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Program of the 21th Annual Meeting

Athens (Greece), 15 – 19 October 2025

Main Topic:

Schisms between East and West: Historical, Systematic, and Canonical Approaches

Venue: Metropolis of Peristeri, Chalkokondili 29, 12135 Peristeri, Greece

Hotel: Crystal City Hotel, Achileos 4, 10437 Athens

[Please use the metro from the airport (M 3), change at 'Syntagma' station to the red line (M 2), direction Anthoupoli, and leave it at metro station 'Metaxourghio'; those who feel unable to use public transport may ask for transfer at the Metropolis]

Wednesday, 15 October

- 15:00 h Bus transfer from the hotel
- 15:30 h Visit of Monastery of Daphni (optional)
- 17:00 h Second option for transfer from the hotel to the venue
- 17:30 h **Opening plenary**
Greetings: Metropolitan Grigorios (Papathomas), Archbishop Michel Jalakh
Presentation of Irenaeus Group: Assaad Elias Kattan, Johannes Oeldemann
Lecture: Dimitrios Moschos, *Humbert of Silva Candida, the reforms of the 11th century and the schism of 1054*
- 19:00 h Reception
- 20:00 h Dinner

Thursday, 16 October

- 8:15 h Bus transfer from the hotel
- 8:30 h Morning prayer (Catholic): in the plenary room

9:00 h	Plenary Schisms between East and West: What happened in 1204? Andrea Riedl (main paper) – 30-40 min. Anna Briskina-Müller (response) – 10 min.
10:45 h	Coffee / Tea
11:15 h	Towards a typology of schism <i>Catholic perspective:</i> Hervé Legrand – 30 min. <i>Orthodox perspective:</i> Vladan Perišić – 30 min.
13:00 h	Lunch
14:30 h	Coffee / Tea
15:00 h	Language Groups
16:30 h	Coffee / Tea
17:00 h	Plenary: Results from the Language Groups
18:30 h	Reception
19:30 h	Orthodox Vespers (Chapel of the Metropolis)
20:00 h	Dinner

Friday, 17 October

7:45 h	Bus transfer from the hotel
8:00 h	Orthodox Liturgy (Chapel of the Metropolis)
9:30 h	Plenary Schism according to Canonical Sources <i>Orthodox perspective:</i> Metropolitan Grigorios Papathomas – 45 min.
10:45 h	Coffee / Tea
11:15 h	<i>Catholic perspective:</i> Astrid Kaptijn – 45 min.
12:30 h	Meeting of Catholic and Orthodox members (preparing elections)
13:00 h	Lunch
14:30 h	Coffee / Tea
15:00 h	Language Groups
16:30 h	Coffee / Tea
17:00 h	Plenary Meeting (online) with the new Catholic co-president; agreement on dates for meetings in 2026 and 2027
17:30 h	Results from the Language Groups
19:00 h	Election of new members

19:30 h Orthodox Vespers (Chapel of the Metropolis)
20:00 h Dinner

Saturday, 18 October

8:30 h Bus transfer from the hotel
9:00 h Plenary
Schisms between East and West: St Photius of Constantinople and the Problem of Schism in the Ninth Century
Marcus Plested (main paper) – 30-40 min.
Pablo Argárate (response) – 10 min.
10:45 h Coffee / Tea
11:15 h Language Groups
13:00 h Lunch
14:00 h Coffee / Tea
14:30 h **Plenary:** Comments by the Young Observers and Discussion of the First Draft of the Communiqué
16:00 h Coffee / Tea
16:15 h **Final Plenary:** Approval of the Communiqué
18:00 h Bus transfer to the city
18:30 h Holy Mass in the Catholic Cathedral: Basilica of St. Dionysius the Areopagite, 24 Panepistimiou & 9 Omirou Street, 106 72 Athens
20:00 h Festive Dinner in the restaurant „Dionysos” near the Acropolis

Sunday, 19 October

7:15 h Bus transfer from the hotel
9:00 h Holy Liturgy in Corinth
Reception by the Metropolitan
11:00 h Visit of archeological sites of Apostle Paul
13:00 h Lunch
15:00 h Bus transfer to Epidauros
16:00 h Visit of the Ancient theatre of Epidauros
17:00 h Bus transfer to Athens (arrival there around 19:00 h)

Website Irenaeus Group:

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