GREEK COMPUTER SOCIETY
MACEDONIA-THRACE CHAPTER

The Macedonia-Thrace Chapter of the Greek Computer Society is a scientific, non-profit society that was established back in 1985 in Thessaloniki with the dual aim to promote the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the regions of Macedonia and Thrace as well as to represent the ICT professionals of the region. The Macedonia-Thrace Chapter is an official annex of the Greek Computer Society which is based in Athens.

AIMS

The Macedonia-Thrace Chapter of the Greek Computer Society was established with the aim:

- To promote the use of Information and Communication Technologies.
- To contribute to the development of scientific research and education in the ICT sector.
- To represent and support the ICT professionals of the region in Greece and abroad.
- To provide specialized, customized technical assistance to private and public authorities as needed.

More specifically, the Macedonia-Thrace Chapter aims to organically link and represent the Greek Computer Society members who are resident in the regions of Macedonia and Thrace and to foster the connectivity among them. Practically, it facilitates the interaction of the regions' members and it simplifies the realization of activities that would have been difficult to undertake due to geographical constraints. Finally, the Macedonia-Thrace Chapter ensures that the programme and activities of the Greek Computer Society are effectively materialised in Macedonia and Thrace considering the particular needs and characteristics of the region.

OUR VISION

- To create an appropriate framework for the more intensive diffusion of Information and Communication Technologies in Macedonia and in Thrace.
- To promote innovation in Information and Communication Technologies.
- To facilitate the smooth integration of young ICT professionals in the job market and/or in academia and the research community.
- To substantially contribute to the Greek Computer's Society efforts to establish a Chamber of Informatics.
- To create a community of ICT professionals that will support its members by informing them on the latest ICT trends (conferences, workshops and training opportunities) and by offering counseling services to new members.
- To organize seminars, workshops and scientific events that address the latest development in world and European ICTs.
- To offer to its members opportunities for lifelong learning programmes.
- To further the development of the ICT sector by fostering the cooperation of private and public organizations in order to set and achieve common targets.
- To connect academics in the field with the ICT job market.

MEMBERSHIP

All ICT professionals based in the regions of Macedonia and Thrace may become members of the Macedonia-Thrace chapter following a written request that is approved by the Chapter.

More specifically, any person can become a regular member of the Macedonia-Thrace Chapter of the Greek Computer Society if:
- o They have a Bachelor's or Master's degree of a Greek (Higher Education/Technological Institution) or Foreign Educational Institution in Informatics or a related field.
- o They have a Bachelor or Master's degree of a Greek or Foreign Educational Institution not related to Informatics but with eight
- o years of proven professional experience in the ICT sector.
- o They are a member of staff of a Greek Higher Education or Technological Institution (AEI/TEI) who teach ICT courses.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER

The Macedonia-Thrace Chapter:
- Constitutes a collective entity that represents the ICT professionals of the region.
- Issues a special membership card for its members that entails benefits and offers discounts in bookstores and software companies.
- Offers to its members ample opportunity for networking with other companies, with the academic community and with other organizations within the ICT sector.
- Organises events that address new technological developments and their impact as well as other issues of importance and concern to ICT professionals with the ultimate aim to exchange know-how and share experiences.
- Informs members on national and international developments and challenges in ICT with a dedicated newsletter and its own website.
- Offers opportunities for training and seminars.

CURRENT MEMBERS

The Macedonia-Thrace Chapter currently numbers 700 members.

MANAGEMENT

The Macedonia-Thrace Chapter is managed by a Managing Committee that comprises of five members and is elected every two years by secret voting at the General Assembly of the members. Along the regular members two substitute members are elected; the term of office for each Managing Committee lasts until the formulation of a new Managing Committee.

President: P Ketikidis
Vice President: L Terzidou
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CONTACT

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