology, Knowledge, and International Exchange

Chair Kyriakos Sgouropoulos

1. Heng XIA ON SITE

Sino-Polish Technological Exchange in 1959: Precast Concrete Shell Structures at Jiangmen Sugar Plant, Guangdong and Hala Sportowa, Stalowa Wola (*presenter: Quan Yu XIN*)

2. Roberto Lalli VIRTUAL

Between Science and Technology Diplomacy: European Cooperation in Nuclear Fusion Research, 1950s–Early 2000s

3. Elena Helerea, Costela Beatrice Ghiță ON SITE

A Case Study for the Knowledge Movement: Dorin Pavel as Zurich Polytechnic Student and Founder of Romanian Hydroelectricity

4. Laura Mihaela Lelutiu, Marius Daniel Călin ON SITE

The relationship between the Automotive Electrical Equipment Industry and Technical Universities in Romania. Transilvania University of Brasov and Electroprecizia Săcele Braşov - Case Study

5. Luciana Klanovicz, Ana Ceconi, Taiana Bonadio ON SITE

Reconfiguring Sociotechnical Inequality: Intersectionality and Young Women's STEM Education in Southern Brazil

PANEL 11

ROOM 3

ON SITE

Technology, Culture, and Power

Chair Anna Batzeli

1. Artemis Yagou

Toy Robots: Playing with Technoscience

2. Lamprini Bikou



Technology, state power and border governance

3. Michelle Mart

"Controlling Comfort: The Spread of Air Conditioning in the Mid-20th Century United States"

4. Nathan Cornish

Flora and the Imperial Machine: Plant lists as technologies of ecological construction

5. Berrak Karaca Şalgamcıoğlu, Yasemin Armagan Emiroglu, Elif Korkmaz, Sümeyye Balaban

From Sandlots to Smart Playgrounds: A Technological History of Urban Play Space

PANEL 12

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Technology, Measurement, and Knowledge Systems

Chair Anna Åberg

1. Sara Bassanelli ON SITE

Precision as Power: High-Technology Measurement and the Making of International Standards (1930–1960)

2. Lalit Kumar VIRTUAL

Technologizing the irrigation and agrarianizing of the Thar Desert

3. A.S. Almeida VIRTUAL

From Calculation to Computation: Algorithms, Calculi, and the Transformation of Scientific Knowledge in the Twentieth Century

4. Antonino Drago VIRTUAL

From Cannons to Steam Engines: Thermodynamics, Power, and the Social Reorganization of Technology

SESSION 4

16.15 – 18.00 · Parallel panels

PANEL 13

ROOM 1

ON SITE

The sun from the South: Imaginaries and Realities of Chilean Energy Development (1976-2025) (Fondecyt Project 1250560)

1. Chair Nelson Arellano-Escudero



Building solar States: Chile as a hub for energy imaginaries (1976-2020)

2. Commentator Cyrus Mody

3. Felipe Martínez Fernández

Planning the Sun: Solar Energy, Technocratic Expertise, and State Strategy in Chile's Military Dictatorship

4. Cecilia Ibarra

The place of the Sun in Chile's National Energy Balance

5. Diego Arango López

Learning from the Sun in the Rural School: A Pedagogical Experience for Learning the History of Solar Energy in Maule, Chile

PANEL 14

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Technology, Infrastructure, and Modernization

Chair Stefan Poser

1. Hadar Porat VIRTUAL

Mapping Producers Under Energy Constraint: Building Materials in Palestine/Israel, 1922-1967

2. Maria da Luz Sampaio, João Reynolds ON SITE

Understanding Technology Innovation: meccanization and environmental impacts

3. Alexandre Ricardi ON SITE

Lisbon Electric Tramways as seen through the lenses of photographers from the Lisbon Tramway Company

4. Doxakis Komitis ON SITE

Technology and Weaponry in the Balkan Wars (1912-13)

PANEL 15

ROOM 3

ON SITE

Technological Exchange, Expertise, and Geopolitics

Chair Alyssa Cole

1. Saara Matala

Icebreaker – a history of technology changing geography



2. Alex J. V. Hall

Earth Stations for Sale: Satellites and the Postcolonial Order of Long-Distance Telecommunications

3. Aishah Scott

The Uneven Promise of Medical Innovation: Race, Technology, and Health Disparities

4. Alyssa Cole

Innovation without Equity: Race and Medical Technology

PANEL 16

ROOM 4

VIRTUAL

Technology, Energy, and Environmental Transformation

Chair Animesh Chatterjee

1. Sara Albuquerque

The production of scientific knowledge amid violence: the cases of Frederico Welwitsch's expeditions in Portugal and Angola

2. Elisa Angeles Fernandez

Hydroelectric Landscapes: Rethinking Sustainability through the History of Energy Infrastructures

3. André Pereira

Listening to the "murmur of the thousand voices of sacrifice": dam-induced displacement and the building of Portugal's electrical power system during the fascist New State regime (1933-1974)

4. Katerina Szylo

Envisioning a Green Future: Rethinking Industrial Progress in the Ukrainian Coal Industry

18.15 – 19.15 ICOHTEC Executive Committee Meeting

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DAY 3

Saturday 10 October 2026

Medical School, Democritus University of Thrace

SESSION 5

09.00 – 10.30 · Parallel panels

PANEL 17

ROOM 1

ON SITE

Special Session on Bart Hacker and the Social History of Military Technology

1. Chair David Zimmerman

Bart Hacker and the Social History of Military Technology: Case Study Comparison of the Pre-1914 period, the Interwar (1919-1939) and the Ukraine-Russian War

2. Kelly Robert DeVries

Ottoman Guns and The Fall of the Byzantine Empire

3. Yoel Bergman

Ethics and Combat Drones Technological Momentum

4. Murat Aydin

All Hail to the Weapons: The Arms Race and the Military Advancement in the Struggle of Central European Hegemony

PANEL 18

ROOM 2

ON SITE

Ritualizing Mobility: Transport Infrastructure, Inauguration Ceremonies, and the Politics of Memory

Chair Michal Durco, Lyubomir Pozharliev

1. Michal Durco

Ritualizing the Motorway: Inauguration Ceremonies and the Changing Meaning of Road Infrastructure in Czechoslovakia, 1930s–1980s

2. Aleš Zářický, Michaela Závodná



Bless the gas! Vítkovice Ironworks as a pioneer in the gasification of automotive transport (until 1945)

3. Henk Jan Dekker

Driving Growth and Developing Roads: Transport Economics and the Global Circulation of Automotive Infrastructure Ideas, 1950-1970

4. Alan Meyer

Jim Crow at Home and Neo-Colonialism Overseas: The "Unforgivable Blackness" of African American Commercial Pilots, 1945-1964

PANEL 19

ROOM 3

ON SITE

The Cold War and the Computerization of Scientific Disciplines

1. Chair Gerben Zaagsma

Networking early computing historians in the Cold War period

2. Jules Siran

Floods and Computers: The Internationalization and Computerization of Hydraulics in Global Cold War Hungary (1950s-1980s)

3. Barbara Hof

From Adam and Eva to the World Wide Web: A Brief International History of Data Sharing in Physics

4. Katherine Chandler, Nina Franz

Computation and the Construction of Targets – A Dual-Use Scenario

PANEL 20

ROOM 4

VIRTUAL

Multidimensional Presentation of Medical History of Technology: The Role of Museums in Preservation, Communication, and Cross-Cultural Dialogue

1. Chair Cheng Zhen

Global Vision and Local Practice: A Comparative Study of Urological Instrument Museums in the West and China

2. Shuo Zhang



Immersive Communication of Traditional Chinese Medicine Culture: Technological Empowerment and Public Participation at Beijing University of Chinese Medicine Experience Pavilion

3. Zheran Wang

Exhibiting Ancient Greek Science in the Museum: New Technologies for Historical Reconstruction

4. Jemima Dunnett

A New Way of Making: Historical Model Making and the Use of 3D Printing at the Oxford University

10.30 – 11.00 · COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 6

11.00 – 12.45 · Parallel panels

PANEL 21

ROOM 1

ON SITE

Technological Imaginaries, Infrastructures, and Futures

Chair Angelos Palikidis

1. Stathis Arapostathis

Infrastructuring imaginaries of productivism: Technosciences and transformations in the industrialization of animal husbandry in Greece, 1950-2025

2. Simo Laakkonen

How to manage the Gulf Stream? From discussing its characteristics toward visions for harnessing the Atlantic Ocean current

3. Panagiotis Gkospodinis, Chrysoula Mouchtari, Panagiotis Paraschos, Dimitrios Koulouriotis

From Cybernetics to Cyber-Physical Production: A Critical Genealogy of the Digital Twin and Its Epistemic Politics in Manufacturing

4. Marie-Clémence Jalaber

The Dialogic Construction of Technoscientific Imaginaries: between founding narratives and building community.



PANEL 22

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Plastic Environments I

Chair Florian Bettel, Stefan Poser, Ellan Spero

1. Stefan Poser ON SITE

Brave New World? The Subject "Plastic" in Popular Magazines and Newspapers, 1950s–2000s

2. Ellan Spero, Lisa Onaga ON SITE

Wearing Plastic: The Metabolism of Synthetic and Artificial Textiles in the 20th Century

3. Maja Ossig VIRTUAL

The Artefact as an Historical Source – Cultural and Material Analysis of Plastic Objects from Former Concentration Camps

4. Fanxiang Min ON SITE

Disposable Plastic Syringes and the Daily Work of Grassroots Medical Workers: A Study Based on the Experience of Rural Doctors in China

PANEL 23

ROOM 3

ON SITE

Technologies in Tension with the Nation-State: Engineering as a Means of Regional Autonomy and Supranational Integration

Chair Nelson Arellano-Escudero

1. Cyrus Mody

Semiconductor Manufacturing and the (De)Construction of Sovereignty

2. Anaël Marrec

Tidal power challenging national electricity integration, Brittany, 1945-1985

3. Michiel Bron

Discussing the material impact of a fusion future: Performative Qualities of Counterarguments during the 1970s and 1980s Nuclear Fusion Hype Cycle

4. Ulas Duygu Aysal Cin

Identifying the Social Backgrounds of Engineering Students in the Late Ottoman Empire: The Case of Higher School of Civil Engineering (Mühendis Mekteb-i Âlîsi)



PANEL 24

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Circulating Technologies: Knowledge, Standards, and Expertise

Chair Yoel Bergman

1. Jan Hua-Henning ON SITE

Risk in a Global Age: Fire Exhibitions and Technological Exchange in the North Atlantic and Colonial World, 1901-1904

2. Peggy Bloomer VIRTUAL

From Silver Nitrate to Neural Networks: Visual Archives and the Transformation of Medical Diagnosis

3. Carlos Fernando Teixeira Alves VIRTUAL

Scientific Missions and the Circulation of Knowledge: Professors, Mobility, and Applied Science between University and State (1790–1815)

4. Adriana Valcu ON SITE

The Evolution of Mass Measurement Methodology and Techniques at the Romanian National Institute of Metrology during the period 1889–2018

5. Zeynep Sabancı VIRTUAL

People Behind the Scenes: The Ottoman Inspection Commission and the Technopolitics of Interchangeable Manufacture

12.45 – 13.45 · LIGHT LUNCH

SESSION 7

13.45 – 15.15 · Parallel panels & Roundtables

PANEL 25

ROOM 1

ON SITE

Plastic Environments II

Chair Stefan Poser, Florian Bettel, Ellan Spero

1. Florian Bettel

Plastic, Craftsmanship and Air – A Viennese Story of Inflatable Architecture

2. Alice Hansen, Marco Calvi



Plastics that Shaped a Territory: the production of cellulose acetate and nitrate for the eyewear industry in the Cadore region and the musealisation of Made in Italy icons

3. Fanxiang Min

The Introduction and Wide Application of Plastics in Medicine: Problems Solved and New Issues Arisen

4. Anna Batzeli

Western Balkan "Plasticene": An Overview of the Extensive Use of Plastic Products in the Post-Socialist Western Balkans and Its Environmental Impact

PANEL 26

ROOM 2

HYBRID

Energy, Technology, and the Environment: Conflict or Compatibility

1. Chair Anthony N. Stranges VIRTUAL

Science-Engineering of Water Purification from Ancient Times to Present

2. Elena Helerea ON SITE

Tech Innovation and Multidisciplinarity for Energy-Environment Nexus Improvement

3. Petter Wulff ON SITE

Sweden's forests - a sustainable story?

4. Per Högselius ON SITE

Fueling the Capital: A Transnational Energy History of Stockholm

PANEL 27

ROOM 3

ON SITE

Technology, Everyday Life, and Private Initiative in the Late Soviet Union

1. Chair Olha Martynyuk

Bike and Work in Ukrainian Villages during the Late Soviet Period

2. Gennadii Kazakevych

Normalizing Private Life: Vernacular Photography in Soviet Ukraine

3. Marta Studenna-Skrukwa

Living Comfort Life. Household Appliances and Their Impact on Shaping Individualism in Late Socialism

4. Erki Tammiksaar



Estonian shale oil technologies and the birth of shale oil Industry in the Soviet Union

PANEL 28 ROUNDTABLE

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Oral history beyond interviews: Promises and pitfalls

1. **Chair Aron Ambrosiani** ON SITE
2. **Anna Åberg** ON SITE
3. **Saara Matala** ON SITE
4. **Nathalie Bergame** VIRTUAL

SESSION 8

15.15 – 17.00 · Parallel panels

PANEL 29

ROOM 1

ON SITE

Technology Transfer, Adaptation, and Local Contexts

Chair Aliaksandr Piahana

1. **Renato D'Alençon Castrillón, Francisco Prado García**

International Innovation of Construction: DYWIDAG, Franke and B.R.C., three fundamental construction companies in early 20th century in Chile

2. **Jo Klanovicz**

Living Technologies and Cold War Development: Africanized Bees in Latin America

3. **Corina Dobos**

Assembly lines & SKDs in local settings: exporting Romanian tractors during in 1970s

4. **Aliaksandr Piahana**

Urban Energy Supply in Budapest in Peace and War, 1890–1940.

5. **Berrak Karaca Şalgamcıoğlu, Yasemin Armagan Emiroglu, Elif Korkmaz, Gamze Cakir**

Stones Underfoot: A History of Paving Technologies and the Making of Urban Experience

PANEL 30

ROOM 2

HYBRID



Whose Signal, Whose Story? Decoloniality and the Curation of Technological Communication Histories

1. Chair Nnamdi Nnake VIRTUAL

Connected Histories, The Telegraph in Nigeria

2. Sebastian James Rose ON SITE

Cold histories of hot wars: Researching cooling technologies and US power in the twentieth century

3. Shibani Das ON SITE

Colonial Discomfort and the Corporate Archive: Curating India on the Line at the BT Archives

4. Aparajith Ramnath ON SITE

Satellite Television and the Project to Create a 'Scientific Temper' in Post-colonial India

5. Anaïs Walsdorf ON SITE

"The history of the metallurgic arts is involved in the history of the civilisation of man": Metallurgical technologies and colonial anthropology in the nineteenth century

PANEL 31

ROOM 4

HYBRID

Designing Curricular Infrastructure in the History of Technology for Twenty-First-Century Challenges

Chair Yvonne M Pitts,

1. Yvonne M Pitts, Frederick R. Davis ON SITE

Designing Curricular Infrastructure in the History of Technology for Twenty-First-Century Challenges

2. Monique Laney VIRTUAL

Brain Gain: On Attracting STEM migrants

3. Amanda Katz ON SITE

The Engineer in the World: Teaching Engineers the History of Their Profession

4. Ankita Sengupta VIRTUAL

History of technology and middle school mathematics curriculum: In the Indian Context

5. Elias Stouraitis VIRTUAL

Historical Imagination and Artificial Intelligence: Pedagogical Transformations in History Teaching



17.00 – 17.15 · COFFEE BREAK

17.15 – 18.15 ICOHTEC General Assembly

ROOM 4

HYBRID

SESSION 9

18.20 – 19.15 · Parallel panels & Roundtables

PANEL 32

ROOM 1

HYBRID

Intangible Assets for the Study of Tangible Things: Documenting, Linking, and Interpreting Canada's Design Heritage

1. **Chair Jan Hadlaw** ON SITE

Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Research Collections for the Study of Canadian Design and Technology

2. **Sarah Mihychuk** ON SITE

From Envisioned Users to Material Practice: The Northern Telecom Displayphone in Context

3. **Rosalind Sweeney McCabe** VIRTUAL

Designing Corporate Cool in the 1960s: An xDX Case Study of Clairtone's Project G Stereo

PANEL 33

ROOM 2

VIRTUAL

Reconfiguring Technical Knowledge: Empire, Socialism, and Geopolitical Change

Chair Kyriakos Sgouropoulos

1. **Vitaly Pronskikh**

Technological Momentum under Geopolitical Inversion: JINR's Brokerage after 1991 and after 2022

2. **Luis Iturriaga**

NMM6: Mariner's Astrolabes, Nautical Manuals, and Imperial Science in the Early Modern Iberian World



3. Xun Wang

Redesign or Optimization? Two Trajectories of Technical Assistance in Socialist Vietnam's Steelmaking

PANEL 34 ROUNDTABLE

ROOM 4 **HYBRID**

Latin America in the Global History of Technology

Este panel se realizará solo en español, sin traducción en la sala /

This panel is in Spanish language without translation

1. Chair Nelson Arellano ON SITE

2. Rebeca De Gortari VIRTUAL

3. Darina Martikánová VIRTUAL

4. Marion Steiner VIRTUAL

5. Carlos Sanhueza VIRTUAL

6. Daniel Crespo VIRTUAL

19.15 – 19.45 Closing Remarks

ROOM 4

1. Nelson Arellano

2. Florian Bettel

3. Anna Batzeli

4. Angelos Palikidis

21.00 Farewell Party

Port of Alexandroupolis – Old Marine Warehouses



DAY 4

Sunday 11 October 2026

Excursion to Thrace – optional

EXPLORE THE THRACIAN INLAND

EXPLORE THE THRACIAN INLAND

Exploring the Byzantine & Alevi–Bektashi Heritage

A day trip through Didymoteicho and the mountain village of Roussa

Join us for an exclusive full-day excursion into the inland of Thrace, experiencing the region's rich Byzantine past and its living Alevi–Bektashi heritage – from a medieval border city to a centuries-old tekke tucked in the Rhodope mountains.

● About the Excursion

The first part of the trip includes a visit to **Didymoteicho**, a city in the northeastern part of Greece near the border with Turkey, known for its deep connection to the Byzantine Empire. Near the Evros river and on the routes linking Constantinople with the Balkans, Didymoteicho played an important political, economic and cultural role during the late Byzantine period. Its Byzantine Museum, completed in 2009, houses more than 500 artifacts detailing the life, art and religious history of the area.

The second part leads to the mountainous region of Evros, with a visit to the **Tekke of Seyyid Ali Sultan**, near the village of Roussa – a gathering place for the Alevi–Bektashi Muslim community



of Thrace. Built in **1402 AD** in a mountain pass known as a *derven*, it is one of the oldest surviving tekkes in the Balkans and one of the two most important active centres of Bektashism in the region. Known also as the “Monastery of Roussa”, its continuous religious and social life reflects the rich cultural diversity of Thrace – where we will share a traditional meal prepared by the local community.

On the low hills surrounding the village stand **megalithic tombs** made of five slate slabs, dating from the Early Iron Age (9th–8th century BC), alongside **rock carvings** at nearby elevated sites dating to c. 1100–900 BC, depicting human figures, birds and reptiles.



● Programme

09:15	Departure of the bus from the city centre of Alexandroupolis.
10:30–12:00	Arrival at Didymoteicho; guided tour at the city walls and the Byzantine Museum.
12:00–13:00	Trip to the village of Roussa, across the Thracian mountains.
13:00–15:00	Arrival at the Tekke and guided tour. Lunch at the Tekke , shared traditionally among the Alevi community – homemade bread, meat patties and local sausage, cabbage salad and pickled vegetables, boiled beans, and local cheese, all locally produced and prepared (Pomak cuisine).
15:00–16:30	Departure for Alexandroupolis – arrival at the city centre.



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• Cost & Registration

COST PER PERSON

€40

Includes transportation, guidance, museum tickets & meal

MEETING POINT

City centre

Alexandroupolis, 09:15 departure

Payment options for the excursion:

- PayPal – paypal.com/ncp/payment/MNULMY9XXUCLL
- Card – at the Ethnological Museum of Thrace (14th May Street 63, Alexandroupolis)
- Cash – at the conference reception desk, or at the Ethnological Museum of Thrace

Reserve your seat

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Thursday 8 – Sunday 11 October 2026

Ethnological Museum of Thrace, Alexandroupolis

VISITING TOUR AT THE ETHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM OF THRACE



Ethnological Museum of Thrace

A guided heritage-interpretation tour, exclusively for ICOHTEC participants

Housed in a restored 1899 neoclassical building in Alexandroupolis, the Ethnological Museum of Thrace is a multi-awarded regional institution dedicated to preserving and promoting one of Southeast Europe's most authentic regions.

● About the Tour

For ICOHTEC Conference participants, museum experts have designed a special interactive tour based on heritage interpretation, offering an in-depth exploration of Thrace's history, human geography, and multicultural and multi-religious heritage, together with its geopolitical importance – highlighting the vital role a local museum can play in contemporary society.

Reserve your place and taste authentic 12th-century recipes.



• Tour Schedule

Tour groups of up to **10 persons** each · Duration: **1.5 hours**

Thursday 11:30–13:00

Friday 19:00–20:30

Saturday 16:00–17:30

Sunday 11:00–12:30

TICKET

€20

per person

LOCATION

EMT

14th May Street 63, Alexandroupolis

Payment options for the museum visiting tour:

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- Cash — at the Ethnological Museum of Thrace

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