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Annual Technology Innovation International (TII) Conference
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The South East European Research Centre (SEERC) a research center of the University of Sheffield and CITY College, Thessaloniki has the pleasure to officially announce that it will host the Annual Conference of the European Association for Technology Transfer and Innovation (TII) for 2009 in April 2009, in Thessaloniki, Greece.

TII members are technology transfer and innovation support professionals who promote related services to firms, with the ultimate aim to contribute to the development of the knowledge economy. The members of the Association form a network that shares professional experience and best practices. Through its Annual Conference, TII brings together innovation and technology consultants, universities and research centres, regional development agencies and chambers of commerce, science parks, innovation centres and incubators, government ministries and agencies to facilitate business and networking opportunities.

SEERC has undertaken the challenge to address topics of technology transfer and innovation practices in a regional context that includes the South East European perspective and dimension.

Thessaloniki has been gradually seeking to increase its competitiveness and the long-term development of innovative approaches. So far it has done well by reinforcing existing infrastructure and by launching a series of initiatives aiming to promote innovation-driven environments for research and technology. Highlights of this effort are:

- The development of an Innovation Zone in Thessaloniki, including the National Centre for Research and Technology (CERTH) and a number of technology-based firms, incubators and research institutes.
- The establishment of the Regional Innovation Pole of Central Macedonia, an investment that unites private and public sector actors for innovative ICT applications in different industries.

The Conference is scheduled to take place in Thessaloniki on April 23-24, 2009. If you are interested in participating, then please e-mail us at: tii@seerc.org to express your interest and we shall keep you posted on the publication of the Call for Papers, important dates and other news related to the Conference.

We look forward to welcoming you to Thessaloniki.

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