

OA's newly appointed GSA in Australia

Olympic Airlines, the Greek Flag Carrier, is strengthening its offline presence in the region by introducing World Aviation Systems as OA's newly appointed GSA in Australia.

Effective from 1 April 2009, World Aviation Systems will provide all passenger facilities with regards to reservations, ticketing, sales, marketing as well as other commercial services that may be required.

Published fares and special offers will continue to be distributed through all GDS's

and the company's corporate site www.olympicair-

lines.com and will be further supported and communicated by World Aviation Systems.

Kindly be informed that World Aviation Systems has offices throughout Australia (refer to website www.worldaviation.com.au) and the following number is fully dedicated to Olympic Airlines : 1300 086 152.

World Aviation Systems is also pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Helleni Katsaros as the Olympic Airlines Sales and Marketing Manager based in Sydney.

Mrs Katsaros has a considerable travel industry

background and is widely known within the Greek community

Olympic Airlines is the leading carrier of Greece and commenced operations in 1957.

Olympic's extensive network includes 36 domestic destinations within Greece as well as 36 international destinations reaching Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Canada and the United States of America.

We appreciate your support and continued interest in OA and we look forward to improving our long lasting cooperation.

The stage presentation will make all Greeks proud

Exclusive information on the Greek stage presentation are only on oikotimes.com. What we have found out about Sakis' performance on the M o s c o w

Eurovision stage is simply amazing. Let's take it all from scratch though:

After the presentation of the 2009 songs for the national selection and especially after the selection of the entry This Is Our Night there were many saying that "OK the song is strong but it lacks a national element". Greeks been used to the ethnic idea for years (which after all helped the country bring high rankings) is totally out in the 2009 entry tune.

Oikotimes.com can exclusively reveal that the entire choreography has one element which will make every single Greek (within the country and abroad) extremely proud. Unfortunately nothing is allowed to be said on the scenario of the choreography as the Rouvas team embargoed all revelations. The specific element is said to be kept secret also in the preliminary rehearsals and it will be revealed in the dress rehearsals of the second semifinal.

Our view on this is that when this element is aired on TV, Greeks all over Europe will be totally proud to see Sakis on an international stage performing and we can guarantee that. Fokas Evagelinos once again is going to work a true miracle on stage and when you see it you will simply not believe it!



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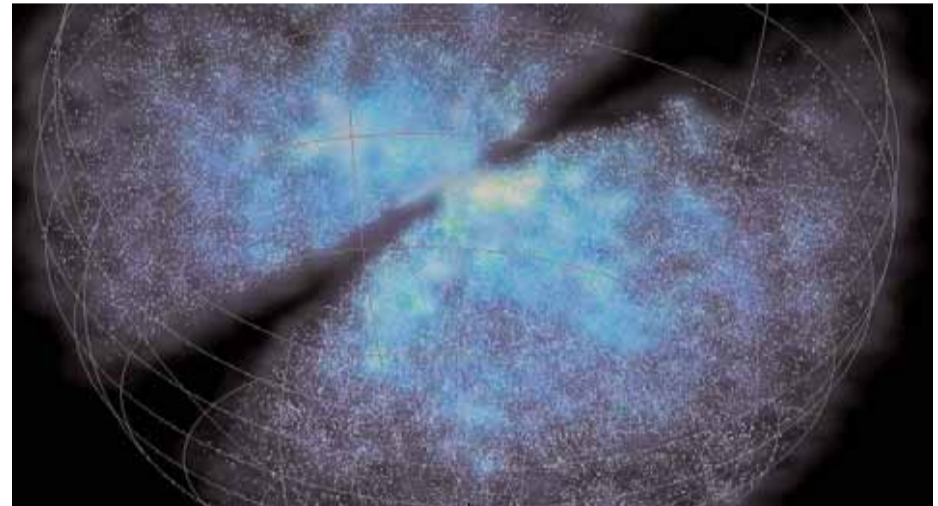
GALAXY SURVEY MAPS WHERE MATTER LURKS

Australian astronomers have just completed the most detailed survey of galaxies in the nearby Universe, which will reveal not only where the galaxies are but also where they're heading, how fast, and why.

"It's like taking a snapshot of wildebeest on the African plains. We can tell which waterholes they're heading to, and how fast they're travelling," said Dr Heath Jones of the Anglo-Australian Observatory (AAO), lead scientist for the Six-Degree Field Galaxy Survey (6dFGS).

Galaxies are tugged around by each other's gravity. By measuring the galaxies' movements, the researchers can map the gravitational forces at work in the local Universe, and so show how matter, seen and unseen, is distributed.

Giant superclusters of galaxies are huge concentrations of mass, but



they can't be weighed accurately by looking at their light alone.

"Light can be obscured, but you can't hide gravity," said Dr Jones.

Results from the survey are being presented today [1 April] at an international meeting in Malaysia by Professor Matthew Colless, Director of the Anglo-Australian Observatory (AAO).

The survey was carried out with the 1.2 m UK Schmidt Telescope, which is operated by the AAO at Siding Spring Observatory in NSW. Broader and shallower than previous comparable surveys – it covered twice as much as sky as the Sloan Digital Sky Survey – it has recorded the positions of more than 110 000 galaxies over more than 80% of the Southern sky, out to about two thousand million light-years from Earth [a redshift of 0.15].

The survey shows strings and clusters of nearby galaxies on large scales in unprecedented detail, and has revealed more than 500 voids – "empty" areas of space with no galaxies.

Disentangling galaxy movements

The special aspect of this survey is that it will let the researchers disentangle two causes of galaxy movements.

As well as being pulled on by gravity, galaxies also ride along with the

overall expansion of the Universe.

For about 10% of their galaxies, the 6dFGS researchers will tease apart these two velocity components – the one associated with the Universe's expansion, and the one representing a galaxy's individual, "peculiar", motion.

"The peculiar velocities collected as part of this survey number more than five times as many as in any previous survey," said Professor Elaine Sadler of the University of Sydney, a 6dFGS team member.

Benchmark for galaxy properties

The survey will also act as a benchmark for studying the properties of galaxies that change over time, Professor Sadler said.

Examples of such properties are how rapidly stars are bursting into life, and how busily giant black holes are chewing them up.

Because light takes time to travel from galaxies in the early Universe, as we look out into the distant Universe we are also looking back into the past. We see distant galaxies as they were at an earlier stage in the history of the Universe.

"To understand how galaxies evolve, we need to understand the properties of those in today's Universe," Professor Sadler said.

"This survey provides a perfect sample of current galaxies."

Patients protest for doctor

KOSTA Gribilas has two people to thank for being alive today. One is Sydney man and organ donor Doujon Zammit, whose heart now beats inside Mr Gribilas.

The other is Greek cardiac surgeon Dr Petros Alivizatos, who performed the transplant operation. Mr Gribilas's debt to the veteran surgeon saw him take to the streets of Athens last week in a highly unusual public protest.

Joined by other patients of Dr Alivizatos, he was seeking to overturn the surgeon's forced retirement. Athens Authorities have pensioned off the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre head because he recently turned 70.

Dr Alivizatos is seeking to stay on and he has the support of past and present patients, who fear his departure will cost lives.

A spokesman for the protesting patients, some weighed down by medical equipment keeping them alive, said: "He is 70-years old but he's in excellent form and he's very much willing to continue."

"We have no objection to somebody else coming in, but this new person has to have at least the same experience."

Mr Gribilas, 32, an Athens journalist, received the heart of Mr Zammit, 20, after the Australian was beaten into a coma while on holiday on the Greek island of Mykonos last July.

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