

## Opening Ceremony

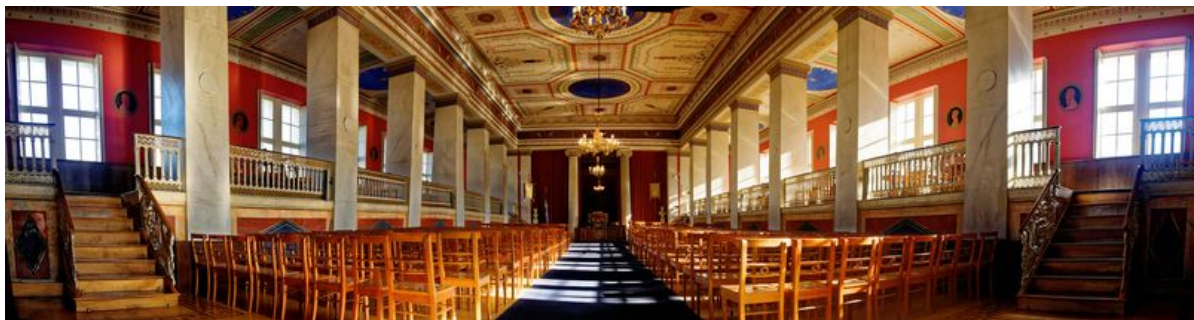
The Opening Ceremony will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of July at National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, The Rectorate Building (30 Panepistimiou st.) at 19:00pm.

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens has been the oldest higher education institution of the modern Greek state and the first university in the Balkan and Eastern Mediterranean area - inaugurated in 1837.

The Rectorate Building is an historic building that it was completed between 1842 and 1843 and was beautifully decorated. It forms, together with the buildings of the National Library of Greece and the Athens Academy, the famous neoclassical “architectural trilogy” of Athens. The building primarily serves administrative and ceremonial purposes.



The Opening Ceremony will start at 19:00 local time in The Great Hall of the Rectorate Building with the Mayor of the City and the Rector of the University welcoming all delegates.



The social program will follow outside in the building’s yard where the Music Group “Oneiremata”, the Orchestra “Hhohroma”, the City of Athens Choir and the traditional dance group of Municipality of Petroupoli will perform for all delegates.

“Oneiremata” members, the vocalists Maria, Marialena and Kallio are three young women with intellectual and developmental disabilities and with also severe visual impairments, all trainees of the Day Centre “Amimoni” who have performed more than 35 times in special events, many of them with the support of Greek popular singers and professional musicians.

The Orchestra “Hhohroma” consists of 20 members who play greek music and who also have performed in several special events. All members with intellectual disabilities come from Eidiko Ergastiri – Lilian Voudouri, Assosiation of Parents & Guardians for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

The evening would not be completed without tasting and chatting with the help of great finger food and wine that will be provided to all guests.

Enjoy the Opening Ceremony of the 5<sup>th</sup> European IASSIDD Congress in Athens!