

## INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM DYNAMICS CONFERENCE

ATHENS 2008

### NOTES ON THE CONFERENCE PROPOSAL (SPREADSHEET)

1. In the proposal, costs are at upper bound of the possible values (sort of worst case scenario) i.e. conference cannot cost more, but we feel that can actually cost less.
2. Alternative date 20-23 July 2008.
3. The prices for hotel rooms are for single occupancies. If rooms are shared, prices are about half the prices indicated.
4. There is an offer for 3 free rooms.
5. There is the initial expression of interest on the part of the University of Patras to support the conference (how and how much has not been agreed yet but it is too early for that). In addition, Panteion University is a University situated in the centre of Athens, very near to the proposed venue. There are a couple of faculty that are active in the Hellenic Chapter and a couple of "well-known" in Greece systems academics that they are all very willing to bring help. This means that some of the costs, such as the cost of the AV equipment, may be minimized.
6. Depending on the theme of the conference, local sponsors can be found to finance both the welcome cocktail and the banquet.
7. Lunch and dinner prices are for eating at the conference hotels.
8. In the calculations, a Euro/Dollar ratio of 1.3 was assumed.
9. Attendance: based on past conferences, the Society expects an attendance of around 400 for European conferences. We have raised the expected number to 50 more because it is usual in Greece to expect ~50 people from private companies and the public sector that are not scholars of SD but they want to learn what it is. The number may increase further if someone takes into account the programmes that exist for scholars from Balkan countries to get involved in "scientific" activities that are not very well known in their countries (these programmes are co-ordinated by a US-EU funded organisation based in Thessaloniki). *[JML – I have put the attendance figure in the Summary Comparison spreadsheet at 400 for consistency with the Spanish proposal, with a note as follows: "projected registration fee for Greece falls to \$658 (\$329 student) and total cost to \$1478 (\$729) with 450 attendance.]*