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European Researchers' Night 2014

The Centre for Research and Technology Hellas coordinator in the European Researchers' Night in Thessaloniki

People of all ages inundated the Warehouse C of the Port of Thessaloniki on Friday the 26th September, where **the Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH) coordinated for one more year the European Researcher's Night in Thessaloniki**. During the night lots of people had the opportunity to participate through a scientific exhibition in a variety of interactive experiments, happenings and discussions in issues related to smart cities, clean energy, the environment, robotic applications, health, safety on the road, infotainment, culture, nutrition and many more.

More specifically, the citizens of Thessaloniki saw the smart vehicles of the future, observed the DNA of many organisms, explored their talent in pottery with the help of virtual reality, trained in safe driving techniques, chatted with the robot assistant, competed in the reflections-interactive wall, met the researchers of CERTH and discussed with them on various current issues and solutions that research and technology can provide to everyday problems. At children's corner young visitors had the opportunity to understand in an easy and pleasant way the various aspects of research, through children's shows, interactive games, paintings and many more activities.

Mr. Giannis Boutaris, Mayor of the City of Thessaloniki participated in many research activities during the Night strengthening the ties between the general public and the researchers. At the same time during the speeches session, Mr. Dimitris Lakassas, President of Alexandria Innovation Zone, spoke of Innovation and Internationalization as the key growth driver of a society, while the Principal Researcher and Deputy Director of the Hellenic Institute of Transport Ms. Georgia Ayfantopoulou talked about the intelligent transport systems within cities, and the use of new technologies in citizen's daily runs. Mr. Anagnostis Argyriou, researcher at the Institute of Applied Biosciences of CERTH, highlighted the opportunities created by the developments in new genomic technologies regarding the creation of new products and services and then Ms. Stella Balomenou, researcher at the Chemical Process and Energy Resources Institute of CERTH presented production and energy storage technologies for space applications.

The night came to its end with the music-scientific event: "The Street Value of Science", where Thanasis Konstantopoulos CERTH, with the musical accompaniment of one of the most dynamic Blues-Rock groups in Europe "Nick Dounoussis and the Backbone", analyzed current research topics and came in lively dialogue with the people.