American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture

Thirteenth Annual Educational Forum/Conference
“The Hellenic Legacy Through The Ages”

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March 7 - 8, 2008
University of South Florida / Tampa, Florida
American Foundation for Greek Language & Culture

AFGLC Mission Statement
The fundamental mission of the AFGLC (American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture) is to assist in the preservation and enhancement of Greek Culture and Language in the United States through our institutions of higher learning. The Foundation was established by a group of concerned Greeks and Philhellenes across America, whose role is to make available to the present as well as secure for the future the historic and cultural role of the Hellenic tradition and language. We strongly believe that we can most effectively accomplish this by the establishment of “INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTERS OF HELLENIC STUDIES” (ICHS) at various academic institutions on a regular basis across the United States. Each of the ICHS will typically consist of five endowed professors in the following areas:

Greek Language and Literature
Greek History
Greek Culture
Greek Philosophy
Byzantine History and Orthodox Religion

The foundation is situated as a nonprofit organization with its headquarters in the State of Florida. Its scope and patronage are envisioned as national and international with particular emphasis on the bonds that exist between Greece and the United States.

AFGLC welcomes people who share with us the conviction that the revival of interest in the Greek Language and the preservation of the Hellenic heritage are of great importance, given the role that both played in the formation of the values and ideas of our beautiful country. It will be a time to rejoice and celebrate when the students in our colleges and universities have once again the opportunity to study the wealth of meanings that have given our western civilization its solid conceptual foundations in philosophy, in language, the arts and the sciences.

We must not forget what the famous philosopher Alfred North Whitehead said: “That all philosophy is but a series of footnotes of Plato” or Sir Henry Summer Maine’s significant remark “except for the blind forces of nature nothing moves on this earth that is not Greek in its origin.”

“If we do not succeed in the rejuvenation and enhancement of Hellenism in the Americas, History will not forgive us.”
–AFGLC

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2008”
AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To assist in establishing and enhancing the offering of studies in the Greek language and fields of Greek literature, history, philosophy, art, society and culture at academic institutions.

2. To assist in the establishment of curricula in the Greek language and related fields, especially literature, leading to a baccalaureate degree.

3. To encourage and assist academic institutions in establishing graduate programs in the aforementioned areas of Greek studies.

4. To work with other organizations in the United States whose goals and objectives are to promote and enhance the teaching of the Greek language, Greek literature and Greek culture at academic institutions.

5. To assist academic institutions in the collection of research material and various data pertaining to Greek culture and studies in general.

6. To assist in the creation of archives of Greek American families and organizations who have played important roles in the history of America.

7. To assist in establishing and organizing (a) visiting lecture programs involving prominent scholars in Greek culture and civilization, and (b) exchange programs of prominent scholars in Greek studies between academic institutions in Greece and the United States.

8. To organize seminars, symposia and conferences for the promotion of the aims and objectives of AFGLC.

9. To assist in the publishing of scholarly works on Greek civilization and culture and all the other related fields.

10. To engage in projects and programs involving the aforementioned fields as the Trustees and Directors deem appropriate.

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(AIEΓΠ)

ΣΚΟΠΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΣΤΟΧΟΙ

1. Να βοηθήσει στη δημιουργία και ενίσχυση πανεπιστημιακών μαθημάτων που έχουν ως αντικείμενο τους την ελληνική γλώσσα, λογοτεχνία, ιστορία, φιλοσοφία, τέχνη, καθώς επίσης και την ελληνική κοινωνία και πολιτισμό.

2. Να δημιουργήσει προγράμματα σπουδών για την ελληνική γλώσσα και σχετικούς τομείς, με ιδιαίτερη έμφαση στη λογοτεχνία, που να οδηγούν στην απόκτηση πτυχίου.

3. Να ενθαρρύνει και να συνδράμει τα ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα στη δημιουργία μεταπτυχιακών προγραμμάτων στους τομείς που αναφέρονται παραπάνω.

4. Να έχει συνεργασία με άλλους οργανισμούς στις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες που σκοπός τους είναι η προώθηση και η επέκταση της διδασκαλίας της ελληνικής γλώσσας, λογοτεχνίας και πολιτισμού σε ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα.

5. Να βοηθήσει τα ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα στη συλλογή ερευνητικού ύλικου καθώς και κάθε είδους πληροφορίας που αφορά τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό και την ελληνική εμπειρία γενικά.

6. Να βοηθήσει στη δημιουργία αρχείων των ελληνοαμερικανικών οικογενειών και των οργανώσεων που έχουν διαδραματίσει σημαντικό ρόλο στην ιστορία των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών.

7. Να δημιουργήσει α) προγράμματα διαλέξεων από διακεκριμένους επισκέπτες-επιστήμονες που μελετούν τις διάφορες πτυχές του ελληνικού πολιτισμού και της ελληνικής κοινωνίας, και β) προγράμματα ανταλλαγών ανάμεσα στα ανώτατα εκπαιδευτικά ιδρύματα της Ελλάδας και των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών σε επίπεδο διακεκριμένων ερευνητών του Ελληνισμού.

8. Να οργανώνει σεμινάρια, συμπόσια και συνέδρια για την προώθηση των σκοπών του AIEΓΠ.

9. Να εκδοθεί μελέτες για τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό ή άλλα σχετικά αντικείμενα.

10. Να αναλάβει την υλοποίηση σχεδίων και προγραμμάτων που αφορούν τους προαναφερθέντες στόχους, κατά την κρίση της Διοικήσεως του Ιδρύματος.

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“Today, as of old, Greece is of the utmost importance to every man who is seeking to find himself. And perhaps I should add that no people in the world are as much in need of what Greece has to offer as the American people . . . Economically it may seem unimportant, but spiritually Greece is still the mother of all nations, the fountain-head of wisdom and inspiration.”

– Henry Miller
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PROGRAM

Friday, March 7, 2008
University of South Florida / CWY 109

8:15 am - 9:15 am  Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:15 am - 10:50 am

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas
Dean Emeritus and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Welcome, Recognition of Dignitaries and Overview of Program

Dr. John U. Balis
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology, University of South Florida
President of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

Dr. James F. Strange
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“Greetings from the University of South Florida”

Dr. Ralph Wilcox
Provost, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“Support of AFGLC - ICHS Mission”

Dr. John Skvoretz
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Coffee Break

10:50 am - 12:00 pm

THEME 1 - Philanthropy through the Ages: Lectures with a Panel Discussion

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas
Dean Emeritus and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

“Introduction” (15 minutes)

Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas

Annual AFGLC-ICHS Lecture on Hellenism:
“Philanthropy in the Greek World”

Rev. Dr. Demetrios J. Constantelos
(50 minutes)
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ

“Commentary: “Philanthropy in Interdisciplinary Curricula”

Dr. James F. Strange (15 minutes)
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Panel Discussion followed by General Discussion

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

THEME 2 - The Impact of Hellenic Thought in the Creation of American Democracy

Moderator: Dr. Christos Evangeliou
Professor of Philosophy, Towson University, Towson, MD

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“Introduction” (10 minutes)  
Dr. Christos Evangeliou

“Greek Philosophy and the Founding of America”  
Dr. Michael T. Gibbons (30 minutes)  
Associate Professor of Government & International Affairs, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

THEME 3 - Vignettes from Hellenic Diaspora through the Ages

Moderator: Dr. Demetrios Halkias  
Emeritus Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, University of South Florida  
VP and Treasurer of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

“Syros, a cultural beacon in the 19th Century”  
Mr. John Krinos (15 minutes)  
Computer Engineering Sciences  
AFGLC/IFGLC Member-at-Large

“Historical Vignettes from Tampa” (15 minutes)  
Dr. Bill Manikas  
Professor of History, St. Petersburg College  
St. Petersburg, FL

“Hellenic Diaspora: The Greek-American Experience” (20 minutes)  
Dr. Marios Stephanides  
Professor of Sociology, University of Tampa  
Tampa, FL

5:45 pm – 5:00 pm

THEME 4 - The AFGLC Agenda: Work in Progress and Plans for the Future: A Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. William Yotis  
Professor Emeritus, Loyola University of Chicago, Clinical Professor of Microbiology and Immunology  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

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Dr. Ulysses J. Balis  
Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of Clinical Informatics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
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General Discussion
**Friday Evening Educational Event and Reception**  
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
Embassy Suites at University of South Florida / 3705 Spectrum Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612

**Moderator:** Dr. John U. Balis  
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology, University of South Florida  
President of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

Dr. Joanna Hills, Ph.D. in Nursing, sings the American and Greek National Anthems  
Dr. James Strange introduces the Keynote Speaker.

**Keynote Speaker**  
**Dr. John P. Anton**  
Distinguished Professor of Greek Philosophy and Culture  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

**Honorees of AFGLC Forum/Conference 2008**

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas introduces the Honoree:  
**Reverend Dr. Demetrios J. Constantelos**  
Distinguished Professor Emeritus  
The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ

Dr. James F. Strange introduces the Honoree:  
**Dr. John P. Anton**  
Distinguished Professor of Greek Philosophy and Culture  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

**Reception**

**Saturday – March 8, 2008**  
University of South Florida / CWY 109

8:50 am - 9:50 pm  
Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:30 am - 10:15 am  
“Welcome; Overview of Program and Publication of the Conference”  
**Dr Demetrios Halkias**  
Emeritus Professor of Microbiology and Immunology,  
University of South Florida  
VP and Treasurer of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

**Dr. James F. Strange**  
Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies,  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

10:15 am - 12:00 pm  
**SESSION 1 – Educational Commitment to Principles of Hellenic Paedeia**

**Moderator:** Dr. Tom Papademetriou  
Executive Director, of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies  
The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ

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SESSION 2 – Hellenism and Language / Culture

Moderator: Dr. Maria Esformes
Associate Professor of World Language Education
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“The Universal Hellenic Mother Tongue: Zolotas’s Unified Speeches as a Global Logion”
Mr. Theodoros Katerinakis
Ph.D. program Graduate Student, Department of Culture and Communication, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

“Greek words and male names in the Georgian Life of George the Athonite (XI century)”
Dr. Eka Tchkoidze
Post Doctoral Fellow, Program in Hellenic Studies Scheide Caldwell House, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

“Eco-Agritourism as a means to preserve culture and the Environment”
Ms. Nikki Rose
Professional Chef, Writer and Noted Responsible Travel Practitioner, Founder of Crete’s Culinary Sanctuaries, an acclaimed eco-agritourism program

“Bridging Arta with Beijing: The Master builders Kazantzakis and Kalomiris”
Dr. Maria Hnaraki, Ph.D.
Director of Greek Studies Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Panel Discussion Followed by General Discussion
Coffee Break

SESSION 3 – Hellenism and Sciences

Moderator: Dr. Elias Stefanakos
Professor and Director, Clean Energy Research Center College of Engineering, University of South Florida Tampa, FL

“Overview”
Dr. Kimon Valavanis
Professor, Director Unmanned Systems, Computer Science and Engineering University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“Early Greek Accounts of Travel Exploration”
Mr. Philip Kaplan
Graduate Program University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

“Update on the Antikythera Mechanism”
Dr. Ulysses J. Balis
Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of Clinical Pathology Informatics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Panel Discussion Followed by General Discussion
Coffee Break

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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*.

μοίσα μοι
ἀ<μ>υφί Σκάμανδρον
ἐβρων ἄρχομαι
ἀείνι δεν
Muse,
I begin to sing for myself
of fair-flowing Scamander

The design that partially borders the front and back pages of the program was taken from the Elgin Marbles Wing of the British Museum, and illustrates the majestic Meander of the Parthenon frieze. This Hellenic design with its characteristic blue and gold compound undulations was reserved for the most august Athenian state structures. As a variant of the classical Greek key, the meander reflects the continuity of the Hellenic Universe, through the undulating representation of waves and their interplay into the atmosphere.

The Antikythera Mechanism

Recovered off the coast of the Greek Island Antikythera in 1900, the Antikythera Mechanism is without question one of the most astounding technological marvels of the antiquities. Indeed, it is a window into the inventive mind of Classical Greeks.

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