

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear colleagues and prospective “Dynamics of Nonequilibrium XIV International Crete Symposium” participants.

First of all, I would personally like to apologize for any upset and inconvenience caused to the smooth organization of this year’s meeting.

On top, and on behalf of the MITOS Team that has been supporting as a professional PCO the successful outcome of this conference series since 2019, I would like to express our sincere regret and honest understanding of your reactions for which MITOS should be the last to be held accountable.

Thus, this announcement aims at presenting the FACTS (corresponding documents are available on request) under which this meeting is currently ON HOLD.

- Going back to the summer of 2025, and following last year’s successful meeting, we were assigned by the meeting chair (Prof. M. Rafailov) to negotiate with and book the next meeting of 2026 at the same venue Hotel (Nana Royal), which we processed immediately.
- In the following period and up to the beginning of March 2026, the MITOS Team worked closely with Prof. Rafailov and under his guidance and instructions, developing the corresponding meeting website (still up and running) through which, in common international practice, prospective participants received clear scientific and technical details regarding all aspects of a professional planning as we have continued to do as the sole PCO for this series over the last few years.
- On March 18 2026 and in the middle of final deliberations we were notified by Prof. Rafailov that he was “rescheduling the event at another place and time”.
- Further to this announcement and despite a number of contacts from our site explaining that such a move not only puts the meeting at stake and all activities on hold, as MITOS, in line with current EU and Greek law is the only legitimate PCO that can organize this year’s meeting at the said venue and period booked months in advance, Prof. Rafailov approached another local PCO misleading them, and even more important, all prospective participants, that the meeting will take place at the same place and period . Even more, he has been urging all participants to contact the new PCO stating a profound unsubstantiated claim that the meeting will take place at Nana Royal Hotel under the new PCO, which is a false and deliberately misleading statement.
- In contrast of the above, MITOS remains the ONLY legitimate PCO for this meeting at the said venue and period having already:

- A legal contract with the Hotel
- Paid a corresponding deposit
- Submitted to the venue and all adjacent hotels, rooming lists of participants who have trusted MITOS for their accommodation. Verification can be made by a direct inquiry to the booked hotel.
 - As you may realize, over the last couple of weeks, all the above has caused a serious disruption and upset towards a smooth meeting organization which forced us to initiate legal actions against Prof. Rafailov and the “new” PCO for circulating deliberate misleading and false information to respectful innocent participants. Under this legal action, MITOS is seeking compensation for any damage caused to participants and Hotel including its own prestige and reputation. As the result of our legal moves, the “new” PCO has retracted their previous announcements referring to Nana Royal as the meeting venue.

In conclusion, MITOS hereby apologizes for any inconvenience, confusion and upset caused until now. In as far as we are concerned, the conference organization process is alive, honoring your trust to our almost 40-year professional experience and integrity, and we may not be held liable for any damages caused to participants or the venue Hotel related to the meeting cancelation at the said venue and time.

Looking forward to resuming business as planned.

Sincerely,

The MITOS PCO Team

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