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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dr. John Balis, *President*



Prior to his untimely departure, Dr. Demetrios Halkias had been extremely active in all major AFGLC projects, with these contributions resulting in a lasting legacy of success for essentially everything of which he was a part. In total, Demetrios' contributions represent a monumental fraction of the recent efforts leading to our foundation's emerging and ongoing renaissance. Clearly, last month's loss of Dr. Halkias was a most painful experience, but his indelible legacy endures. His smiling face on the AFGLC webpage, www.afglc.org, is a vivid reminder of the manner in which he chose to lead, his record being the exemplar of excellence for stewardship and humanism. I am gratified that Ms. Kalliope Halkias, the tireless President of the AFGLC Tampa-Bay Center, has accepted the important responsibility of Treasurer, a position which her father held with dignity and distinction for more than 15 years.

At our Foundation's most recent meeting, the HQ Executive Committee & the Board of Trustees appointed a subcommittee, consisting of Dr. William Yotis (chair), Ms. Kalliope Halkias and the Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas, to establish the framework for the "Dr. Demetrios Halkias Annual AFGLC Lecture on Faith and Stewardship." This lecture series will be organized in partnership with the Orthodox Churches and be maintained in perpetuity with funds from local, national and international sources.

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ANNUAL FORUM/CONFERENCE

CELEBRATING HELLENISM

Dr. Byron P. Palls

The American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC), in partnership with the Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) of the University of South Florida (USF) and the Richard Stockton College of NJ (RSCNJ), held its 13th annual Forum/Conference on March 7-8, 2008 on the campus of the University of South Florida Tampa, Florida. The Administration of the University gave its full backing to this important educational event; both the Provost of the University, Dr. Ralph Wilcox, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. John Skvoretz, were present to open the Conference and welcome the participants, extolling the many benefits of having an ICHS on campus and of the partnership between AFGLC and the university. The cost of this entire event was underwritten by the well-known philanthropists and AFGLC benefactors George and Margo Behrakis.

Founded in 1992 by a group of dedicated Hellenes and philhellenes and headquartered in Tampa, Florida, AFGLC is a non-profit, educational organization whose primary goal is to establish chapters in cities throughout the United States.

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Dr. Papademetriou, Dr. Palls, Dr. Yiannos, Dr. Evangeliou, Dean Skvoretz, Mrs. Anton, Dr. Stefanakos, Dr. Anton, Dr. Strange, Dr. Constantelos, Dr. Harakas, Mr. Krinos, Mr. Langadas, Mr. Maroulis, Dr. Halkias, and the President, Dr. Balis.

The following are some of the recent AFGLC/IFGLC accomplishments:

- (1) A highly productive "Thirteenth Annual Educational Forum/Conference (March 7-8, 2008), which received strong numerical evaluation by the attendees.
- (2) Ongoing organization of the 4th International Conference of the IFGLC; in Athens-Zappeion, 26-28 June, 2008. This Conference is the product of painstaking efforts of the IFGLC Center of Greece, under the leadership of its President, Prof. Manolis Bechrakis, in synergy and close collaboration with the AGFLC/IFGLC HQ and AFGLC-ICHS at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and the University of South Florida. The program of the Conference will be soon published via the Internet on the AFGLC webpage (for additional information see P. 3).
- (3) The IFGLC/AFGLC Vice President and Editor, Dr. Byron Palls, has continued publication of Bulletins and Newsletters to inform the members and friends of our Foundation locally, nationally, and internationally. Our foundation is grateful for his important contributions.
- (4) Appointment of New Members in the AFGLC/IFGLC HQ Executive Committee & Board of Trustees, with balanced geographic representation within the Tampa-Bay Area.
- (5) Continued expansion of AFGLC/IFGLC Website capabilities, including comprehensive search capability, an anticipated fully-expanded archive materials section and online donation capability (features all outlined and showcased at the recent 2008 AFGLC Forum).
- (6) The amicable, out-of-court resolution of the Gus Stathis

Celebrating Hellenism (Cont'd from P. 1)

The chapters, with direction from AFGLC, work with Hellenic benefactors and local colleges and universities to set up Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS). The ICHS are able to take advantage of the many teaching and library resources available in each college or university. The Centers, through their unique academic programs, preserve and promote Hellenism, educate college students about Greece's monumental contributions to Western civilization, and promote the Hellenic spirit in their communities.

The two-day, intellectual highlight of the year was organized and directed by Dr. John Balis, Professor *Emeritus* of Pathology and Cell Biology, USF and AFGLC/IFGLC President, and Dr. James Strange, Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of the ICHS of USF. Working closely with Dr. Balis and Dr. Strange to bring this event to fruition were the members of the Educational Forum Committee: Dr. B. Erkman-Balis, Dr. Michael Gibbons, Dr. Demetrios Halkias, the Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas, Mr. Nicholas Maroulis, Dr. Byron Palls, Dr. Elias Stefanakos, Dr. Marios Stephanides, Mrs. Ourania Stephanides, Dr. Kimon Valavanis, and Dr. William Yotis.

This year's Forum/Conference, whose theme was "The Hellenic Legacy through the Ages," consisted of highly informative lectures, panel discussions and audio-visual presentations. The academics, scholars and individuals who contributed to the

Litigation. As I have repeatedly stated in the past, Gus continues to be a valued member of the AFGLC Family; for this we plan to recognize him in future events for his important contributions to our Foundation. In summary, despite prior significant distractions, our Foundation is now in good health and positioned to move forward quickly in its pursuit of its central mission of creating Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHSS) in American universities and elsewhere. (Note: towards the goal of maintaining full executive transparency, the details of the recent legal settlement will be released upon our receipt of clearance to do so from our legal counsel).

Finally, I wish personally to express my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Ourania Stephanides, for her outstanding performance as the Secretary of our Foundation. Ms. Ourania Stephanides, and her husband, Dr. Marios Stephanides, are both active Trustees who play an important role in our recruiting effort.

Respectfully,



John U. Balis
May, 2008



(from left to right):

Dr. John Balis
Dr. James Strange
Dr. John Anton
Rev. Dr. Demetrios
Constantelos
Rev. Dr. Stanley
Harakas



success of the event, addressed the long-term influence of Hellenism in the world, as well as the on-going and projected educational contributions of the Interdisciplinary Centers. There were ample opportunities for audience participation and interaction, which made each presentation a unique learning experience. The Greek folk dances performed by young professional men and women of St. John's Greek Orthodox Church of Tampa added a touch of culture to the event, much appreciated by all.

The opening session, "Philanthropy through the Ages," was a panel discussion moderated by the Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas, Dean *Emeritus* and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. The Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos, Distinguished Professor *Emeritus* of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, opened the session with the annual AFGLC/ICHS Lecture on Hellenism, "Philanthropy in the Greek World;" he was followed with commentary on "Philanthropy (Cont'd on P. 6) Curricula" by Dr. James Strange. (Cont'd on P. 6)

ATHENS CENTER Report

Ioanna Janoudaki



Αγαπητοί φίλοι,

Οι δραστηριότητες του Κέντρου Αθηνών ήταν πολλές και ενδιαφέρουσες τους τελευταίους μήνες: Συνεστιάσεις, διαλέξεις, συναντήσεις με διαπρεπή μέλη της Ελληνικής κοινωνίας, για την προώθηση των σκοπών του ιδρύματός μας.

Σας ενημερώνουμε ιδιαίτερα όμως για τις τεράστιες προσπάθειες που κατεβλήθησαν και καταβάλλονται για τη διοργάνωση του 4ου Συνεδρίου, που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στην Αθήνα, στο Ζαπείο από 26-28 Ιουνίου τρέχοντος έτους, με θέμα: « Δημοκρατικές Αρχές των Κλασικών

Χρόνων στους Σύγχρονους Πολιτικούς Θεσμούς».

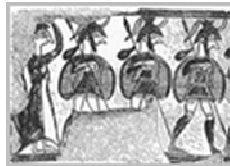
Ο πρόεδρος καθηγητής κ. Μανώλης Μπεχράκης, έδρασε οργανωμένα, άοκνα και αποτελεσματικά. Τηλεφωνήματα, επιστολές, άμεσες επαφές, απέδωσαν καρπούς. Οι ομιλητές, διακεκριμένοι επιστήμονες, εμφορούμενοι από τα κοινά οράματα και τους κοινούς στόχους, αποδέχθηκαν την πρόσκληση και απαντούν με την θεματολογία τους στις προκλήσεις των καιρών. Οι χορηγοί ανταποκρίθηκαν

επαρκώς αν και δεν έχει οριστικοποιηθεί η συνεισφορά όλων. Τα υπουργεία, όπως θα δείτε και από το πρόγραμμα, το ΕΒΕΑ, οι ιδιώτες, οι τράπεζες συνδράμουν, κατά το δυνατόν, στο έργο μας. Γνωρίζετε ότι η οικονομική συγκυρία δεν είναι άριστη. Το γραφείο Συνεδρίων του Φωκίωνα Ζαΐμη, σε αρμονική συνεργασία με όλους μας, ανταποκρίνεται με συνέπεια και επαγγελματισμό στο έργο που ανέλαβε. (The information presented in this section on the important intellectual event of the Athens Center has been extracted from reports sent by the Center. Any omissions or misstatements are unintentional and very much regretted.)

Τις λεπτομέρειες και τα αποτελέσματα μετά το πέρας του Συνεδρίου, το οποίο ευελπιστούμε να επιτύχει και να βρεί ανταπόκριση από την ελληνική κοινωνία, μέλη, φίλους, ενδιαφερόμενους για τους σχετικούς προβληματισμούς, θα τα διαπραγματευτούμε αναλυτικά.

Τέλος με χαρά σας γνωστοποιούμε ότι εκδίδονται τα πρακτικά του προηγούμενου 3^{ου} Συνεδρίου 2005. Το ίδρυμα γενικά και το Ελληνικό Κέντρο έχει βρει το βηματισμό του κι ευχόμαστε να πραγματοποιήσει τους στόχους του.

Με φιλικούς χαιρετισμούς
Ιωάννα Τζανουδάκη
Υπεύθυνη Δημοσίων Σχέσεων



The members of the Organizing Committee, responsible for the conference are: Καθηγητής Μανώλης Μπεχράκης (Πρόεδρος), Ακης Χαραλαμπίδης, Ιωάννης Καμέσας, Στέλιος Σταυρίδης, Άννα Βαλαβανίδου, Αλίκη Καραλή, Παναγιώτα Μπούμπα –Μπαλή, Ιωάννα Τζαννουδάκη, Δρ. Φυλίτσα Παγουροπούλου, Βάσω Φουντουκάκου – Κυρατσούλη, and Παγώνα Μούσουρη.

The Conference is being presented under the auspices of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, and National Education & Religious Affairs of the Hellenic Republic. It's theme will be «Δημοκρατικές αρχές των κλασικών χρόνων στους σύγχρονους πολιτικούς θεσμούς» ("Ancient Democratic Principles in Contemporary Political Institutions").

Among the many important speakers who will contribute to the development of the central theme of this promising international event are: Dr. John Anton, the Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos, Dr. John Balis, Dr. Ulysses Balis, Dr. Christos Evangeliou, Professors Αντώνης Μακρυδημήτρης,

Κωνσταντίνος Δεσποτόπουλος, Μυρτώ Δραγώνα- Μονάχου, Ισμήνη Κριάρη, et al. In addition to the above, two round table discussions have been planned, one on "Politics as a profession," and the other on "Education and Preservation of the Greek Identity in the Diaspora."

Invited to attend the conference are academics, politicians, historians, researchers, archaeologists, reporters, members of all political parties, secondary education teachers, university students, all members of the Government, and the general public.

The official languages of the conference will be Greek and English. Professional interpreters will be on hand throughout the three-day event to facilitate communication.

Admission: free of charge.

The conference will be held in Athens (Zappeion) on 26-28 June, 2008.

TAMPA CENTER

By Dr. Byron P. Palls, for
Ms. Kalliope Halkias, *President*



The Tampa Center worked in tandem with Headquarters to ensure the success of the 13th annual Forum/ Conference, which took place at the University of South Florida on March 7-8, 2008. Earlier, we had announced plans for our traditional dinner cruise out of Clearwater Beach in late May; however, those plans were cancelled upon the unexpected tragedy that befell us all: the loss of Dr. Demetrios Halkias. A memorial service for Dr. Halkias was held at the Greek Orthodox church of St. John the Baptist, Tampa on the 1st of June; it was attended by many of his friends and colleagues.

The Chapter is very pleased with the recent additions to its membership. Plans are now in place for a fund raising event, our second Annual Dinner/Dance, at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant on the Courtney Campbell Causeway, between Tampa and Clearwater, FL. It will be held on Friday, the 14th of November, 2008 so, please, mark your calendars to attend and support our AFGLC chapter (watch the Bulletins for updates).

We all stand with the Halkias family in their hour of sorrow.

(for plans to honor Dr. Halkias see P. 8).



TRI-STATE CENTER

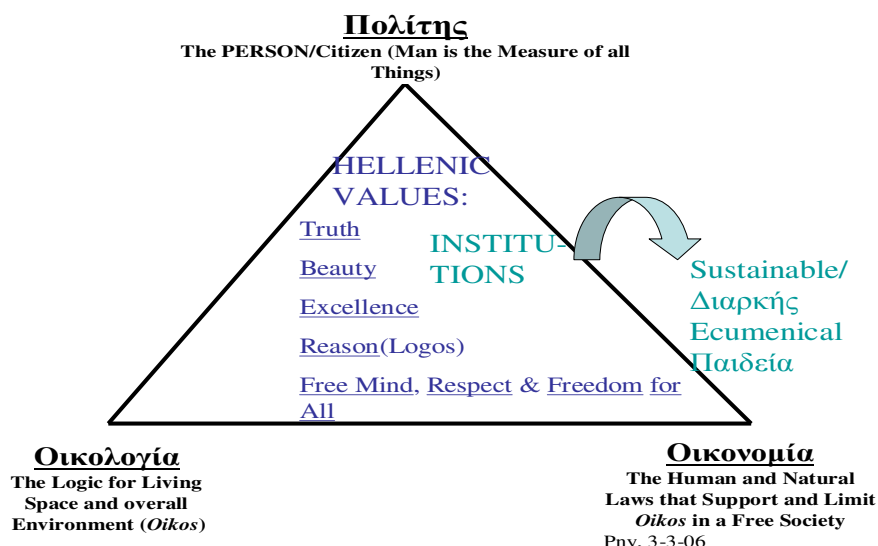
by **Dr. Peter N. Yiannos, *President***,

The Future of Hellenic *Paedeia* in a Democratic Society: The Catalyst for the New Upcoming Intellectual Renaissance for the World (again!)

Photo 1 below is a triangular representation where three key Hellenic words, Person (*polites*), Ecology (*oikologia*) and Economy (*oikonomia*) are at the apexes of the triangle. They form the basis for a balanced education, where the needs of the individual (the citizen, if you will), the logic for the environment that sustains *anthropos* and the laws of nature and society {that support and limit our activities for having a vibrant and sustainable (αειφόρος) economy} in order to make a living.

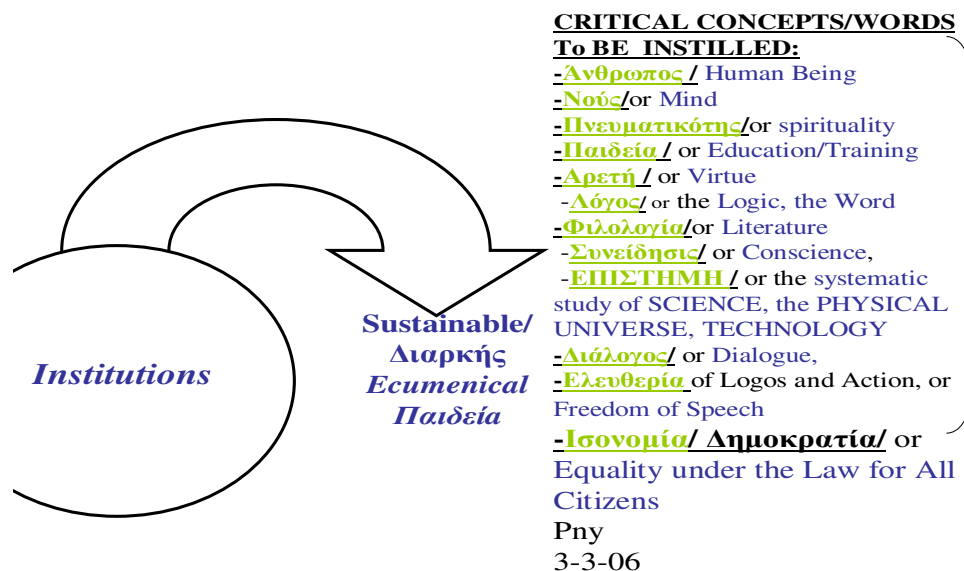
Our institutions are operating within the area of the three key apexes of the triangle and are fed by the key democratic (Hellenic) values which are also inside the triangle. As such, these values constantly fertilize the educational process, thus producing a sustainable (αειφόρος) ecumenical product of *paedeia* for the needs of the 21st century and indeed the third millennium. Thus, Hellenic *Paedeia* is not only the past but, indeed, the future for all humanity. It has to be, if there are no longer economic borders for the nations of the world. Please study this chart and arrive at your own conclusions. If you believe in democratic values, and especially if you are an AHEPAN, you will recognize the Hellenic values for a democratic society; if you are a philosopher, social scientist/sociologist, or anthropologist, you will recognize the anthropocentric view that *anthropos* (person) is the central theme and without him, civilization is immaterial; if you are an economist or any professional, you will see your place and if you are an environmentalist, you know you can not ignore the issues that impact on the environment . What else is there?

Photo 1 - The Future of Hellenic *Paedeia*



The Education Model for Individuals and Society of Character

Photo 2 further defines key elements of Hellenic *paedeia* in terms of 12 Hellenic words or concepts which have defined both ancient Hellenic education and modern western thought since the renaissance times. Credit is given here to Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos who discussed the 12 words in his Hellenic Heritage booklet a few years ago. It is this kind of education which will produce an integrated and balanced person with character. A character that will have the Hellenic measure avoiding extremes and fanaticism, who will have both technical and human skills with which to make a living and also live well (το ευ ζην or the pursuit of real happiness), and be more suitable and flexible for a globalized or ecumenical world. Again, Hellenic *Paedeia* may have more of a future than past. At least, it appears that way, if there is to be a future for our world, Greek or not. Photo 2 - Ecumenical *Paedeia*/Education for a Democratic World - Twelve Words or Concepts:



Conclusion

An individual trained in the above manner is much more likely to be (1) a balanced person not only how to make a living, but also how to live well; (2) a person with character and skills capability/potential; (3) a person having the ευ ζην philosophy for the pursuit of happiness; (4) an individual that uses μέτρον / measure to moderate and avoid extremes and (5) be a member of a society with ecumenical education ready for Globalization without any economic national borders!

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WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Dr. Ulysses J. Balis



The ongoing process of the AFGLC Website modernization is well under way, with a number of infrastructure enhancements to the web server layer already being complete. With the recent demonstration of the newly-gained search capability, at the 2008 Forum, continued efforts are being taken to add to this search capability (provided by Google) an automatically-updated site map. Besides assisting visitors of the website, the site map will assist automated search engines in their carrying out of a deep search of our content, ensuring that all of our information is available. Towards the goal of having as much content as possible being available on the website, we are nearly finished with a long-term project to revise the archives section. This new resources has two notable features: 1) it also allows for real-time deep searching via

the Google functionality and 2) each resource is managed by a fully functional Wiki cover page, such that annotation and content update can be carried in real time out by interested membership.

In addition to the Archive-associated Wiki, the Website will be equipped with a second, stand-alone Wiki, to be used for all official activities of the Foundation, including education, meeting planning and organization, and information exchange between members and foundation committees.

Finally, upon approval of the Executive Committee, Web-based online donation and registration will be activated, completing the set of enhancements that were announced last year. It is hoped that this feature will simplify the process of charitable giving to the Foundation.



in Interdisciplinary Curricula” by Dr. James Strange.

The second session, “The Impact of Hellenic Thought in the Creation of American Democracy,” was moderated by Dr. Christos Evangeliou, Professor of Philosophy, Towson University, Towson, MD. After introductory remarks by Dr. Evangeliou, Dr. Michael T. Gibbons, Associate Professor of Government and International Affairs, USF, read his paper on “Greek Philosophy and the Founding of America;” there followed a general discussion, replete with insightful comments and remarks by the audience.

The third session, “Vignettes from Hellenic Diaspora through the Ages,” consisted of contributions by Mr. John Krinos (“Syros, a Cultural Beacon in the 19th Century”), Dr. Marios Stephanides, Professor of Sociology, University of Tampa (“Hellenic Diaspora: The Greek-American Experience”), and Dr. Bill Manikas, Professor of History, St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL (“Historical Vignettes from Tampa”).

Closing the activities of the first day was a panel discussion on “AFGLC: Work in Progress and Plans for the Future,” moderated by Dr. William Yotis, Professor *Emeritus*, Loyola University, and Clinical Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, USF. Contributors were Dr. Peter Yiannos, President of AFGLC, Tri-State Center, Wilmington, DE; Ms. Kalliope Halkias, MPH, President of AFGLC Tampa Bay Center; Dr. Byron Palls, VP and Editor, AFGLC/IFGLC; Mrs. Ourania Stephanides, Secretary of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa; and Dr. Ulysses Balis, Associate Professor of Pathology, Director of Clinical Informatics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and AFGLC Webmaster.

The emotional highlight of the Conference was a special dinner/reception, held on the evening of March 7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, for the purpose of honoring two outstanding Hellenes, Dr. John Anton and Dr. Demetrios Constantelos. Dr. Anton, Distinguished Professor of Greek Philosophy and Culture at the University of South Florida, and Dr. Constantelos, Distinguished Professor *Emeritus* of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, were presented special citations by Dr. John Balis, President of AFGLC/IFGLC, in recognition of their life-long contributions in the service of Hellenism. The elegant and thought-provoking keynote address by Dr. Anton was received most enthusiastically by the audience (copies will be made available upon request from bpalls@verizon.net). The reception was very well attended by the AFGLC membership and by officials of the University of South Florida and of AFGLC/IFGLC Headquarters.

The second day’s activities were led by Dr. Tom Papademetriou, Executive Director of ICHS, Stockton College, NJ, who moderated the first session, “Educational Commitment to Principles of Hellenic Paedeia.” Contributors were Dr. Christos Evangeliou, Professor of Philosophy, Towson University Paedeia: Education for Leadership,” Dr. Lucio Angelo Privitello of the Philosophy and Religion Department, Stockton College, NJ, whose paper was titled “Education and the Art of Teaching: The Apprenticeship in Ideals in Plato’s

Socrates,” and Dr. Michael Funke of the University of South Florida, who concluded the session with “Aristotle’s Account of Akrasia and its Contemporary Incarnations.”

The second session, “Hellenism and Language/Culture,” was moderated by Dr. Maria Esformes, Associate Professor of World Language Education, USF. Delivering papers were Mr. Theodoros Katerinakakis, PhD candidate, Department of Culture and Communication, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, “The Universal Hellenic Mother Tongue: Zolotas’ Unified Speeches as a Global Logion;” Dr. Eka Tchikoidze, Post Doctoral Fellow, Program of Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, NJ, “Greek Words and Male Names in the Georgian Life of George the Athonite (XI Century);” and Dr. Maria Hranaki, Director of Greek Studies, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, “Bridging Arta with Beijing: The Master Builders Kazantzakis and Kalomiris.”

The third and final session, “Hellenism and Sciences,” was moderated by Dr. Elias Stefanakos, Professor and Director, Clean Energy Research Center, College of Engineering, USF. Mr. Philip Kaplan, a graduate student of the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL. read his paper on “Early Greek Accounts of Travel Exploration;” and Dr. Ulysses Balis reviewed and amplified the information presented at last year’s Forum on this fascinating computer-like device of the 1st Century BC with his “Update on the Antikythera Mechanism.”

The Forum/Conference was brought to a conclusion with a lengthy discussion on the effectiveness of our Interdisciplinary Centers and on the current and ideal relationship between them and AFGLC/IFGLC (“ICHS: Issues and Prospects”); the discussion was moderated by Dr. Karen Weidenheim, Professor of Pathology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Chief, Division of Neuropathology, and Director, Neuropathology, Residency Program, Bronx, NY.

Dr. Balis and Dr. Strange made congratulatory remarks on the success of this, the 13th Annual AFGLC Forum/Conference, and concluded by urging all those in attendance to evaluate the two day event.

Hellenes and philhellenes who are interested in learning more about how to establish AFGLC chapters in their cities and Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies in their universities, and work in partnership with us to promote our mission, please contact Dr. John Balis, President of the Foundation, either by e-mail at: jbalis1@tampabay.rr.com, or by telephone at: 813-962-0708.

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THIS YEAR'S AFGLC/IFGLC HONOREES



**DR. JOHN
ANTON**

Dr. John Anton, the distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Greek Studies at USF, holds a Doctorate degree from Columbia University (he wrote his dissertation on Aristotle).

He has published 30 books (his latest: *American naturalism and Greek Philosophy*, 2005) and over 200 articles. He is an Honorary Citizen of Samos for his contributions to the study of Ionian Philosophy, and holds doctorates *Honoris Causa* from the Universities of Athens, Patras and Ioannina. He is a Corresponding Member of the Athens Academy. He contributes large amounts of his time to professional organizations, as President of the Georgia Philosophical Assn., President of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Board member of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, President of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, and Honorary President of the International Society for Greek Philosophy. He is listed in Who is Who in America, Who is Who in the World, The Directory of American Scholars, Contemporary Authors, and Leaders in Education.

He played a seminal role and put forth a strong effort to help create AFGLC and give it structure

Dr. Anton is the epitome of the scholar who has made it his life's purpose to serve Hellenism and who continues to articulate so powerfully the Hellenic Spirit to which he has dedicated his life.



**MR. ANGELOS LANGADAS:
AN AFGLC BENEFACTOR**

As a young man, Mr. Langadas served in the Air Force of his native Greece before going to sea as an Engineering Officer on Greek and US vessels during WWII (1939-45). Soon after, it was the US Army's turn to draft him and send him to Korea. Once a civilian again, he put his valuable knowledge to work as Superintendent Marine Engineer for Southern Star Shipping Co. in New York, where, among other duties, he supervised the construction of some 20 freighters and tankers in Japan and Spain. Following his retirement, he settled in Boca Raton, Florida where he has been active in a host of projects for the benefit of the community. Following his retirement, he settled in Boca Raton, Florida where he has been active in a host of projects for the benefit of the community. A special moment in Mr. Langadas' life came in 1996, when he was chosen to carry, ever so proudly, the Olympic torch

**THE REV. DR. DEMETRIOS
CONSTANTELOS**



The Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos, the "Charles Cooper" Townsend Distinguished Professor *Emeritus* of History and Religion, and Research Scholar at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, holds a Doctorate from Harvard (his dissertation, *Byzantine philanthropy and social welfare*) has become the standard reference work in this area. He began his teaching career at Holy Cross in Brookline, MA and ended it at the Stockton College, only to be named *Distinguished Research Scholar in Residence*.

In tandem with his academic career, he has served various Hellenic communities as pastor (St. Demetrios, Perth Amboy, NJ, St. Nicholas, Lexington, MA) and helped establish three communities in South New Jersey (St. Barbara in Toms River, St. Anthony in Vineland, and Holy Trinity in Egg Harbor Township).

He is a recognized authority on Byzantium and the Byzantine world, and has published numerous books and articles on topics ranging from the Greek religious identity and the Orthodox Liturgy, to Philanthropy and other aspects of the Byzantine Empire as a reflection or continuation of our Classical Greek heritage.

Prof. Constantelos has dedicated his entire life to the Hellenes of the diaspora as their spiritual leader and to the academic world of his adoptive country as a courier of the torch of Hellenism, educating generations of students about the beauty of the Hellenic Spirit and its continued presence in our lives.



through the city of Boca Raton.

This Hellenic gentle man has worked quietly to establish scholarships for students of Greek heritage at: the Florida Atlantic University, the University of Florida, the University of Arizona, AHEPA chapter #487 of Boca Raton, and District II of AHEPA. He has also supported financially several other organizations, among them our own AFGLC, to which he has donated \$100,000 to sponsor one of the professorships of the ICHS at USF. This summer, the *Langadas Professorship of Greek Culture* will become a reality, a perpetual reminder of the generosity of a great Hellene who, equally proudly, has helped professors pass the torch of the Hellenic Spirit to future generations. He has found enormously rewarding his acts of Philanthropy and writes: "Giving gifts to help others in need, that is what is called happiness." We salute Mr. Angelos Langadas, one of AFGLC's benefactors.

ANNOUNCING A LECTURE SERIES TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DR. DEMETRIOS HALKIAS

Our recently departed colleague and true friend to many, Dr. Demetrios Halkias, was a devout Orthodox Christian who served his Church with all his heart faithfully for many years. The AFGLC Board of Trustees has voted to honor Dr. Halkias' memory by establishing a lecture series in his name.

The Foundation formally announces the establishment of this event that will bear his name, henceforth known as THE ANNUAL AFGLC HALKIAS LECTURE, on diverse topics relating to the Holy Orthodox Church and to Faith, an event to be celebrated in the Tampa Bay area around the time of Orthodox Easter, the time when the Lord took Dr. Jim from our midst.

This decision is intended as a way of paying special tribute to a man who gave so much to the Foundation from the time of its inception and who felt so deeply about his Hellenic culture!

AFGLC is hereby soliciting a sponsor or sponsors who will contribute an amount of money whose interest will suffice to support the fees and travel expenses of lecturers every year in perpetuity. Those interested are asked to contact the President, Dr. John Balis at jbalis1@tampabay.rr.com.



Ms. Kalliope Halkias, President, AFGLC Tampa Center and Dr. Demetrios Halkias, now with us in spirit only.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS FOR HELLENIC STUDIES

What They Are and How They Function



An Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) is what our Foundation aims to create in institutions of higher learning. First, AFGLC seeks to establish AFGLC chapters in areas that have a sizeable Hellenic population as well as colleges or universities. The chapter identifies receptive Hellenes or philhellenes who are willing to sponsor professorships at the local university. AFGLC then approaches the university and expresses an interest in forming a partnership for the purpose of supporting one or more professorships in Hellenic Studies. Upon acceptance, the university and AFGLC/IFGLC contract to establish an ICHS under the control of

the university, which appoints a Director to oversee its affairs. A Board of Directors presides over the ICHS--which includes officers of AFGLC/IFGLC as members *ex officio*.



Typically, an ICHS consists of professorships five areas of study: Greek Language & Literature, Greek History, Greek Philosophy, Byzantine History/Orthodox Religion, and Greek Culture. The students of the university, regardless of major, may pursue work in any one of these areas not only for personal edification, but also for their relevance to their field of study. The donors support our mission objectives because they believe strongly in providing today's students with the fundamentals of Hellenic education, critical to shaping the thinking of tomorrow's leaders. Conversely, they are hoping to see their own children and grand children take advantage of such offerings in order to be proud of their Hellenic heritage, and understand why Greece has been called the "Cradle of Western Civilization" and the Hellenic spirit the "Patrimony of the World."

The interest derived from the donated funds is used for the professorships of the ICHS. The professorships are so structured that they cannot be terminated by the university because of budget constraints or changing priorities. This structure guarantees that each endowed professorship will exist in perpetuity—and so will the person who donated the funds for its creation, i.e., the *Lan-gadas Professorship of Greek Culture*.

For additional information on Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies, please visit our Web site at: www.afglc.org.



THE AFGLC / DR. DEMETRIOS G. HALKIAS SCHOLARSHIP

"Give a chance to today's students to become tomorrow's leaders"

Two scholarships will be given annually to two graduate or undergraduate students majoring in the sciences or enrolled in a pre-medical program of study. To be considered, applicants or their parents must be Orthodox Christians and must submit their application and transcripts of their academic work by August 30, 2008. The scholarships will be awarded at the exclusive discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

The Scholarship Committee's evaluation of all applications will be based on the following:

1. Course work during the semester prior to the Application.
2. Complexity of courses taken.
3. Grade point average, for the course work completed and overall.
4. Time spent outside the classroom, working to pay for own expenses.
5. Membership and time spent in school-related organizations.
6. Volunteer work in school or church activities.
7. Commitment to and participation in church organizations.
8. Proof of financial need (if appropriate).

APPLICATION

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(first) (middle) (last)
2. Address: _____
(no/street) (city) (state) (zip code)
3. Telephones/Email: _____ ; _____ ; _____
(home) (work) (e-mail)
4. Date of Birth: _____ ; Year graduated from High School: _____
5. Parents' Full names: _____ : _____
(father's) (mother's)
6. Are you being considered for a similar scholarship at another institution? Yes _____ No _____.
7. Is this the first time you are applying for the *AFGLC/Dr. D. Halkias Scholarship*? Yes _____ No _____.

Please, attach:

- Official transcripts of your academic work from HS and college/university.
- A letter of recommendation from your parish priest.
- A letter of character reference from a competent authority.
- A paragraph in which you explain why you should be awarded the scholarship.

Mail the complete application to:
AFGLC
DR. HALKIAS' SCHOLARSHIP
10413 Butia Place, Tampa, FL 33618-4117



MEMBERSHIP



Dear Members and Friends of IFGLC/AFGLC,

The mission of our Foundation is to preserve and promote Hellenism, our Language and Culture through universities and institutions of higher education in the United States and elsewhere in the world. As is the case with all non-profit organizations, we depend totally on the contributions of those who share our dream to carry out our noble mission; we also conduct fund-raising activities and membership drives. While membership dues are only a small percentage of the funds needed to support IFGLC/AFGLC, they are significant, not only because they help defray some expenses, but because they are a tangible act of support for our Foundation's aspirations as well as an encouragement to all those who donate countless hours of their time to ensure that it remains an influential instrument in the service of Hellenism. Won't you please renew your membership today? If you have not been a member, won't you consider joining hands with us and helping us achieve this goal?

The annual membership donation is \$50 and it is tax-deductible. All donors get:

1. An elegant organizational lapel pin depicting the logo of the Foundation;
2. a semi-annual *Newsletter* with reports on significant AFGLC/IFGLC events; and
3. frequent *Bulletins* with information on upcoming social and cultural activities.

Το Διεθνές / Αμερικανικό Ίδρυμα για την Ελληνική Γλώσσα και τον Πολιτισμό έχει σκοπό την διάσωση και προώθηση του Ελληνισμού, της ελληνικής γλώσσας και παιδείας, μέσω των Πανεπιστημίων. Όλες οι συνδρομές εκπίπτουν από το φόρο εισοδήματος (tax-deductible). Η ετήσια συνδρομή δωρεάς είναι \$50, και οι συνδρομητές λαμβάνουν:

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REMINDER



What? The **Athens** International Conference

By Whom? The Athens Center of IFGLC

When? 26-28 June, 2008.

Where? Zappeion Building (at the end of the National Gardens, near the Stadium).

Please be advised that our webmaster, Dr. Ulysses Balis, has been posting the latest issues of the *Newsletter* and the *Bulletin* on our Internet site along with other news and information about the Foundation.

To access our web site, go to: www.afglc.org

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