

ASTEROUSIA HYBRID UNIVERSITY – PHASE A

Integrated Natural and Cultural Heritage-based approaches
for Biosphere Reserves and other Designated Sites in the Mediterranean

AGENDA

TUE 28 Oct, ARRIVALS, MOVING TO KAPETANIANA

Depending on the time of arrivals, participants will be transferred in small groups to Traditional Ecotourism Village [Thalori](#) (~1-hour drive) – Informal Dinner at 20.00pm

WED 29 OCT | FOCUS ON MAB PROGRAM | SD & MANAGEMENT | LOCAL DEVELOPMENT WHERE: KAPETANIANA VILLAGE, “OLD SCHOOL” BUILDING

TIME	SPEAKER / THEME
0900 - 0915	Registrations
0915 -0930	Greetings by UNESCO, Asterousia BR, HDA, Greek National Committee of the MAB/UNESCO Programme, MIO-ECSDE
0930 -1015	Scope of event – Daily Agenda - Getting to know each other
1015-1030	Shaping the future of Asterousia through the LEADER program, Ms A. Tavladoraki , HDA
1030-1045	Natural based approaches and practices for Biosphere Reserves and Global Geoparks in the Mediterranean, Ms F. Bampa , Science Project Officer, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe
1045-1100	World Heritage Sites as Laboratories for Sustainable Development: Linking Culture, Nature and Communities in the Mediterranean, Ms F. Aubert , Head, Culture unit, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe
1100-1115	Coffee Break
1115-1200	Key note speech on Natural and Cultural Heritage, Prof. M. Scoulllos , Greek National Committee of the MAB/UNESCO Programme/MIO-ECSDE Chair
1200-1215	Coastal natural & cultural heritage's value and commitment to protect, restore and make it resilient to human and CC effects, Dr N. Kampanis , Head of Coastal Marine Research Lab, FORTH
1215-1400	Short presentation of the participants of their BR sites and Institutions (5-10 min each).
1400–1500	Light Lunch Break
1500-1600	Workshop A: The conservation of the endangered <i>Juniperus drupacea</i> in Parnon BR, by Dr E. Avramidou , Institute of Mediterranean Forest Ecosystems <i>The workshop will share related research & practice proposing specific subpopulations and seed conservation to ensure the survival of the species of Juniperus drupacea, rare endangered tree found in Parnonas Mountain (BR).</i>

1700-1830	Guided tour to Thalori's ecotouristic farm & discussion on ecotourism's dynamic & challenges
20.00*	Narration on the cultural heritage of the Asterousia, Mr Stamatakis Star-Watching Event (*depends on the weather/cloud coverage) & Dinner

THU 30 Oct | FOCUS ON WATER, SUSTAINABLE FARMING, AGRICULTURE & CULTURE
WHERE: STAVIES VILLAGE, [MESARA FARMERS' SCHOOL](#)

TIME	SPEAKER / THEME
0845	Bus Departure to Stavies village
0900-1000	Short guided tour to the Olive Grove of FAMELIA ASSOCIATION , Mr M. Iatrakis
1030– 1040	Welcome to the Messara Farmers' School, Dr S. Hatzigeorgiou
1040-1100	Living Olive Groves Project, Dr G. Koumpouris , ELGO DIMITRA
1100-1120	From farm to fork to save the planet, Prof. K. Mattas , Aristotle University
1120-1145	Reflections by participants, experience sharing, discussion
1145-1200	Coffee Break
1200-1220	The projects newlifedrylands & Monalisa , emphasis on Asterousia, Dr M. Prombonas , NHMC
1220-1240	The case of sheep wool upcycling, G.Manousakis Mediterranean Agrofood Competence Center (MACC)
1240-1255	Sustainable agricultural practices to improve soil fertility, Prof. N. Nikolaidis Technical University of Crete
1255-1310	The UNESCO soil initiative and the SOILSCAPE project in Europe and beyond, Ms F. Bampa UNESCO
1310-1320	Food Culture, Heritage Practices and Sustainability: A Case Study from the Asterousia UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Crete, Dr A. Mantadaki
1320-1330	Q/As
1330-1430	Light Lunch Break
1430-1630	Workshop B: Food Culture in Asterousia , by Dr A. Filippaki and Ms A. Alexopoulou <i>The workshop aims to highlight the importance of local food culture that has been preserved for centuries in the Asterousia region and that still characterizes the culture of the people living in this region of Crete.</i>
1700-1800	Visit and Guided tour to Messara Archeological Museum
1830	Dinner on the way back ("Aloni" Taverna, Ag. Deka Village)

FRI 31 Oct | FOCUS ON EDUCATION & CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT
WHERE: [CULTURAL ASSOCIATION](#) OF [CHARAKAS](#) VILLAGE

TIME	SPEAKER / THEME
0845	Bus Departure to Charakas Village
0900-0930	Reviving & valuing Carob cultivation in Crete by Ass. Prof. G.A. Fragkiadakis (HMU)
0930-0940	The Life Phoenix Project, Dr A. Mantadaki

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0940-1100	Workshop C: Fuzzy Cognitive Mapping for Asterousia BR socio-ecological system, by Ms Inès Vincent <i>The workshop will apply a participatory methodology to assess the key socio-ecological interactions shaping the Asterousia BR, through collective reflections on the respective interconnections, feedbacks and challenges in the BR.</i>
1100-1200	Move (on foot) to “ Melitalakti ” Women’s Association. Discussion with women on their Association and services, demonstration Coffee Break with Snacks
1200-1215	Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in World Heritage Contexts: Education, Transmission and Community Engagement, Ms F. Aubert , UNESCO
1215-1300	Workshop D: Nature & culture: storytelling and dissemination by Ms M. Peroni <i>The workshop will share how practical activities like seed bombs succeed in promoting the nature and culture of the territory by different types of users in Maiella Geopark.</i>
1300-1400	Workshop E: Environmental Education in Malta by a non-formal education institute, by Ms Nastasya Koroleva <i>The workshop will share how BirdLife Malta with a minimum number of staffs runs their environmental education programme involving ½ of all primary schools in Maltese islands</i>
1400	Treats from our hosts, from the Charakas Village
1500	Return to Kapetaniana Village – Free time in the village
2000	Farewell Dinner with music at Thalori Restaurant Closing of the Asterousia University

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