

## Newsletter 4

# Epoque Final Conference

The Final Conference of the Epoque Project, “Environmental Portfolio for Quality in University Education: Best Practices in/for social-economical and environmental Sustainability” was organized by the coordinator of the project, the University of Ioannina.

The Final Conference took place on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016 at the Du Lac Hotel and Congress Center in Ioannina.

All the activities and events during the conference were free of charge and transmitted via live streaming through the Epoque project website.

During the Epoque conference

- A symposium for the Epoque project was held by the consortium
- 42 papers were presented
- 3 keynote speeches were delivered from very important professors in the field all over the world, such as:
  - Andy Blunden from the University of Melbourne in Australia
  - Wolff – Michael Roth from the University of Victoria in Canada and
  - Triantafyllos Albanis, Deputy Rector of the University of Ioannina,
- 7 workshops were delivered by the Epoque partners as well as by organizations and groups that promote sustainability
- An Epoque students live streaming chat was held, where Epoque students and partners as well as regional, national and European authorities took part.
- Some of the Greek Epoque students, three of those who earned a scholarship for the project’s Internship also took part at the conference making a poster regarding their work at the hosting organization. Those posters were presented during the conference’s poster session.
- 30 speakers were invited and hosted by the project's funds
- almost 400 registered attendees were attracted

The conference attracted University Professors from all over Greece and the world. The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the University of Western



Macedonia, the University of Athens, the University of Crete and of course the University of Ioannina participated actively in the conference from different faculties and departments. It is noteworthy that there was also participation from Universities beyond Europe such as the University of Victoria in Canada and the University of Melbourne in Australia with exceptional interventions in relation to how we can integrate environmental issues and sustainability in society. There was also a big participation from various environmental organizations from all over Greece such as Environmental Center of Filippiada, Environmental Education Center of Kastoria, Management Body of Pamvotis Lake, Environmental Education Center of Filiates, Arnaia Environmental Education Center and Hellenic Sustainable Schools and other national organizations which promote sustainability such as Action Aid Hellas and ELEPAP and individuals such as Former School Counselors. The audience of the conference was constituted mostly from Educators, School Counselors, University Professors and Students, Policy Makers and Laboratory Centers of Science Education.

The Orchestra of the University of Ioannina, “Camerata, closed the conference on Sunday afternoon playing four songs under the direction of George Chlitsios.

