



**Change is coming!**

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**Athens Science Festival 2019  
Τεχνόπολη Δήμου Αθηναίων**

***Change... came for 20.000 visitors  
of ASF 2019 at Technopolis!***

***140 research, academic, educational organizations | 103 different interactive exhibits | 70 labs for kids | 33 workshops for adults | 25 talks | 3 competitions | Art Exhibition | Documentaries | Concerts Stand Up Science | Events for every age!***

One more exiting [Athens Science Festival](#) has concluded with great success! The 6<sup>th</sup> Science and Innovation Festival drew the interest of 20.000 visitors, who filled [Technopolis-City of Athens](#) last week. For 5 whole days, many students of every age came in contact with science through multiple activities, and the Technopolis became whom to 140 research, academic and educational organizations, 103 different interactive exhibits, 70 labs for kids, 33 workshops, 25 talks, 3 Competitions, and a variety of events for every age!

The charismatic and internationally acclaimed speakers impressed the crowds that filled the main venue. The American NASA astronaut **Clay C. Anderson**, took us on a journey beyond Earth and took us on a tour the International Space Station (ISS) with exciting stories of his personal experiences. The ever-resilient French explorer of human adaptability **Christian Clot** intrigued us with his study conclusions, while British **Alexander Fefengha**, highlight the ethical questions surrounding the invasion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our daily lives.

For the second straight year, the program included Scico's innovative «**Celebrity Science**» event: The comedian Zissis Roumbos, tv presenter **Mary Sinatsaki** and famous YouTuber **Mikeius** talked with renowned scientists and...opened a new avenue of knowledge for visitors of every age and background.

With this year's motto being "**Change is Coming**", the contribution of **the Ministry of Environment and Energy** (co-organizer of the 6<sup>th</sup> Athens Science Festival) was invaluable. The Ministry curated a series of talks with "bioeconomy" as a common theme- an issue that will become a key pillar of development for our country in the coming years. At the same time, this creative collaboration led to this year's Festival hosting more than 17 labs for kids focused on environmental protection.

Of course, the Art and Science Exhibition impressed young and old alike for another year! Visitors to the amazing interactive installation **Relax and Release** by **Kimatica Studios** and the **British Council** experienced a modern digital allegory. Visitors that picked up the old telephone device of the **OTE Group Telecommunications** uncovered fascinating information about the past and prehistoric recycling. Going out into the main courtyard, visitors could admire the special sculptures by **Nikos Zivas**. Old sneakers were upcycled into creative artistic creations by George Samaras, and visitors tried on the original clothing designed by the **Athens Fashion Club**, reusing every-day objects.

Just a little, but vital knowledge of Synthetic Biology was necessary to stop people from drinking contaminated water that had polluted the Earth. Most of the visitors of the Festival were able to uncover the mechanism that would allow them to locate the poisoned water and... escape just in time from the American laboratory "**Escape Room**" created with the support of the **U.S. Embassy Athens**.

The invisible exhibition «Czech Innovation Expo» organized by the **Czech Centre Athens** impressed visitors who had the opportunity to learn about the contributions of Czech scientists through an original, interactive and innovative setting of black symbols resembling hieroglyphics. An augmented reality (AR) app for smartphones and tablets turned the symbols into 3D objects moving in front of the visitors' eyes, taking them on a fascinating scientific journey.

World famous companies established after WWI, like Skoda, Jawa, Tatra, Koh-i-noor or Bata, that created objects we use every day, like contact lenses, as well as modern technologies-like Awast and Kiwi, were some of the Czech institutions that visitors discovered in this unique exhibition.

SustChem, supporting the work of the **Hellenic Association of Chemical Industries** and **Ravago Greece**, created an interactive version of the periodic table- in honour of the 150 years since its creation by Russian chemist Dmitri Mendeleev. Thousands of visitors were given the opportunity to learn about the chemical elements making up this huge table, in its first visit to the **Athens Re-Science Festival**, learn about their properties and see how chemistry is inextricably present in our every-day lives.

Of course, the organizations overseen by the **General Secretariat of Research and Technology** could not be absent from this celebration of science- research and technological institutions that took us on a journey to the magical world of science by

presenting unique applications, experiments and innovative scientific discoveries. ASF 2019 saw the participation of the research institutions N.C.S.R. “Demokritos” RC “Athena” FORTH, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, National Observatory of Athens, National Hellenic Research Foundation and Greek Atomic Energy Commission, B.S.R.C “Alexander Fleming” and the National Centre for Social Research. Many more research centres of universities, schools, scientific unions and educational organizations were also present.

Our favourite **Science Reactors** took the stage with a new Stand up Science, adapted to the Festival’s theme and linked with this year’s Re-Science approach. Re-thinking about a sustainable planed, the won over their enthusiastic and numerous audience once again!

Finally, some of the greatest efforts of science communication were rewarded in the Greek **FameLab** final, which was part of the celebration for 80 years of British Council Greece- impressive young and old. Ermis Zacharopoulos, the Greek Famelab winner, will represent our country in FameLab International this June in the UK!

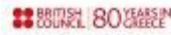
In the Athens **Re-Science** Festival 2019, the public came in contact with science, science became one with games and entertainment and we proved that science can bring change to the way we act, think and live our daily lives!

We renew our rendez-vous for 2020 – where else? – in Technopolis, where anything can happen!**#asf #asf2019**

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