"AFGLC FORUM '99"
"Creation and Support of University-Based Interdisciplinary Centers of Hellenic Studies (ICHS)"

Fourth Annual "AFGLC Gala Event '99"
March 6, '99, 7:00 p.m. - 12
Hyatt Regency Hotel

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March 5-6, 1999
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PROGRAM
Friday - March 5, 1999

9:00 am - Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

10:00 am - Opening Remarks
"AFGLC and the ICHS Concept"
Prof. Chris P. Tsokos
Department of Mathematics, USF

10:00 am - 10:45 am
Welcome Invocation
His Grace Bishop Iacovos of Catania
"Strategies to Support the AFGLC"
Mr. Gus A Stavros, CEO
Pelam Investments, Inc

Greetings from the University of South Florida
The Honorable Betty Castor
President, USF
Prof. S. David Stamps
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USF
"Support of ICHS as a Center of Excellence at USF"
Mr. Daniel Ruth, Columnist
The Tampa Tribune

10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
"Starting an ICHS at USF: Working from our Strengths"
Prof. William M. Murray
Department of History, USF
"Hellenism in Israel and Jordan and USF's Excavation in Sepphoris in Palestine"
Prof. James Strange
Department of Religious Studies, USF

"Local Resources for a Program in Classical Greek Art and Archeology"
Prof. Suzanne P. Murray
Department of Humanities, USF
Coffee Break (15 minutes)

"Teaching Classical Greek at USF"
Prof. John Noonan
Department of Classics, USF
"The American School of Classical Studies: 118 Years of Teaching Hellenism to American University Students"
Prof. Stephen V. Tracy
Chairman of the Managing
Committee of the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece
Professor of Greek, Ohio State University

"Hellenism, The Tarpon Springs Center of SPJC and the Potential for Cooperation with USF"
Provost Hick M. Billiris
Tarpon Springs Center
St. Petersburg Junior College

"Teaching Hellenism with the Perseus Project Database: How it Might Work at USF"
Ms. Maria Daniels
Visual Collections Curator
The Perseus Project, Tufts University

"One Hundred Years of Hellenism through Classical Archeology The AIA and America's Universities"
Prof. Nancy Wilkie
President, Archeological Institute of America,
Department of Classics, Carleton College

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

Round Table Discussion: The ICHS and the Classical Civilization Program"
Father Stanley Harakas
Department of Religious Studies, Courtesy Member, USF
Former Dean of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Dr. John Anton
Distinguished Professor of Greek Philosophy, USF

AND

Chris Tsokos, Gus A. Stavros, Daniel Ruth, William Murray, Suzanne Murray, John Noonan, Stephen Tracy, Nancy Wilkie, Nick Billiris, James Strange, Maria Daniels

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Lunch

Concluding Remarks
Prof. John Balis
Department of Pathology College of Medicine, USF

"Hellenism: Definitions and Perspectives"
MODERATOR PROP. ANDREAS PALOUMPIAS
2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

"The Importance of Hellenic Studies and the AFGLC"
Ms. Catherine Koumarianou
Athens, Greece

"In Support of the Interdisciplinary Centers of Hellenic Studies"
Prof. George Roussas
Dean, College of Arts & Science
University of California at Davis

"Biopolitics-Bioculture-A new Renaissance: Contribution to Hellenism"
Prof. Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis
President
Biopolitics International Organization
Athens, Greece

Round Table Discussion:
"Aspirations, Challenges and Opportunities of Programs in Hellenic Studies"
Prof. Aristotle Michopoulos
Greek Studies Director & Dean
Hellenic College Holy Cross
Orthodox School of Theology

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Sophia Metsakis-Laszlo
Greek Language & Culture
University of South Alabama

Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios
Greek Language & Culture
Stockton State College of New Jersey
AND
Catherine Koumarianou, George Roussas, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, Fani-Marla Tsigakou, Theo Zacharatos

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

Saturday - March 6, 1999

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

"AFGLC & The Bonding Between America & Greece"
In Preparation for the Next Millennium
MODERATOR PROP. CHRIS TSOKOS

"In Support of AFGLC"
Theo Zacharatos
Theo G. Zacharatos & Associates
Royal Oak Michigan

"Rediscovery of Greece" or "From Hellas to Greece"
Dr. Fani-Maria Tsigakou
Curator, Benaki Museum
Athens, Greece

Concluding Remarks:
Prof. Andreas Paloumpis
President Emeritus of Hillsborough Community College
"Greetings from the University of South Florida"
Prof. Thomas J. Tighe
Provost and Executive Vice President
University of South Florida

"The Future U.S.-Greek Relationships and AFGLC"
THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS BURNS - UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO GREECE

"The Interdisciplinary Center of Hellenic Studies at USF and the AFGLC"
The Honorable Alexios G. Christopoulos
Minister, Deputy Chief of the Embassy of Greece to the United States

"Greetings from the State House"
The Honorable Gus M. Bilirakis
Florida House of Representatives

"What is Hellenism? The Diaspora Perspective"
Mr. Chris Tomaras
President Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE)
North & South America, Chicago, Illinois

"New Perspectives for Greek Foreign Cultural Policy"
Dr. Constantinos Dallas
Special Advisor to George A Papandreou
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Athens, Greece

"Support of AFGLC and Its Mission"
Ms. Ourania Lampsidou
Special Advisor to Minister of Culture
Athens, Greece

"On our Support of AFGLC - Aims 8 Objectives"
Ms. Catherine Ferguson
Grand President
Daughters of Penelope, USA

"The Hellenic American Union and AFGLC"
Mr. Evangelos Sorogas
President, American Educators in Greece
Hellenic American Union, Athens, Greece

"Hellenism and Ethnic Interactions in the Post Cold War Era"
Prof. Chris P. Ioannides
Chairman of Faculty
The Zeros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism
Rancho Cordova, California

AFGLC Educational Forum '99 - Conclusions"
PROFESSOR CHRIS P. TSOKOS - PRESIDENT, AFGLC
AFGLC Press Conference

The Honorable Nicholas Burns will answer questions on the "Future Greek-American Relations" along with Minister Alexios G. Christopoulos of the Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C. Members of the Board of Directors of AFGLC will also be available to answer questions.

The President of the Hellenic Republic

It is a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity to congratulate the members of the American Foundation for Greek language and Culture for their significant contribution in preserving and propagating the Greek language and cultural tradition in the United States of America.

This outstanding Foundation, created by an inspired group of distinguished academicians, politicians and businessmen has been highly successful, during the last years, in introducing the distinctive Greek character, spirit and attitude to all those keen to increase their knowledge of Greece through the Greek language. Moreover by fostering a fresh interest in the study of Hellenism, the AFGLC has actively helped in strengthening the intellectual ties between the Greek and the American peoples.

The tireless and multifaceted efforts of the AFGLC in enhancing the study of the Greek language and in offering a wealth of knowledge in the fields of Greek literature, history philosophy art, society and culture reflect, in an exemplary way the ancient ideal of "Paideia", a Greek word so difficult to translate.

Finally I would like to make a special reference to the dedication of the Foundation in introducing modern Greek literature, and particularly the poetic work of our two Nobel laureates and Cavafy.

With these thoughts, I would like to congratulate you once more for your valuable offer and to wish you every success in your noble mission.

CONSTANTINOS STEPHANOPOULOS

"We will be the most effective force in the Americas, now and in the future, to promote Hellenism and our Greek Culture."

AFGLC
May I take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and high esteem for the invaluable contribution of the American Foundation (AFGLC) to the promotion of the principles, values and ideals of the Hellenic heritage in the United States. Through the deep devotion and the unwavering commitment to the Greek language and culture, the American Foundation (AFGLC) has become one of the outposts of Hellenism and a cultural bridge which unites the Greek and the American peoples.

- Loucas Tsilas, Ambassador of Greece to USA

I would like to join AFGLC in stating that the program of action AFGLC is proposing to engage in is both of crucial importance and great urgency. It merits the strongest support by all of us, and speaking for myself, I declare my readiness to assist you in every possible way either in the United States or in Greece.

- George D. Papoulias, Ambassador of Greece to USA

Let me take this opportunity to commend you and your organization (AFGLC) on all your efforts. I wholeheartedly support your mission to assist in the preservation of the Greek language and culture. It is through people like you and your organization that these values will continue to prosper. For it is through academic institutions that Hellenic history including language, heritage and culture of past and present can be made available to future generations. Indeed, the impact that the Hellenic culture and language have had on western civilization should not be forgotten.

- Chris Tomaras, President, Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE)

I am particularly impressed with the educational mission overtaken by the AFGLC to preserve the historic and cultural role of the Hellenic tradition and language in the Americas. Yours is an important mission with dimensions which cut across the very essence of Hellenism; how to not only preserve our culture and traditions but also how to raise both interest and awareness of the beauty that is Hellenism in the Americas and worldwide.

- Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Ambassador of Cyprus to USA

We at AFGLC must work to achieve the stated aims and objectives. the United States, the world . . . will be better for remembering and
implementing the democratic ideals and philosophies of our ancient heritage.

- Gus A. Stavros, March 1997

AFGLC has undertaken an extremely important and urgent task of enhancing and promoting Hellenism in the Americas. Your approach of the establishment of Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies, ICHS, at academic institutions is quite unique and will do justice to the teachings of the broad spectrum of Hellenism.

- Andonis Samaras, Former Foreign Minister of Greece

I am proud of the values the Greeks have held since antiquity. a strong work ethic - communities of neighbors and friends - and the sanctity of home and family. If, in our minds, we dig down to the bedrock of our nation, we will find these same principles, along with freedom, democracy and the dignity of man. I think we will find, as we shake the earth from our hands, that in uncovering the roots of America we have touched the foundation stones of Greece.

- Michael Bilirakis, Member of US. Congress

Congratulations to all members of the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC) for their dedication to Greek ideals and culture. Our steady orientation towards these goals is the best guarantee for a bright future for Hellenism.

- Dimitris Macrynikolas, Consul of Greece in Atlanta

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"If we do not succeed in the rejuvenation and enhancement of Hellenism in the Americas, history will not forgive us."

- AFGLC
The logo of the AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, AFGLC, is taken from a scene on a cup (found at Vulci in Etruria and currently in the British Museum) painted by the Athenian painter Douris around 480 BC. It shows a school scene where a master unrolls a scroll with an epic verse on it. The verse is in the style of Homer, but does not come from either the Iliad or Odyssey.