

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 ά<μ>φὶ Σκάμανδρον ἐύρων ἄρχομαι ἀεί(ν)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.

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# American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture



"Lighting the Hellenic Torch Through Interdisciplinary Centers"

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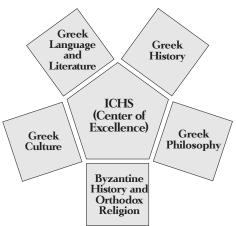
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## American Foundation for Greek Language & Culture

#### **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:



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."

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Education is a possession which cannot be taken away from man.

- Menadros

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

**AFGLC** 

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The University greatly values its partnership with the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture, and I personally appreciate your commitment to this outstanding academic enterprise.  – Judy Genshaft, PhD, President, University of South Florida
It is a great pleasure for me 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 Culture tradition in the United States of America.
- Constantinos Stephanopoulos, President of the Hellenic Republi
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 people.
- 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
AFGLC has developed an outstanding educational, dynamic plan for the teaching of Hellenism at academic institutions of higher learning.
- Alexios G. Christopoulos, Minister, Deputy Chief of the Embassy of Greece to the United State
There is no need to say that all of us, the regular members of the Academy endorse with great enthusiasm the activities undertaken by the AFGLC.
- Nicholas Artemiadis, PhD, President Emeritus, Academy of Athen
I will work wholeheartedly for the success of your goals, which are goals of every Greek who loves his country and mostly our Hellenic heritage.
- Nicholas Matsaniotis, MD, Secretary-General, Academy of Athen
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 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.
- Frato Kozakou-Marcoullis Ambassador of Cuprus to USA

Your work on behalf of Hellenism is outstanding.

- Blanche M. Touhill, PhD, Chancellor, University of Missouri at St. Louis

#### ΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΚΌ ΙΔΡΥΜΆ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΉ ΓΛΏΣΣΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΜΌ (ΑΙΕΓΠ)

#### ΣΚΟΠΟΙ ΚΑΙ ΣΤΟΧΟΙ

- 1. Να βοηθήσει στη δημιουργία και ενίσχυση πανεπιστημιακών μαθημάτων που έχουν ως αντικείμενό 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.
- 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.
- Να βοηθήσει τα ακαδημαϊκά ιδρύματα στη συλλογή ερευνητικού υλικού 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 επισκέπτεςεπιστήμονες 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 ΑΙΕΓΠ.
- Να εκδόσει 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.

#### **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.
- 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.

#### **AFGLC MOTTO**

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

"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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### MISSION OF AFGLC-ATHENS CENTER

The fundamental mission of the AFGLC-Athens Center is to assist the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture to achieve its aims and objectives. The overall mission of the AFGLC is to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of Greek culture and language in the United States through our academic institutions of higher learning. The AFGLC mission is to be accomplished by establishing Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) in strategically selected regions across America. The ICHSs will be modeled in administrative and academic structure similar to the "AFGLC-ICHS" at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. The ICHSs will consist of a minimum of five endowed professors in Greek Language and Literature, Greek History, Greek Philosophy, Greek Culture and the Orthodox Religion. This academic composition will adequately address the educational aspects of the complex meaning of Hellenism.

#### **Education and Diversity of Scholarship on Hellenism**

Moderator: Reverend (Prof.) Stanley Harakas

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

"The Importance of Hellenic Values in the Era of Global Anxiety and Ideological Confusion"

Prof. Maria Tzani

Department of Education University of Athens, Greece

"Management Practices in Ancient Greece" Prof. Stelios H. Zanakis

College of Business Administration Florida International University Miami, FL

"Hellenism in the USA: A Museological Approach" Ms. Amalia Skarlatou-Levi Boca Raton, FL

Summary, General Discussion and Concluding Remarks Prof. John U. Balis

Department of Pathology, College of Medicine, USF

#### Saturday - March 2, 2002

University of South Florida / Communication & Information Sciences (CIS) 1048

8:45 am - 10 am Registration, Continental

Breakfast & Social Hour

10:00 am Welcome

Greetings from the University of South Florida Prof. David Stamps

Provost and Executive Vice President USF

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"Greetings from Washington"

The Honorable Congressman Mike Bilirakis Representing Florida's 9th District

"Greetings from Tallahassee" The Honorable Gus Bilirakis

State Representative of District 48

#### AFGLC and Greek American Collaboration to Promote ICHS in USA Moderators: Profs. Andreas Paloumpis and Chris Tsokos

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Round Table Discussion

"Comments"

The Honorable Apostolos 'Akis' Tsohatzopoulos

"Comments"

The Honorable Gregorios Niotis

"AFGLC and Hellenism"

The Honorable Elephtherios Angelopoulos

Minister, Deputy Chief of the Embassy of Greece to the United States

"The Task Ahead: the Role of AFGLC"

The Honorable Ioannis Smpokos,

Former Member of the Greek Parliament Director, Security of 2004 Olympic Games

"The Commitment of the Onassis Foundation to AFGLC Objectives"

The Honorable Lucas Tsilas

Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA)

General Discussion (As time allows)

Summary, Final Concluding Remarks and Acknowledgements

Prof. Chris Tsokos

AFGLC Educational Forum 2003 Prof. John U. Balis

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

#### **AFGLC Press Conference**

The Honorable Apostolos "Akis" Tsohatzopoulos and The Honorable Gregorios Niotis will answer questions on current issues.

Representatives from AFGLC Centers will also be available to answer questions.

1:00 pm

Visit to the USF Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS)

Prof. Suzanne P. Murray

Assistant Director of ICHS, USF

7:00 pm

AFGLC Gala 2002

Tampa Waterside Marriott 700 South Florida Avenue Tampa, Florida

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## American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture

**Seventh Annual Educational Forum** 

#### "AFGLC FORUM 2002"

"Lighting the Hellenic Torch Through Interdisciplinary Centers"

Seventh Annual "AFGLC Gala Event 2002" March 2, 2002, 7:00 pm - 12:00 Tampa Waterside Marriott, Tampa, Florida

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#### PROGRAM

#### Thursday - February 28, 2002

#### University of South Florida / Special Events Center (SEC)

Finale of Hellenic Week Festivities Moderators: Profs. Ava Chitwood and Ippokratis Kantzios

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Reading Iliad - The end of the poem

The World of Alexander the Great Exhibit A scene from Euripides' "Trojan Women" performed by Students from the Theatre Department, USF

6:00 - 6:30 pm Refreshments

Annual AFGLC-ICHS Lecture on Hellenism: Moderator: Prof. Chris Tsokos

6:30 - 6:45 pm

Soprano Marianna Rigaki, from Athens, Greece, sings the American and Greek National Anthems

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

Honorary Professor of ICHS, Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology Emeritus, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Welcome

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos Recognizes

Dignitaries Including:

The Honorable Apostolos "Akis" Tsohatzopoulos Development Minister of the Hellenic Republic

The Honorable Grigorios Niotis

President of the Permanent Special Committees of the Greek Parliament on the Greeks Abroad

6:45 -8:00 pm

The main speaker is introduced by Prof. William Murray

"Ancient Greek Democracy, Modern Global Challenges, and the Organization of the Future"

Josiah Ober David Magie Professor of Classics, Princeton University

8:00 - 9:15 pm

Ms. Marianna Rigaki sings selected Greek and American songs followed by Refreshments  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{B}}$  Social Hour

#### Friday - March 1, 2002

#### University of South Florida / Communication & Information Sciences (CIS) 1048

8:45 am – 10 am Registration, Continental Breakfast  $\mathcal{E}$ 

Social Hour

10:00 am Welcome

Greetings from the University of South Florida

Professor Judy L. Genshaft
President. University of South Florida

"The Importance of Global Hellenism"

The Honorable Apostolos "Akis" Tsohatzopoulos

"The Importance of AFGLC Educational Mission for the Greeks Abroad"

The Honorable Grigorios Niotis

Opening Remarks: "The AFGLC Mission and Strategy" Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

Department of Mathematics, USF, and President of AFGLC

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## MORNING SESSION / "AFGLC and ICHS in Partnership at USF" Moderator: Prof. William M. Murray

11:00 am - 1:15 pm

"Greetings from the College of Arts and Sciences" Prof. Renu Khator

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USF

"Mission, Objectives and Accomplishments" Prof. William M. Murray

Mary and Gus Stathis Professor of Greek History, and Executive Director of ICHS, USF

"Recognition of the Prize Winning Papers from the USF Classics Forum"

Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios

Peter and Sophia Kourmolis Assistant Professor in Greek Language and Literature, USF

"Synopsis of Prize Winning Paper" Author to be announced

"The Hellenic Society at USF: Goals and Achievements"

Mr. Thanos Douros

USF Student, President of Hellenic Society of USF

Coffee break

Exhibit of Ceramics made by authentic Greek techniques (J. Wissinger and L. Kahn) in the CIS Atrium

"Hellenic Week at USF"

Prof. Ava Chitwood

Coordinator of Hellenic Week, Classics, Department of World Language Education, USF

"Current and Future Projects"

Prof. William M. Murray

"The Bill Zewadski Collection of Classical Art and Archeology Books"

Ms. Sophia Kugeares

Program Assistant, Special Collections, USF Library

"The Tauros Project: ICHS and the USF Libraries Forge a Model for Others to Emulate"

Ms. Linda McRay

Head, Visual Resources Library, USF College of Visual And Performing Arts

Comment

Prof. Josiah Ober

General Discussion (as time allows)

Special Acknowledgements Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm **Lunch** 

## "Building ICHS in other Universities: Mission, Structure and Plans" Moderator: Prof. Chris Tsokos

2:15 - 3:45 pm

"The Experience at Tri-State: A Progress Report" Dr. Peter N. Yiannos

President of the AFGLC Tri-State Center Wilmington, DE

"Our Center in Missouri: Challenges and Opportunities"

Mr. Nicholas Karakas

President of AFGLC Missouri Center St. Louis, MO

"The Process of 'Passing the Baton' begins in Tampa!" Dr. Niki Kantzios

President of AFGLC Tampa Center Tampa, FL

"The AFGLC Center in Orlando is Developing" Mr. Evangelos "Van" Firios

President of AFGLC Orlando Center Orlando, FL Coffee Break

"Working Together from Greece to Advance the Mission of AFGLC"

Prof. George Maroulis

President of the AFGLC Athens Center Athens, Greece

"The Hellenic Torch is Bright in Colombia" Mr. Nicholas Maroulis

AFGLC International Coordinator Tampa, FL

"The AFGLC Center in Bogota Colombia" Prof. Georgia Kaltsidou

Institute Caro y Cuervo,

Vice President of the AFGLC Center in Colombia

Vice President of Philo-Hellenic

Association of Colombia

Bogota, Colombia

Round Table Discussion (As time allows)