

International Conference

# Museums & Individuals with Visual Impairments

*Bridging The Gap*

**18-19 May 2017**

University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece  
Auditorium KORDATOS



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## Keynote Speakers

Professor Charles Shoniregun, University of East London, UNITED KINGDOM  
Ms Maria Kyriakou, European Blind Union, France

## Participating Organizations

- EOTVOS LORAND UNIVERSITY, HUNGARY • UNIVERSITATEA BABES-BOLYAI, ROMANIA
- SOFIA UNIVERSITY "St. Kliment Ohridski", BULGARIA • Bulgarian Association for Education of Visually Impaired Children, BULGARIA
- The Transylvanian Museum of Ethnography, ROMANIA • The King Saint Stephan Museum, HUNGARY
- Rakursi Gallery, BULGARIA • Nicholas and Dolly Goulandris Foundation Museum of Cycladic Art, GREECE

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# Programme

**VENUE: Auditorium KORDATOS, University of  
Thessaly, Volos, Greece**

**Thursday 18 May 2017**

**9:30-12:30**

Registration

**10:00-10:30**

## **Opening Ceremony - Welcome**

Prof. Georgios Petrakos, Rector of the University of  
Thessaly, Greece

Dr. Vassilis Argyropoulos, Coordinator of the  
BaGMIVI project, University of Thessaly, Greece

**10:30-11:30**

## ***Security is questionable in motivation***

Keynote speaker: Prof. Charles Shoniregun,  
University of East London, UK

**11:30-12:00**

Coffee break

**12:00-12:30**

## ***The blues we loved***

Blues ballads inspired from traditional African music  
(gospels). The Musical Ensembles of the University of  
Thessaly, Greece

Ms. Maria Thoidou, Manager of the Musical Groups  
of the University of Thessaly, Greece

Mr. Dimitris Demiris, Facilitator, Acoustic Guitar

**12:30-13:00**

## ***Access culture without risks***

Dr. Vassilis Argyropoulos, University of Thessaly,  
Greece

**13:00-14:30**

Lunch break

**14:30-15:00**

## ***Palpable Outcomes of BaGMIVI Project in Hungary***

Ms. Krisztina Kovács, Eötvös Loránd University,  
Hungary

**15:00-15:30**

***Commitment of educational and cultural institutions with the access to art of the visually impaired in Bulgaria***

Prof. D.SC. Vladimir Radoulov, Bulgarian Association for Education of Visually Impaired Children  
Dr. Margarita Tomova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria

**15:30-16:00**

***Quality of life for people with visual impairment - accessibility and networks through the BaGMIVI project***

Dr. Andrea Hathazi, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

**16:00-16:30**

***Promote strategic partnerships between museums and schools: the case of the BaGMIVI project***

Dr. Vassilis Argyropoulos, University of Thessaly, Greece  
Dr. Charikleia Kanari, University of Thessaly, Greece  
Ms. Sofia Chamonikolaou, University of Thessaly, Greece

**16:30-17:30**

Overall Discussion

**18:00**

**Dinner for Invited and Keynote Speakers**

**Friday 19 May 2017**

**9:00-11:00**

Registration

**9:30-10:30**

***Yes! Let's visit a museum: Overcoming exclusion through inclusive practices***

Keynote speaker: Ms. Maria Kyriakou, European Blind Union, France

**10:30-11:00**

Coffee break

**11:00-11:30**

***Tactile exhibition and museum activities for people who are visually impaired***

Mr. Tudor Alexandru Sălăgean, The Transylvanian Museum of Ethnography, Romania

**11:30-12:00**

***Visible and invisible results of the program***

Ms. Erzsébet Szűcs, The King Saint Stephan Museum, Hungary

**12:00-12:30**

***Visually Impaired Students' Communication with Art***

Ms. Rumyana Yoneva, Rakursi Gallery, Bulgaria

**12:30-13:00**

***Close your eyes. The Cyclades through touch***

Ms. Eleni Markou, Nicholas and Dolly Goulandris Foundation Museum of Cycladic Art, Greece

**13:00-13:30**

***Archeological Sites and blind guides: Utopia or reality?***

Mr. Theodoros Konstas, Panhellenic Association of the Blind, Greece

Ms. Panagiota Panou, Panhellenic Association of the Blind, Greece

**13:30-14:00**

**Closing Ceremony**

**Saturday 20 May 2017**

**9:30**

**Post Conference Tour for Invited & Keynote Speakers**