

# 3rd Annual Conference

May 9 & 10, 2008

promoting education,  
awareness & understanding about :

ADD/ADHD

Dyslexia

Asperger's/Autism spectrum

Learning Disabilities

etc.

## Learning Differences: Daring to Dream



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& the Office of Academic & Student Services of ACS Athens

## Conference Schedule

Registration: 15:00 - 15:45

**First Unit :: Friday, May 9 -- 16:15 - 18:00**

This day's sessions will be focused and directed primarily towards parents and families.

A1	Understanding Dyslexia	Susan C. Lowell
A2	Generating Awareness and Acceptance for Autism Spectrum Disorder	Sheila Sullivan
A3	Back to Basics, Effective Parenting in a time of Rapid Change	Maria Wasielewski
A4	The Clinical Perspective of ADHD in Children and Adolescents	Nicholas D. Tsopelas
A5	Parenting Skills for Children with Learning Differences: A Rational Emotive Behavioral Approach	Chryssoula Kostogiannis

**Second Unit :: Friday, May 9 -- 18:30 - 20:00**

B1	U.S. College Options for Children with Learning Disabilities	Linda Hecker
B2	LD/ADHD Challenges for Children and Parents	Bonnie Miller
B3	What do Youths and Teens Need to Succeed?	Georgia Koumantaris Ellen Vrinotis
B4	Special Arrangements and Preparation for IB Exam Taking for Parents	Jenny Reed
B5	Introduction to Psychophysiological Self-Training (Biofeedback and Neuro-feedback) for ADD/ADHD	Alkistis Agiorgiti

Registration: 8:00 - 8:45

Official Conference Opening and Special Presentations: 9:00

**Third Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 11:00 - 12:40**

This day's sessions will be focused and directed primarily towards educators and professionals.

C1	Worldwide Collaboration for Local Benefit for Autism Spectrum Disorder	Sheila Sullivan
C2	Our Children and Us: Dealing with Misbehavior in Childhood and Adolescence	Marialena Kalyvas
C3	Rational Emotive Behavioral Education for Students with Learning Differences	Chryssoula Kostogiannis
C4	Resiliency Programs in Pre-School and School settings	Anastassios Matsopoulos

**Fifth Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 15:30 - 17:10**

E1	Teaching Reading in the International School	Susan C. Lowell
E2	"A Difference of Mind": Understanding Autism Spectrum	Louesa Polyzoi
E3	The Role of Occupational Therapy in the School System	Eliza Maglari
E4	Environmental Pollution and the Impact on Children's Health	John A. Moissidis

**Fourth Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 13:00 - 14:30**

D1	Assistive Technology to Support Academic Success	Linda Hecker
D2	Neural-Linguistic Programming	Alkistis Agiorgiti
D3	Special Arrangements and Preparation for IB Exam Taking for Teachers and Administrators	Jenny Reed
D4	Children Who Refuse School	Tania Kiana-Podas

**Sixth Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 17:30 - 19:00**

F1	Concept of Disease in Child Psychiatry: The Model of ADHD	Nicholas D. Tsopelas
F2	Helping Children Soar: Understanding and Challenging High Performing Students	Marialena Kalyvas
F3	Stress and Burn Out, Common Hazards of a Busy Life	Maria Wasielewski
F4	On Continuing Adult Education: Child and Adolescent Internet Addiction	Theophano Megalokonomou

**PLEASE NOTE: All Sessions and Workshops of this year's Conference will be conducted in English**



*Images from the May 2007 Conference*

## Important Disclaimer

**Please read carefully:**

Please reserve your seats in the sessions you are interested in by completing the application form. Participation will be considered on a first-come first-serve basis. Please select only ONE first choice per session. In case your first choice session is full, you will be placed in the session(s) of your alternate choice. Due to limited seated space and scheduling restrictions, Late Registration and Walk-ins will be handled according to availability.

Name

Profession

Organization/School

Attending As

☐ Parent

☐ Student

☐ Professional

Address

Telephone(s)Cell

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Please check the Conference Schedule to make your choices

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Please select by entering a number 1, 2, 3..... next to the sessions of your choice according to your preference priority. Due to limited seating space and scheduling restrictions, Late Registration and Walk-ins will be handled according to availability.

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Second Unit :: Friday, May 9 -- 18:30 - 20:00	B1		B2		B3		B4		B5	
Third Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 11:00 - 12:40	C1		C2		C3		C4			
Fourth Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 13:00 - 14:30	D1		D2		D3		D4			
Fifth Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 15:30 - 17:10	E1		E2		E3		E4			
Sixth Unit :: Saturday, May 10 -- 17:30 - 19:00	F1		F2		F3		F4			

Participation Fee:

• 40 € -- Early Registration (by March 15, 2008)

• 60 € -- Regular Registration (by April 26, 2008)

• 100 € -- Late Registration - Walk-ins(after April 27, 2008)

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### The Office of



**Academic  
& Student Services**

*present:*

3rd Annual Conference on Learning Differences:

**“Daring to Dream”**

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### Our Presenters:

*(in alpha order)*

#### Alkistis Agiorgiti, M.A., Ph.D. cand.

Integrative Psychotherapy  
Transpersonal Psychology  
Athens, Greece

#### Linda Hecker

Director of Educational Services  
Landmark College Institute for Research and Training  
Vermont, USA

#### Marialena Kalyvas

Psychologist  
Optimal Match Teacher  
Specialist for the High Performance Student Program  
ACS Athens  
Athens, Greece

#### Chryssoula Kostogiannis, Ph.D.

Clinical and School Psychologist  
Associate Professor of Psychology  
The American College of Greece  
Athens, Greece

#### Georgia Koumantaris

School Psychologist  
Athens College  
Athens, Greece

#### Susan C. Lowell, M.A., B.C.E.T.

Director of Private Clinical Practice and Educational Diagnostician  
Educational Therapy Associates  
North Carolina, USA

#### Eliza Maglari

Board Certified Pediatric Occupational Therapist  
Pediatric Institute Clinic  
Athens, Greece

#### Anastassios Matsopoulos Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of School Psychology  
Director of School Psychology Unit, Lab of Psychological Research  
University of Crete  
Crete, Greece

#### Theophano Megalokonomou

Child Psychologist  
Educational Trainer and Consultant  
Athens, Greece

#### Bonnie Miller

Educational Trainer and Consultant  
UK

#### John A. Moissidis, M.D.

Pediatrician Allergist  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
University of Tennessee, College of Medicine, USA  
Affiliated Physician  
Ygeia-Mitera Hospitals,  
Athens, Greece

#### Tania Kiana-Podas, MRCPsych UK, MSc.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist  
G. Papanicholaou Hospital  
Thessaloniki, Greece

#### Louesa Polyzoi, Ph.D.

Professor  
University of Winnipeg  
Canada

#### Jenny Reed

IBO Special Education Needs Manager  
International Baccalaureate Organization  
Cardiff, Wales, UK

#### Sheila Sullivan

Assistant Director  
Creative Services  
Autism Speaks Organization  
NY, USA

#### Nicholas D. Tsopelas M.D.

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry  
Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic  
University of Pittsburgh Medical School  
Pennsylvania, USA

#### Ellen Vriniotis, M.Ed, M.S. cand.

High School Counselor  
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Athens, Greece

#### Maria Wasielewski

Individual, Group and Family Counselor  
Athens, Greece