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AKSS at a Glance-Between the sea & the forest



The Anargyrios and Korgialenios School of Spetses is a historical and cultural heritage site of the island of Spetses. It was established in 1923 on a picturesque 120.000 sqm parcel along the northern coastline of the island. The school is found in an enclave of unique natural beauty, surrounded by pine forests and olive groves and embedded with beautiful gardens throughout. It includes a complex of five Buildings of Neoclassical architecture and sport facilities. A.K.S.S. was designed by the standards of Eton College to serve as a multicultural and pioneering educational Institution and is autonomously run as a Foundation by an executive Committee under the auspices of Greek Ministry of Education

Just a few minutes from the picturesque harbour of the island, the visitor will find state-of-the-art conference facilities within a remarkable environment distinguished by the beauty of past decades. It is an idyllic natural setting close to an area of significant historical proportions (Epidaurus, Mycenae etc.);

Each year the superbly equipped facilities of the School, friendly to people with disabilities, host a range of Greek and international scientific and professional conferences, and other events, all organized to the highest standards, attracting important figures from the Greek and the international cultural, intellectual and scientific community.

In the A.K.S.S. premises, installed in the main conference areas, you will find AirPort Time Capsule 2TB available, direct WIFI connection and seamless file transfer of conference materials and more.



Our new Administration Body

(25/7/2016 - present)

President: **Nikos Fintikakis** – Architect, Council Member of the International Union of Architects

Vice president: **Panagiotis Hatziperos** – Alderman of Attica islands, former Naval Officer, Alumni

Secretary-General: **Stamatis Paleokrassas** – Electrical Engineer, Councilor Inmeritus of the Pedagogical Institute, Alumni

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Member: **Vassilis Kostopoulos** – Attorney, Member of the Environmental International Court

Member: **Panagiotis Lirakis** – Mayor of Spetses

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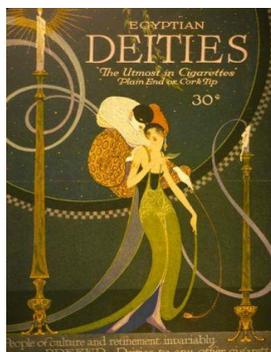
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The Place and its History



Panorama of Poseidonion Grand Hotel, built by S. Anargyros in 1914

Spetses is an island of exceptional natural beauty and historical importance for Greece and Europe. It was a center of culture and trade from ancient times and throughout the Roman and Byzantine eras, with archeological findings dating back to 2300 BC. During the 18th century, trade flourished and the island saw economic development that allowed it to step forth as a leader in the forming of the revolution against the Turkish occupation.



The wealth of several private individuals funded the establishment of the largest parts of the Greek fleet. The interwar period was once also a period of growth and development for the island, in most part due to the benefaction of Sotirios Anargyros. Anargyros, a Greek maritime merchant, immigrated to the United States in the late 19th Century where he became one of the largest tobacco traders of the time.

After returning to his homeland in Spetses, he made it his lifetime goal to develop the island. To this end he financed several large and pioneering projects including the first reservoir of Spetses, the luxurious Poseidonion Hotel, and the replanting of the great forest of Spetses, which, although the namesake of the island, Spetses meaning “Pine-Island” in Greek, had been exhausted due to the need of shipbuilding over the prior centuries. Understanding, however, the fundamental importance of education for the long lasting and



S. Anargyros

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true development of the island, he established the great School of Spetses which still bears his name and that of its co-founder, Marinos Korgialenios, emulating the traditional British schools of Eton and Harrow. Throughout the 20th century the Anargyrios and Korgialenios School of Spetses commanded the attention and regard of the Greek and International scientific elite.



MAIN PROJECTS, 2016

July 3-23

**The Odyssey Program
2016**

**Loyola Marymount
University**



"Our stay at the AKSS made our group's immersion trip to Spetses an unforgettable experience. The facilities were fully and beautifully renovated and the staff went above and beyond to make our stay as comfortable as possible. The classrooms and technology equipment provided full support to the academic part of our stay. We cannot wait to come back next summer."

The 2016 LMU Odyssey Group, Christina Bogdanou, Program Director

August 8-14

**Chromatin and the
environment
EMBO/ FEBS, University of
Munich**

- Transcription and gene silencing mechanisms
- Chromatin structure & function and epigenetic control
- Metabolic control of gene regulation
- Epigenetics in CNS function and trans-generational inheritance
- Epigenetics in health & disease



More info <http://events.embo.org/16-chr-env/>

July 16- August 6

EU – China Summer School 2016
“China and Europe as Partners –
Law, Politics and Economics”
In co-operation with ECEFIL

CiFE Centre international
de formation européenne

**April 25-17, 2016
1st Spetses Youth Cup**

By the Association of Football
Clubs of Argolis, the Football
Club of Spetses “Bouboulina”
and AKSS



ANARGYRIOS AND KORGIALENIOS SCHOOL OF SPETSES
8th Panhellenic Conference of Small Islands, April 2016



8^ο Πανελλήνιο Συνέδριο Μικρών Νησιών

Η Βιωσιμότητα των κοινοτήτων των μικρών νησιών

Σπέτσες 15,16,17 Απριλίου 2016



Υπό την αιγίδα:



Με την Συνεργασία:



- ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΟΜΟΣΠΟΝΔΙΑ ΜΙΚΡΩΝ ΝΗΣΙΩΝ ESIN
- ΔΙΚΤΥΟ ΝΗΣΙΩΤΙΚΩΝ ΕΠΙΜΕΛΗΤΗΡΙΩΝ THE IE - INSULEUR
- ΠΑΡΑΤΗΡΗΤΗΡΙΟ ΠΟΛΙΤΩΝ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΕΙΦΟΡΟ ΑΝΑΠΤΥΞΗ - CISD
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“Πραγματοποιήθηκε στις εγκαταστάσεις της ΑΚΣΣ, στις Σπέτσες το 8^ο Πανελλήνιο Συνέδριο Μικρών Νησιών με την συμμετοχή δεκάδων προσκεκλημένων εκπροσώπων της Ευρωπαϊκής Επιτροπής, του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου, της Κυβέρνησης, των συναρμόδιων υπουργείων, των δήμων και περιφερειών, εκπροσώπων της ακαδημαϊκής Κοινότητας, του επιχειρηματικού, πολιτιστικού και κοινωνικού κόσμου των μικρών νησιών.

Το συνέδριο συνδιοργανώθηκε από το Ελληνικό Δίκτυο Μικρών Νησιών, την Εθνική Συνομοσπονδία Ατόμων με Αναπηρία και τον Δήμο Σπετσών. Την αιγίδα τους έθεσαν η Ευρωπαϊκή Επιτροπή (ΕΟΚΕ), η Βουλή των Ελλήνων και το καθ' ύλην αρμόδιο Υπουργείο Ναυτιλίας και Νησιωτικής Πολιτικής. Το συνέδριο στήριξαν επίσης το INSULEUR, το CISD, ο ΕΟΑΕΝ και η Ευρωπαϊκή Ομοσπονδία Μικρών Νησιών.

Όλες οι συνεδρίες έγιναν στις αίθουσες συνεδριάσεων της ΑΚΣΣ, καθώς επίσης στις εγκαταστάσεις της σχολής φιλοξενήθηκε το σύνολο των συμμετεχόντων. Το κτιριακό συγκρότημα της ΑΚΣΣ, ο τεχνικός εξοπλισμός του, το ανθρώπινο δυναμικό της σχολής, η δυνατότητες παροχής γευμάτων και πρωινών αλλά και η πολύ βολική θέση των εγκαταστάσεων συντέιναν τα μέγιστα, ώστε όλοι οι καλεσμένοι να φύγουν από τις Σπέτσες με τις καλύτερες των εντυπώσεων..”

Λευτέρης Κεχαγιόγλου, Πρόεδρος ΔΣ Ελληνικό Δίκτυο Μικρών Νησιών Αντιπρόεδρος Ευρωπαϊκής Ομοσπονδίας Μικρών Νησιών Μέλος Συμβούλιο Νησιωτικής Πολιτικής.

**EPIET/EUPHEM introductory
course**



**18 Sep – 16 Oct 2016
Organized by: ECDC**



 **FEBS Advanced Course on Lipids**

September 1-8 2016

Lectures covered the following topics:

- *Lipids and Golgi Function*
- *Lipids and Membrane Traffic*
- *Lipids and Organelle Function*
- *Lipid-Protein Interactions and Organelle Function: towards Systems Biology*





ITN-WALL Marie Curie School on Domain Walls and Spintronics

September 12-17 2016

The WALL Summer School on magnetic domain walls and spintronics aimed at introducing to participants to recent advances in magnetic domain



wall dynamics, with special focus on interfacial and spin-orbit interactions, creep regime dynamics, effects of disorder, and electric field and light induced domain wall motion. The school included lectures of interdisciplinary fields which could relate to domain wall dynamics, such as synthetic antiferromagnets, topological insulators and skyrmions.

<http://www.itn-wall.eu/schools/second-school-on-domain-wall-motion-and-spintronics-sept-2016/>

9-11 September, 27th Annual Reunion of the European Group of Public Law



EPLO
European Public Law
Organization

*"Rights across Borders:
Citizenship and Immigration in
Europe/ Droits sans frontières:
Citoyenneté et Immigration en
Europe"*



The immigration, one of the crucial problems that along with the economic crisis and “Brexit” are testing these days the consistency of the European Union, was the subject of a conference organized on Spetses island of Greece by the European Group of Public Law (EGPL), which serves as the EPLO scientific advisory body, during its 27th anniversary Reunion. (The EGPL was formed in 1989).The conference on the subject “Rights across Borders: Citizenship and Immigration in Europe” was held at the premises of the Anargyreios Korgialeneios School, on September 9 and 10, 2016, with the participation of over 150 judges, jurists, law academics and practitioners from around the world, all leading figures in their field.

<http://www1.eplo.eu/event/765>

August 16-24

Molecular Mechanisms of ageing and regeneration; from pluripotency to senescence

Leibniz Institute on Aging

Part of a very successful series of summer schools in AKSS PhD students and Post Doctoral students as well as renown scientist in the field of aging and regenerations assembled in AKSS from August 16 to August 24.

Organisers: Christoph Englert and Julia von Maltzahn (Leibniz Institute on Aging - Fritz Lipmann Institute, Jena, Germany)
Alejandro Sánchez-Alvarado (Howard Hughes Medical Institute & Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Kansas City, USA)

9-10 July 2016

Executive MBA

Athens University of Economics & Business

16-18 June 2016

Human Resources Management

Athens University of Economics & Business

19-26 June 2016

Quantum Metamaterials & Technology

University of Crete

27 June – 3 July 2016

Strongly Correlated Condensed Matters Systems

University of Crete

August 25- September 1st

17th Medical Chemistry Conference

Nobelist J. Watson, University of Patras

Post Graduate Program, Medical Chemistry: Drug Discovery and Design, UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS, Department of Chemistry and Pharmacy

- “Molecular Biology-Genomics Session”
- “Medical Chemistry Session”



CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN JUVILEE OF THE 1ST MOLECULAR BIOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL IN AKSS



In celebration of the 50 year anniversary of the first Molecular Biology summer school in AKSS, a special event took place, August 30 2016, under the auspices of the President of the Hellenic Republic, honoring the great scientist, noble laureate of Medicine & Physics, and philhellene, James Watson.

J. Watson in the classroom where in 1966 made his presentation. Mr. Chatziperos, Mr Lyrakis & Prof. Matsoukas.

In the idyllic forest where the outdoor amphitheater is located, younger and older participants, students of the University of Patras and the Head of their delegation, Prof. John Matsoukas, scientists from abroad, political representatives of the Hellenic Republic and artists honored the 88year old Nobelist, who came back in the island and the School after 50 years. The celebration was under the aegis of the President of the Hellenic Republic.



J. Watson's salutation. Open air theater AKSS.

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30-08-2016 SALUTATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF ANARGYREIOS AND KORGIALENEIOS SCHOOL OF SPETSES, MR FINTIKAKIS

"I am found here today on behalf of the Executive Committee of a FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, in my capacity as President of AKSS, in which distinguished members of the Greek Scientific Community and the school's alumni take part.

Among the arts and science served by its alumni, I wish to put special emphasis on Architecture, which I represent internationally, and which was honored by the Xenakis brothers Iannis, Kosmas (architects) and Jason (philosopher). The Xenakis brothers developed innovative constructive methods by tying music and architecture with maths and physics, searching environment and nature for the "Ideal and fair Society" Plato speaks in his "REPUBLIC", as you can see in the last slide.

I wish to stress the interconnection of shapes in BIOLOGY, ARCHITECTURE and ART, with the form of DNA, Frank Gerry's Architecture and TATLIN's sculpting, which is a monument of the "Second International" for a fairer human society.

I salute this event, whose goal is to revive AKSS as a FOUNDATION OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE. This event takes place here, in the environment of the pine forest of AKSS, which constitutes the synergy between content and shape- as foresaid- and contributes to the development of the Dialectic via conferences and events. AKSS should become a pivotal engine for this development and a pole of social cohesion for the citizens of Spetses, as well as a reference point for assembly, dialogue and education and important tourist-cultural center in synergy with the Greek and the International Community.

Only a few days ago I met with the Manager of the Library of Alexandria, on the occasion of my participation as a judge in the International Competition "Science City" at the Pyramids of EGYPT. We discussed the possibility of signing a co-operation Agreement on matters of EDUCATION and CULTURE. Main instrument of success is the "Lob der Dialektik", from the poem of Brecht "Wer zu Hause bleibt", which was one of the creations inspiring the Xenakis brothers for "the development of the view of the active spectator" for the foundation and the society of Spetses. This is the best way to depict the vision of Eleftherios Venizelos, and of the great benefactor, Sotirios Anargyros".



The President of AKSS, Mr. Fintikakis

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It was a moving night for J. Watson and all those who had the luck to be found there and meet him in person. He was only 25 years of age when he announced, together with F. Crick, the discovery of the double helix, perhaps the most important to Biology of our days. This was presented in 1966 at AKSS in the frame of the summer school of molecular biology, before exceptional representatives of the science.

Upon returning to the same classroom and the same venues that had hosted that special event, Prof. J. Watson elaborated on the importance of this discovery, on contemporary issues and trends of his science, as well as othe impact on his professional and personal life.

In the night of his celebration he was also nominated “Honorary Citizen of Spetses”, upon decision of the Municipality, in the presence of the Major, Mr Lirakis, while he was also welcomed by the President of AKSS, Architect Mr. Fintikakis, the Vice President and Representative of the Prefecture of Attica, Mr Chatziperos, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Panagiotis Kouroumplis. Furthermore, the Chemist Association fo Greece offered him a small sculpture of the double helix.

Moreover, among the special participants in the event were Ruth Padel, great great granddaughter of Darwin, Professor of Poetry and philhellene, who offered a very interesting presentation about the work of Darwin, and the importance of the observation of nature for understanding biology, Dr. Nickolas Moschonas, Professor of Biology and Medical Molecular Genetics, and of course Dr. John Matsoukas, Professor of Chemistry and co-organizer.

Furthermore, Mr. Stathis Leontis, renown sculptor, shared his viewpoint on the evolution of species. The night closed with the music of Mimis Plessas, ATTIKA Orchestra and the Municipal Philharmonic of Peristeri.



Mrs. Ruth Padel



Municipal Philharmonic of Peristeri



The facilities of AKSS

The School extends over about 12 hectares land area, west of the center of Spetses (port), at a distance of approximately 1 km.

The area consists of:

- a) the main complex, with the buildings and sports facilities, which is bounded by the northern coastal city-road, the inner dirt track at the west, the football stadium to the south and the stream to the east, and
- b) from the olive grove to the south and west of the main land.

In addition to the facilities complex and the olive grove, the School grounds include the privately owned forest of the A.K.S.S., in which the open-air theatre (TH) is nestled.

The main buildings of the A.K.S.S. are five three-storey buildings, characterized by the first 5 letters of the Greek alphabet (A-E). Beyond this there are also two outbuildings, the so called "Machinery" or "Boarding" (MC) and the "Oilmill" (OL).

Building A

Building A, is the **central building** of the main complex, also known as a **Dedaktirio (School)**.

It has an area of approximately 1,140m² at the upper floors and about 1.335m² on the ground floor.



On the **ground floor**, there is an elongated **Auditorium** of 130 m² with the capacity of

150 people, suitably equipped to meet the demands of modern conferences, seminars and summer schools.

The interior of the Auditorium the audio-visual technical facilities and staff services, define it as one of the most remarkable



centres which organize scientific and training activities in Greece. On the same floor, you can find the **Restaurant**, which offers flavours of local Greek cuisine to our guests and wonderful sea view. During the seminars and the conferences, the guests can be served by a **Canteen**.

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On the **first and second floor of Building A**, there are **Classrooms** with different capacities, designed with quality and character and capable of an internal connection to the Amphitheatre

(teleconference). In addition, **special Offices** are offered to facilitate the work of the managers and staff of each seminar.



More specifically, the first floor includes:

- three large classrooms (one was an old library) of 77 m² to 65 m² each
- five medium-sized rooms 56 m² to 45 m²
- four offices ~ 25-30 m² each
- two small offices ~ 16 m² each

The second floor includes:

- A small amphitheatre of the Physics department, 65 m² ~ 30 seats.
- A plenary room (144 m²)
- A large training room (88 m²)
- Two large classrooms, one 77 m² and 65 m².
- Three medium-sized classrooms 56 m² to 45 m².



Chemistry lab

- A fully equipped chemistry lab 47 m².
- Four offices ~ 25-30 m² each

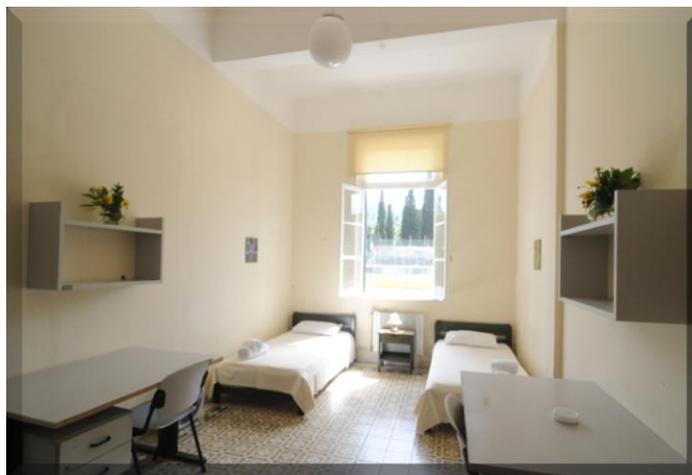
The rooms are developed on either side of a large 4.35 m wide corridor and the vertical communication is achieved via three staircases and a lift.

Particulars of the classrooms are as follows:

| Classrooms in Building A and their dimensions | | | | |
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| | <i>Number</i> | <i>Dimensions m x m</i> | <i>Remarks</i> | |
| Classrooms | BUILDING A | | | |
| | 1 | 7.20 x 19.80 | Utilised as plenary room | |
| | 1 | 10.20 x 7.30 | | |
| | 1 | 10.35 x 7.35 | | |
| | 1 | 8.80 x 7.35 | | |
| | 1 | 7.20 x 9.00 | | |
| | 2 | 7.30 x 6.35 | | |
| | 1 | 8.90 x 6.35 | | |
| | Total number of classrooms = 8 | | | |

Building B

In the bright open space of the neoclassical Building B the Anargyrios and Korgialenios School of Spetses as prestigious boarding school has been providing services during the past decades. It has since been renovated and now houses resident facilities for our guests.



Double room – Building B

Building B operates exclusively as a place of hospitality for visitors, offering a total of 33 rooms of varying capacity (6 of them have private bathrooms and all the others have shared bathrooms). In particular, the ground floor includes 9 rooms (4 double rooms and 5 double to quadruple rooms) and the first and second floor of the Building, 16 rooms each (double and quadruple rooms) with corresponding air-conditioning system and sanitation requirements, aiming to ergonomics and comfort. In addition, Building B has a newly equipped Utility Room, for daily service to guests.



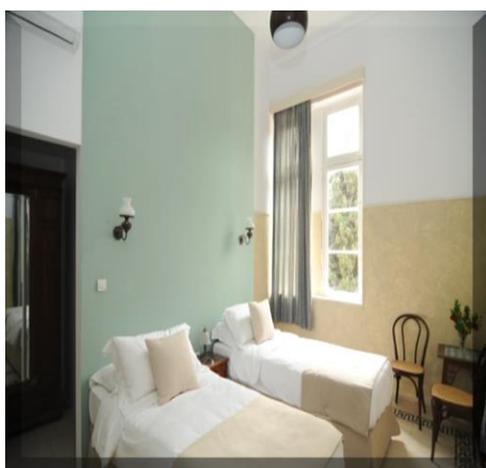
Building B - Entrance

Building C

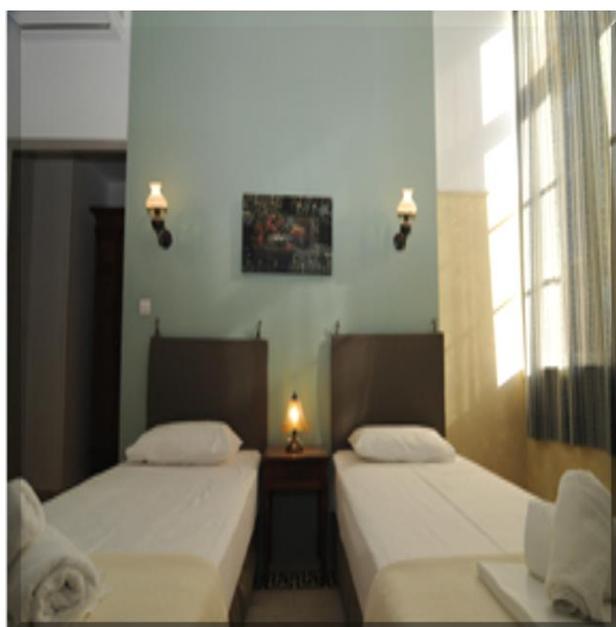
Building C, having recently undergone full renovation, provides 28 single rooms (4 of them have a bunk bed plus), 10 double rooms, offering on 2 floors a luxurious resident hall for the guests, all rooms equipped with air conditioning.



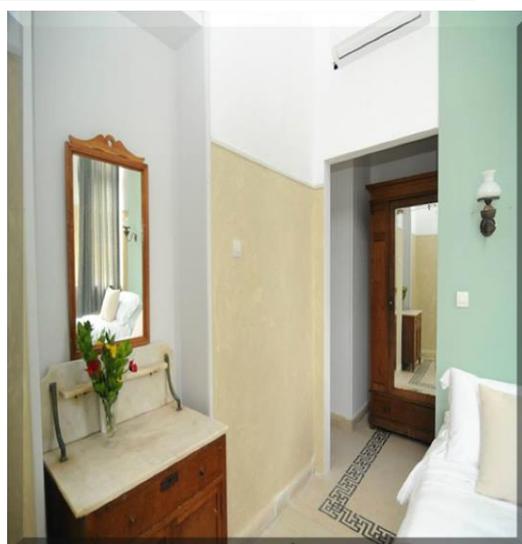
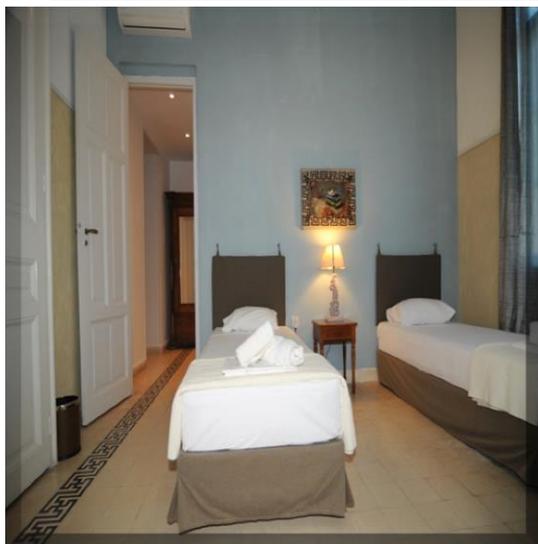
Single room - Building C



Double Rooms-Building B



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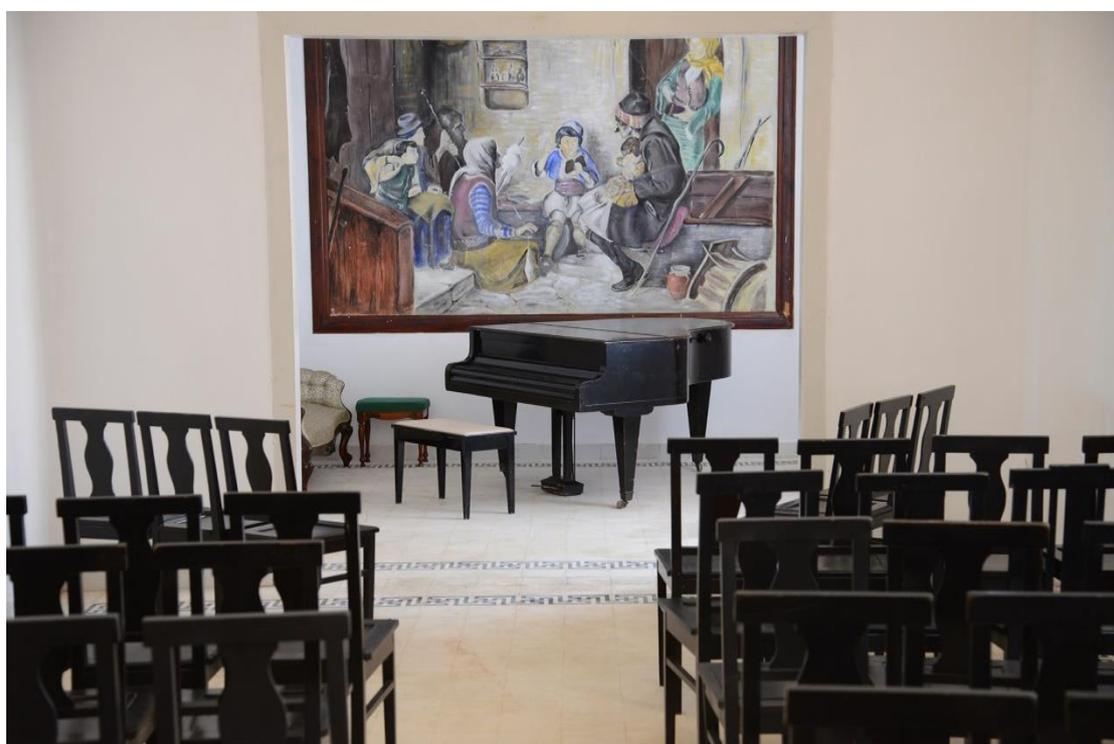
*In Building C of the complex of the School, the **Library** is situated; It contains a great collection of 5,000 old versioned books.*

In Building C of the complex of the School, the visitor can find the conference hall of the New Executive Board, furnished with genuine items from the home of S. Anargyros. The hall was renovated for use in its meetings held there, which are open for the public. This initiative seeks the participation of all representatives of the community of Spetses.

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Nearby, one finds the exhibition hall with a collection of the personal items of the founder, constituting important relics. The personal grand piano of the founder is available in the "Europe" room, which, having a capacity for more than 70 persons, is used for hosting special events.

On the ground floor, the visitor can also find the Library of the Alumni, as well as the Historical Library of AKSS, which contains a great collection of 5,500 old edition books. The reader has the opportunity to leaf through rare and important books of Greek – French & English Literature, to study classical literature, and to indulge in such fields as geography, Educational Studies, History, Classical Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Medicine, and reference material (encyclopaedias, dictionaries and old magazines).



*Parts of
the
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C*



Open space areas



The estate has an area of approximately 2.300 acres, including buildings and the forest area.

The main entrance to the estate is situated on the coastal city road, along the axis of Building A



The garden has an area of 26 acres. It surrounds the school-buildings and diversifies from the rest of the landscape that is recognized as either rural (grove) or as "natural" (the forest).

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The landscape of the garden (narrow walls, paths, pebble-paths, etc.) creates an idyllic atmosphere for the guest



The ground material is mainly soil. Since this material is also the ground of the "rural" (olive farms) and "natural" (pine forest) landscapes of Spetses.

Admiring the forest surrounding of the complex of Anargyrios Korgialenios School Spetses, the visitor can discover our open-air theatre with a capacity of about 1.200 people.



Sports in our Facilities

Nestled in the lush surroundings of pine where the Faculty stands, our guests have access to basketball, football, tennis and volleyball courts, all with a special spirit of beauty and tradition, as the athlete enjoys the natural landscape in combination with the physical exercise.



The football stadium, recently paved with artificial grass, is in excellent condition. It also features bleachers, locker rooms, and high powered lighting for night games. The remaining sports grounds are well maintained.



Visitors to AKSS, however, are not bound to the land. We are golden sponsors of the Yacht Club of Spetses, which operates in our facilities. Hence, our visitors can enjoy sailing cruises, races, and even take sailing lessons.



