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Dear Dr./Professor/Friend of Hellenic Studies:

It is with great pleasure that we announce "Forum 2000", the fifth educational forum sponsored by the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC) and the newly established Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) at the University of South Florida. The forum will take place on the Tampa campus of the University of South Florida on Friday and Saturday, March 10-11, 2000, and will be followed on Saturday by the Foundation's annual gala dinner dance.

With headquarters in the state of Florida, and an affiliate branch in Athens, Greece, the AFGLC represents a group of academicians, businesspeople and political and community leaders unified by the goal of preserving the Greek language and culture through American institutions of higher learning. Please join us in celebrating the formation of our first Center of Excellence at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Because we have always learned much that is useful from the participants of past forums, we have designed this year's event to coincide with the opening of our new Center at USF. We hope that our theme, "The Opening of an Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies: Unifying the Building Blocks," will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas and experiences that will guide and advise us as we consider how best to utilize our own Center.

The format for "Forum 2000" will be similar to last year's event with the exception that there will be more time for discussion and interaction between the participants. This year we have planned short (15-20 minute) presentations that will be followed by both formal and informal periods of discussion, with more coffee breaks scheduled to help promote discussions outside the formal setting of the lecture hall. It is the intent of the Forum Planning Committee to structure a program with well-focused presentations and thought-provoking discussions. As a result, speakers should anticipate answering questions or responding to comments following their presentations.

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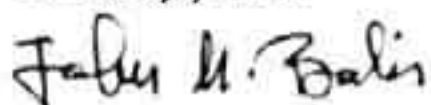
Among this year's participants will be Thomas R. Martin, Jeremiah O'Connor Professor of Classics (College of the Holy Cross), Matthew S. Santirocco, Dean of Arts and Sciences (New York University), James C. Wright, Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Bryn Mawr College) and Jennifer T. Roberts, Professor of Greek History (City College of New York).

We would also like to note that following the forum, on Saturday evening, we will hold our annual black-tie "Gala Event 2000" in which we will honor individuals who have made significant contributions to Hellenism. Several distinguished guests from the United States and Greece will be in attendance.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us at the Forum, and request your written response, preferably by fax (801) 991-6010 or e-mail: jbalis1@tampabay.rr.com. Upon receiving your acceptance to participate, we will send you further details. For additional information, you may communicate with me by e-mail or call me either at (813) 962-0708 (home) or (813) 974-0575 (office).

We look forward to hearing from you. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely yours,



John U. Balis, M.D.

Chairman, Forum Planning Committee

P.S. The program of our fourth "Forum '99" can be found at our web site: www.afglc.org.

American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture
“AFGLC FORUM 2000”

**“The Opening of an Interdisciplinary Center for
Hellenic Studies (ICHS): Unifying the Building Blocks”**
March 10-11, 2000

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

PROGRAM

Friday - March 10, 2000

8:45 am - 10:00 am Registration, Continental
Breakfast & Social Hour

10:00 am Welcome

Invocation

His Grace Bishop Iacovos
of Catania

Greetings from the University of South Florida
“Institutional Commitment for the promotion of
the ICHS Mission at USF”

Prof. Thomas J. Tighe
Provost and Executive Vice President
University of South Florida

Prof. S. David Stamps
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
University of South Florida

Opening Remarks

“AFGLC Vision and Commitments:
Future Plans and Developments”

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos
Department of Mathematics, USF,
and President of AFGLC

**“Supporting AFGLC Aims and
Objectives - From Greece”**

Mr. Poli Synghelides and Dr. Dennis Koutras
Sponsors

MORNING SESSION

“The Opening of the ICHS at USF: Existing and Developing Programs”

Moderator: Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

10:30 am - 12:30 pm
**“Beginning the Building Process:
The Year in Review”**
(15 minutes)

Prof. William M. Murray
Endowed Professor of Greek History
Department of History and
Executive Director of ICHS, USF

“Greetings: Excited to be Part of ICHS”
(5 minutes)

Dr. Ippokratis Kantzios
Peter and Sophia Kourmolis
Professor in Greek Language
and Literature, USF

**“The Multidisciplinary Model Simply
Works Best”** (15 minutes)

Prof. Thomas A. Martin
Jeremiah O'Connor Professor of Classics
College of the Holy Cross

“Ancient Studies and the Modern Research University”
(15 minutes)

Prof. Matthew S. Santirocco
Dean of Arts and Sciences, New York University

Coffee Break (20 minutes)

**“Cultivating Humanity: The View from the
Dean's Office”** (15 minutes)

Prof. James A. Wright
Dean, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Bryn Mawr College

**“Popular, Relevant and Contemporary: Teaching
Classical Themes through Film”** (20 minutes)

Prof. Jennifer T. Roberts
Professor of Greek History
City College of New York

“In Support of the ICHS at USF” (5 minutes)

Dr. Winfred E. Brownell
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
University of Rhode Island

Friday - March 10, 2000 (continued)

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

General Discussion:

"The ICHS Programs and Plans"

Moderator: Father (Dr) Stanley Harakas

Honorary Professor of ICHS, Archbishop Iakovos

*Professor of Orthodox Theology, Emeritus, Holy Cross
Greek Orthodox School of Theology*

Special Acknowledgements

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Lunch**

"Hellenism: Interactions of AFGLC and ICHS with Greek and American Institutions"

Moderator: Prof. John U. Balis

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

"The Role of the Academy of Athens in Promoting Educational Interactions Across the Atlantic"

(5 minutes)

Prof. Nikolaos Matsaniotis

Secretary General

Academy of Athens, Greece

"Tapping the Treasures of the Mount Athos Monastic Community" (20 minutes)

Dr. Stelios Papadopoulos

Editor and Museologist

Permanent Exhibition of the Treasury of the

Holy Community of Mount Athos

Athens, Greece

"Treasures of the Greek Churches and Monasteries: Church Silver" (15 minutes)

Dr. Yota Iconomaki-Papadopoulos

Former Curator of Greek Museums

Researcher at Museums, Church and Monastery

Treasures, Athens, Greece

"An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Study of Modern Greek Language and Culture" (10 minutes)

Prof. Antonia Tripolitis

Director of Modern Greek Studies

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

"Hellenism in Music: Lost Culture and Art Recovered" (10 minutes)

Prof. Diane Toulitos-Miles

Director, The Center for the Humanities

University of Missouri

Coffee Break (20 minutes)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Round Table Discussion:

"Networking' between Greek and American Institutions"

"The Need for Networking" (10 minutes)

Prof. Aristotle Michopoulos

Greek Studies Director and Dean

*Hellenic College Holy Cross Orthodox
School of Theology*

AND

"Nikolaos Matsaniotis, Stelio Papadopoulos, Yota
Iconomaki-Papadopoulos, Antonia Tripolitis,
Diane Toulitos-Miles

Nancy Biska, ANT 1, Athens, Greece

Katerina Thanasoula, ERA 5, Athens, Greece

Summary and Concluding Remarks: (10 minutes)

Prof. John U. Balis

Department of Pathology

College of Medicine, LISF

Saturday - March 11, 2000

8:45 am - 10:00 am **Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour**

"AFGLC and Educational Programs on Hellenism: The Role of Greek and American Institutions, Community and Media"

Moderators: Profs. Andreas Paloumpis and William Yotis

10:00 am - 11:40 am

"AFGLC and Greek Institutions: An Exciting Personal Odyssey" (10 minutes)

Prof. Chris Tsokos

Department of Mathematics, LISF and

President of AFGLC

"Enthusiastic Support of AFGLC: Working Together" (10 minutes)

Mr. Chris Spirou

President, Hellenic - American Union

Athens, Greece

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Saturday - March 11, 2000 (continued)

"Commitment for the Support of the ICHS at USF and the AFGLC" (10 minutes)

The Honorable Alexios G. Christopoulos
*Minister, Deputy Chief of the Embassy
of Greece to the United States*

"We Need the AFGLC" (10 minutes)

Mr. Chris Tomaras
*President, Councils of Hellenes Abroad (SAE)
Chicago, IL*

"In Support of AFGLC and ICHS: Our Commitment"
(10 minutes)

Dr. Constantinos Dallas
*Special Advisor to George Papandreou
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Athens, Greece and Honorary Professor of ICHS*

"The Onassis Foundation: Educational Support"
(10 minutes)

The Honorable Michael Sotirhos
*Former U.S. Ambassador to Greece
Vice President of the Alexander Onassis Foundation,
USA*

**"Greek Media in the USA as a Tool of
Cultural Identity"** (10 minutes)

Dr. Dino Siotis
*Press Counselor, Consulate General of Greece
Boston, Mass*

**"In Support of the AFGLC Mission, Objectives and
Strategy"** (10 minutes)

Prof. Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis
*President, Biopolitics International Organization
Athens, Greece*

Coffee Break (20 minutes)

11:40 am - 1:00 pm

**Round Table Discussion:
"AFGLC, Transatlantic Institutions,
Community, Students and Media"**

Moderator: Prof. William Yotis
Department of Microbiology, USF

Daniel Ruth

Columnist, The Tampa Tribune

Ms. Nancy Biska

ANT-1, Athens Greece

Rev. FR. N.F. Nichols

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

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ERA 5, Athens, Greece

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ECOMEH, Athens, Greece

Mr. Nick Karakas

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**Chris Tsokos, Alexios Christopoulos, Chris Tomaras,
Chris Spirou, Constantinos Dallas, Michael Sotirhos,
Dino Siotis, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis**

**Summary, Final Concluding Remarks and
Acknowledgements**

Prof. Chris Tsokos
*Department of Mathematics, USF and
President of AFGLC*

"AFGLC Educational Forum 2001

Prof. John U. Balis

1:00 pm

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

7:00 pm

"AFGLC Gala 2000

*Belleview Biltmore Resort & Spa
Clearwater, FL*

"AFGLC FORUM 2000"