



## the Leadership camp

# “KERNELS OF OUR FUTURE” 2010

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The “Kernels of Our Future 2010” will be held on 19 July - 5 August 2010  
in Chania, Crete and Athens combining the Special program “LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE”.

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“Kernels of Our Future”, an original International Educational program, brings together young people from over 10 countries, 15-18 years old, to build skills needed to compete in today's global, knowledge-driven markets.

The program is based on informal education procedures employing guided discussions, simulations games and structured entertainment.

Participants engage in innovative workshops, *simulation games* and dialogues focused on International Institutions & the structure of the International community, law in action, governance, human rights, the media, microeconomics, conflict management, Climate change, Personal Leadership & Relationship networking, discuss perspectives in career orientation, and more...

In each instance, the focus is on conveying practical skills, such as negotiation, advocacy, investigation, critical thinking and leadership qualities.

Such forms of practical training, as has scientifically been established, respond best to the needs of youth -- instilling the basics of civic education while revealing their inherent genuine leadership skills and capabilities.

The program also focuses on the importance of collaboration that may later prove useful in our increasingly interdependent global political, economic, social, technological and environmental sectors, through cross cultural communications and multi-national networking among future leaders.

The ability to generate enriched outcomes depends upon having built foundations of mutual trust and respect. “Kernels of our Future” works with students to establish these foundations.

The program “Kernels of Our Future” has been established in 2004 and held annually since. An Alumni Reunion is organized every 5 years with a distinctive program of a higher level (*the next one will be in 2012*). This year we have also established the *Outstanding Alumna/Alumnus Service Award*, to be presented at the Graduation Ceremony.

The Alumni Network has maintained the ties and is enthusiastically responding to our invitations at various unique events held internationally, that we are involved through our network. They also have a priority to attend the International Institute For Political & Economic Studies and other programs of *the Fund for American Studies* ([www.tfasinternational.org](http://www.tfasinternational.org)). Past Kernels are, in their majority now, University Students in highly respectful institutions, assuming leadership positions, applying their gained knowledge from our unique program.

We have decided to put an even stronger emphasis on leadership skills. It was decided to include the “Leadership in Practice” component, under the Auspices of the Hellenic Parliament, which will consist of visits to the Parliament of Greece, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, as well as a Radio-Television station to practice their media newly acquired knowledge. The participants will thus have the opportunity to apply -in the formal setting- the skills they have acquired during the program.

Additionally the participants will visit many archaeological sites of immense historical and cultural value - e.g. the new, highly regarded, Acropolis Museum.

The actual cost of the program -excluding transportation- is over 2.500 €, but scholarships will be available on a competitive basis.

A Graduation Diploma will be awarded at the Graduation ceremony.

The tentative program is attached.

We will be more than happy to host worthy participants in our unique Program.

## GENERAL INFO

- ▶ **Hosting organization:** Greek Association For Atlantic & European Cooperation - Youth Section
- ▶ **PARTICIPANTS:** Young men and women, 15 to 18 years old (*born in or before 1995*)
- ▶ **Site:** Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania campus, Chania, Crete, and Athens Acropol Hotel, Greece
- ▶ **Arrival:** Monday 5 July 2010
- ▶ **Departure:** Thursday 5 August 2010
- ▶ **Duration:** 17 days
- ▶ **Expenses:** A contribution from each participant is expected.

### *Expenses covered:*

1. Accommodation in double air-conditioned rooms with private facilities. Extra days beyond the above mentioned, for any reason (including flight schedules or unavailability), cannot be covered, and have to be paid by the person involved. Laundry facilities are available for a minimal charge.
2. Three meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner), usually on campus.
3. Transportation from the Chania airport to campus and to the Athens airport on departure (grouping arrival times), also to sites, beach, town, museums, etc.
4. Activities, material, local transportation, entrance to museums & other sites, etc.
5. International travel costs, as well as personal expenses such as telephone calls, etc. are not included or covered.

### ▶ **Insurance**

Participants are obliged to arrange for their insurance. This must cover illness, accident, death, permanent disability, and repatriation in case of serious illness or accident. Insurance must also cover civil liability and the loss of identification and travel documents. This insurance must be complementary to national social security systems, if the young person benefits from this by virtue of an E 111 or similar form.

### OTHER INFO

- ▶ Make sure you bring along
  1. swimming suit and beach related equipment,
  2. any special gear (tennis racquets, guitars, etc.) you would want to use,
  3. music or whatever else you might want for country parties,
  4. material for your country presentation (in a theater-like way), and
  5. lots of good humour.
- ▶ **WEATHER:** The weather is hot during the day but you might need a light shirt or jacket at night.
- ▶ **DRESS CODE:** Dressing is very casual usually. However, on some occasions (graduation or "VIP visiting") you will need something more formal.
- ▶ Comfortable shoes/sandals.
- ▶ ...pocket money!