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**The ICSC Greek Committee in RE+D 3rd Symposium
on "Investment Opportunities in Greece"**

International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) for the first time, had a presence in the 3rd International Conference organized by RE+D real estate magazine, on "Investment Opportunities in Greece", which took place on the 29th and the 30th of September, in Grande Bretagne Hotel.

On this occasion, Mr Andrew Tolmie, ICSC member as well as Mr Stephen Pragnell, who also was a guest speaker, came in Greece. Mr Stephen Pragnell is the President of the jury which awards the best Shopping Centers, chair which served for many years Mr Theodore Charagionis, President of ICSC Hellenic National Committee.

Participants had the opportunity to be informed at the ICSC stand about the activities of this International organization. Moreover, they were able to learn more on the international accreditations ICSC provides for Shopping Centers, the upcoming conferences and its training programs. Visitors had also the opportunity to discover ICSC publications, through which valid information regarding the contemporary trends of the Shopping Centers industry, is communicated to the Shopping centers' stakeholders.

There was vivid interest in ICSC and its activities and there were many inquiries on the benefits and on how to become a member of ICSC, thus member of the Hellenic National Committee.

Symposium Attendees' inquiries on ICSC are a valid proof of the ever-greening attention the industry of Shopping Centers is gaining in Greece, as well as the increasing role of the ICSC in the Greek Market, since the National Committee consists the only legally certified body for the shopping centers industry in Greece. Proof of this great development, the industry of Shopping Centers is experiencing in the Southeastern Europe, is also witnessed by the focus ICSC European Office has given to this region.

It's worth mentioning that Charagionis Group undertook the initiative to found the National Committee of ICSC in Greece in 2007 and that Mr Theodore Charagionis is the President of the Committee having years of experience as a member of ICSC International Council and as a president of the ICSC awards committee, which controls and awards annually the best European shopping centers.