



Welcome to the 2022 EQALM symposium  
Athens, Greece



12-14 October, 2022

## General information

This year the annual EQALM symposium and General Assembly will be held in Athens, Greece, on October 12-14, 2022, at Royal Olympic Hotel Athens.

**The deadline for registration is September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Registration form and scientific program is available at [www.eqalm.org](http://www.eqalm.org)  
Dr. Piet Meijer will receive the Adam Uldall Award and deliver the Adam Uldall lecture on "EQA, is there a benefit for the patient?!"

The symposium includes Working Group meetings which will be held Wednesday. Please let us know if and which working group meeting you will attend via the link <https://de.surveymonkey.com/r/6MK8KJL>

## Conference venue

**Royal Olympic Hotel Athens**  
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### IN THE HEART OF ATHENS

- Acropolis Metro: 4 min, 280 m
- Acropolis Museum : 5 min, 300 m
- Temple of Olympian Zeus: 5 min, 290 m
- Syntagma Square: 7 min (1 stop)
- Plaka: 8 min, 650 m

## Transportation Directions To / From Royal Olympic Hotel Athens

### Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos"

#### By METRO / UNDERGROUND

You will board the Metro from the Airport's Station and get off at Syntagma Station. At Syntagma Station you switch lines in the direction of Ag. Dimitrios and get off at the first Station, the "Acropolis Station". From Acropolis Station the Hotel is 100m away, walking along Ath. Diakou Street.

**The approximate time from the Athens International Airport to the Hotel is 25 minutes.**

## By TAXI

The approximate time from the Airport to the Hotel is 35-40 minutes and the fare including all charges between 06:00-23:00 is approximately 60,00 €. From 23:00 till 06:00 the fare including all charges is approximately 70,00 €. Private taxi transfer arranged by the hotel.

## Other hotel options

Please contact the hotels directly using the links below (no special rates).

### Amalia Hotel

<https://www.amaliahotels.com/athens/hotel/>

### Stratos Vasilikos

<https://www.airotel.gr/en/>

### President Hotel

<https://president.gr/>

## Weather in Athens in October

October is an excellent time to visit Athens, especially toward the beginning of the month. The average high-temperature, in October, in Athens, Greece, is 23.5°C (74.3°F), while the average low-temperature is 15.9°C (60.6°F).

## Social event details (evening of Thursday 13 October)

The Congress Dinner will be held in the historic restaurant “Palia Taverna tou Psara” (“Old Fisherman’s Tavern”).

In the picturesque area of Plaka, just a few meters from the well-known steps of Monsikleus, at the intersection of Erechtheos and Erotokritou Streets, it is located in a beautifully landscaped neoclassical building, the historic restaurant “Palia Taverna tou Psara” (“Old Fisherman’s Tavern”) since 1898.



A point of reference for those who love good Greek cuisine.

In a letter to George Seferis the intellectual George Katsimbalis, also known as the Colossus of Marousi, mentions Psarra’s Tavern, which was already known and is Seferi’s favorite taverna. Lawrence Olivier, Vivian Lee, Graham Greene, Margot Fontaine, “all these foreigners,” Mr. Katsimballis said in his letter, “are gathering at Mr. George’s dinner and asking for their money!”

## Other recommended visitor sites

1. Acropolis
2. Acropolis Museum
3. Parthenon
4. National Archaeological Museum
5. Plaka

<https://www.visitgreece.gr/mainland/attica/athens/>

Welcome to Athens, the **historical capital of Europe**. Welcome to the birthplace of democracy, arts, science and philosophy of western civilization. Home of Plato, Socrates, Pericles, Euripides, Sophocles, Aeschylus. Athens is one of the world's oldest cities. It's recorded history spanning around 3.400 years and it is being inhabited since the 11th millennium B.C. E. Today, under the shadow of Parthenon, the contemporary urban scenery of the sprawling city reflects its exciting history, its multi-cultural modern personality as well as the **infrastructure** and **facilities**.

The perfect Mediterranean climate with the legendary greek sunlight, the unique combination of glorious history with modern, urban innovation, the coexistence of great culture with astonishing natural beauty, the high standard hotel accommodation, modern means of transportation such as the cutting edge modern metro, the vibrant rhythm of life, the wide choice of opportunities for shopping, dining and night life and of course the warmth of the Athenians people feature Athens as the ideal all year round city break destination. The city of Parthenon is an **open air museum**. A large part of the town's historic center has been converted into a **3 km pedestrian zone**, one of the largest in Europe. It leads to the major archaeological sites ("archaeological park"), reconstructing – to a large degree – the ancient landscape. Either on foot or by bike, the "Grande Promenade" around Acropolis is an unforgettable journey through history.

## Organizers

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Gro Gidske (Board member)

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