

Press Release – Yperia 2014 Day 1

Opening day – Kato Meria

The 12th International Convention on Tourism & Culture, YPERIA 2014 started on Friday 11th of April.

Thirty eight participants from 10 different countries came to Amorgos to discover the island and promote it through newspapers, documentaries, TV programs, film festivals and guides but also to initiate new projects based in Amorgos Island.

On the first day, participants visited the very well preserved and agricultural area of Kato Meria in the South of the Island. They were first taken to the archaeological site of the Hellenistic Tower of Agia Triada in Arkesini where Mr. George Vlavianos explained the history and purpose of the ancient structure. Then a short break was organized in Kolofana, at “Apanemo” Restaurant, where they were offered to taste local products.

After visiting in Arkesini the impressive blacksmith of Mr. Kovaioi, who works the metal as in the old times, participants could compare it with an old blacksmith changed into a small museum. There the owners of “Liostasi” restaurant, offered some of their own products as well as local cheese.

An incredible lunch was offered by Marouso Restaurant: Salads, fava, cheese pies, goat meat, fresh goat cheese, wine, all local and mostly from their own production.

5th International Short Tourism Film Festival

After lunch, participants went to the Cinematographic Club in the village of Vroutsi for the opening of the 5th International Short Tourism Film Festival.

Fifty three movies would be presented within the 4 days of YPERIA 2014, from more than twenty-three different countries.

Mr Peppas and the Cinematographic club members gave the Festival the opportunity to screen a 2 hour program. Mrs. Ewa Kotus from Warsaw – Poland Film Festival, presented a diploma to the Club, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Victory of Europeans freedom, for the extraordinary openness in International collaboration.

On the way back to Aegialis Hotel & Spa, participants visited the byzantine Monastery of St. George Valsamitis built on the ruins of an ancient water oracle dedicated to Apollo. The nun Irini explained the history of the place and presented her painting work.

In the evening, participants attended the photo exhibition of Mr Markos Loudaros, an Amorgian Photographer who illustrates the natural beauty of Amorgos as well as its fascinating historical monuments. The work of Mr Nikos Karpouzis, permanently exhibited at Aegialis Hotel & Spa, was also presented.

A short video about “MediterraNew” project by Mr Giorgio Martino, architect, was shown and Mrs Irene Giannakopoulou, president of the Cultural Association of Tholaria and owner of Aegialis Hotel & Spa, welcomed the participants and thanked all the collaborators and sponsors of the event.



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