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**ATHENA INTERNATIONAL OLIVE OIL COMPETITION 2021**  
8-10 April 2021, Lesvos, Greece

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Athena International Olive Oil Competition will take place on the island of Lesvos, Greece, 8-10 April 2021, organizing company Vinetum have announced.

This year's 25-member international jury is made up of judges from Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, the UK and the USA and is expected to evaluate more than 500 samples of extra virgin olive oils from all over the world.

Athena is organized annually in Greece, every year in a different olive oil producing region. The island of Lesvos, Greece's third largest, was chosen because of its long tradition in olive oil production. With more than 11 million olive trees, Lesvos accounts for about 20% of Greece's total olive oil production. Lesvos EVOO has a unique taste profile thanks to the local olive tree varieties, Kolovi and Adramitini.

Jury members will be tasting and assessing olive oils in the main hall of the Industrial Olive Oil Production Museum, located in the municipality of Western Lesvos. It is part of a national network museums funded and run by the Piraeus Bank Group Cultural Foundation.

"Just as long-distance runners aspire to compete in the classic Marathon race or great actors dream of performing at the ancient theater of Epidaurus, passionate olive oil producers from around the world are tempted by the opportunity to have their produce compete in olive oil's birthplace" says Athena's director, Maria Katsouli.

Athena IOOC was launched in 2016 and rapidly gained the trust of olive oil mills for its solid organization and dependable results. It is now considered as one of the top international extra virgin olive oil competitions in the world.