



**THE 6<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN SENSORY INTEGRATION CONGRESS (ESIC)**

*Thessaloniki, Greece*

**June 20, 2019**

*Pre-Congress Institute*

**Blending Sensory Integration with Other Approaches**

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**June 21- 22, 2019**

*Main Congress Proceedings*

**Congress Theme: *Translating Sensory Processing into Quality of Life  
in Various Environments***

*Hosted by: The Hellenic Scientific Society for Sensory Integration*

*Venue: Makedonia Palace Hotel, Thessaloniki*

*In an era where people were mostly preoccupied with the architecture of some supposedly disengaged perceptual and rational abilities, Ayres visionary mindset was set on exploring the body's engagement with the world.*

*The Sensory Integration framework is a participatory perspective on humans' activity in daily life. The focus of this year's congress will be on how sensory processing translates into everyday activities and Quality of Life.*

**COME AND LEARN & EXPERIENCE QUALITY OF LIFE IN  
THESSALONIKI, WITH US!**



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### Main Conference Presenters

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### *WELCOME TO THESSALONIKI*

*Thessaloniki (also familiarly known as Thessalonica, Salonica, or Salonika) is the second-largest city in Greece, with over 1 million inhabitants in its metropolitan area, and the capital of the administrative region of Central Macedonia. The city is often referred to as “the co-capital”.*

*It is a city that is located on the Thermaic Gulf of the Aegean Sea. It is Greece's second major economic, industrial, commercial and political centre; it is a major transportation hub for Greece and southeastern Europe, notably through the Port of Thessaloniki.*

*It is home to numerous notable Byzantine monuments, including the Paleochristian and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as well as several Roman, Ottoman and Sephardic Jewish structures.*

*The city is renowned for its festivals, events and vibrant cultural life in general, and is considered to be Greece's cultural capital. It is noted that it has the most cafes and bars per capita of any city in Europe; and as having some of the best nightlife and entertainment in the country, thanks to its large young population and multicultural feel.*

*Lonely Planet listed Thessaloniki among the world's “ultimate party cities”. Among street photographers, the center of Thessaloniki is also considered the most popular destination for street photography in Greece.*

*For more information about the city and the surrounding area please go to the **official city link:** <https://thessaloniki.travel/en/>.*

*Congress Website: [www.esic2019.eu](http://www.esic2019.eu)*