



**Opening Ceremony Schedule**  
**Round Table with Institutions and Policy Makers**  
**Municipal Theatre of Mytilene, 23 May 2016 - 18.00**

*14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA):  
Niss(i)ology and Utopia: back to the roots of Island Studies*  
*organized by the University of the Aegean in cooperation with the Excellence Network of  
Island Universities (RETI)*

18.00: Opening of doors – arrival of participants

18.30 – 19.00 Greetings

- I. Spilanis– T. Kizos, University of the Aegean, Organizing Committee
- G. Baldacchino, University of Malta, President of ISISA
- N. Zouros, University of the Aegean, Vice president of the Council
- E. Tzimis, Vice-Mayor of Lesvos
- C. Kalogirou, Head of North Aegean Region
- I. Gianellis, General Secretary for Aegean and Insular Policy

19.00 – 20.45 Round Table: **“Insular Policy Makers and Academia”**, Coordinator: M. Biggi, economist, island expert

Participants:

- T Picula (HR), Member of the European Parliament, representative of islands in the Committee of Sea, Islands, Rivers and Coastal Areas
- Pierre Jean Coulon, member of the European Economic and Social Committee, President of the section on Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and Information Society
- D. Gakis, Member of the Greek Parliament, Head of the subcommittee of Island and Mountain Areas of the Special Permanent Regional Committee of the Greek Parliament
- G. Benetos, President of European Insular Chambers – INSULEUR
- Th. Kalogridis, Head of the Chamber Society for the Development of Greek Islands (EOAEN)
- E. Kechagioglou, President of the Greek Network of Small Islands (EDMN) and vice president of the European Small Island Network (ESIN)
- A. Xatzibiros, Coordinator of Islands Commission - Conference of Coastal and Peripheral Regions of the EU (CRPM)

20.45 – 21.00 ISISA Scholarships award ceremony

21.00 Dinner