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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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**ΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΚΟ ΙΔΡΥΜΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΓΛΩΣΣΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΜΟ
(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.
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 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 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 ΑΙΕΓΠ.
9. Να εκδίδει 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

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| 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. | 6. To assist in the creation of archives of Greek American families and organizations who have played important roles in the history of America. |
| 2. To assist in the establishment of curricula in the Greek language and related fields, especially literature, leading to a baccalaureate degree. | 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. |
| 3. To encourage and assist academic institutions in establishing graduate programs in the aforementioned areas of Greek studies. | 8. To organize seminars, symposia and conferences for the promotion of the aims and objectives of AFGLC. |
| 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. | 9. To assist in the publishing of scholarly works on Greek civilization and culture and all the other related fields. |
| 5. To assist academic institutions in the collection of research material and various data pertaining to Greek culture and studies in general. | 10. To engage in projects and programs involving the aforementioned fields as the Trustees and Directors deem appropriate. |

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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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Eighth Annual “AFGLC Gala Event 2003”

March 1, 2003, 7:00 pm - 12:00

Tampa Waterside Marriott, Tampa, Florida

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PROGRAM

Thursday - February 27, 2003

Embassy Suites at University of South Florida / 3705 Spectrum Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612

6:50 pm - 10:00 pm

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

6:50 pm

Mrs. Joanna Hill 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 Greek of Theology.*

AFGLC - A Global Voice of Hellenism

7:00 pm

Welcome

Prof. Chris Tsokos Recognizes Dignitaries

Prof. William Murray Comments on the
Forthcoming AFGLC-ICHS Activities

The Keynote Speaker is Introduced by
Dr. Niki Kantzios

“The ‘New’ Ancient Olympics and their Modern
Relevance”

Donald Kyle

*Professor and Chair, Department of History
University of Texas at Arlington, Texas*

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Reception & Social Hour

Friday - February 28, 2003

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

8:45 am - 10 am

Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

AFGLC - A Global Voice of Hellenism AFGLC-University Partnerships in Perpetuity

8:45 am - 10 am

Registration, Continental
Breakfast & Social Hour

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Welcome: Prof. Chris Tsokos recognizes Dignitaries

“The Commitment of the University of South
Florida to AFGLC-ICHS”

Prof. Judy L. Genshaft

President

University of South Florida

“The Richard Stockton College: “In Partnership
with AFGLC”

Prof. Vera King Farris

President

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

“The AFGLC Mission and Commitment:
We are Moving!”

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

Department of Mathematics, USF, and

President of AFGLC

“AFGLC FORUM 2003”

AFGLC and the University of South Florida

Moderators: Profs. Chris P. Tsokos and William M. Murray

11:00 am - 12:45 pm

"Partnership between the College of Arts and Sciences and the AFGLC"

Prof. Kathleen M. Heide

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USF

"Faculty Research supported by ICHS"

Prof. William M. Murray

Mary and Gus Stathis Professor of History

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"Modern Greek at USF"

Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios

Peter and Sophia Kourmolis

Assistant Professor of Greek Language and Literature,

Department of World Language Education, USF

"Study Abroad"

Prof. Suzanne Murray

Department of Classics, USF

Coffee break

"Picturing Music in Classical Athens"

Prof. Sheramy Bundrick

College of Visual and Performing Arts

USF, St. Petersburg

"Reconstructing Warship Rams from the Battle of Actium"

Prof. William M. Murray

"Magna Graecia"

Mr. Aaron J. Paul

Richard E. Perry Curator of Greek

and Roman Art Tampa Museum of Art

Special Acknowledgements

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch

"APETH: The Olympics and the Hellenic Concept of Competition"

Moderator: Professor William Murray

1:45 pm - 3:45 pm

"The Ancient Greek Olympics: Progress, Decline or Democratization"

Prof. Donald Kyle

"The Reality of Female Participation in Ancient Greek Sport"

Prof. Nancy Serwint

School of Arts, Arizona State University

"Tribal Competition and Civic Ideology at the Panathenaic Festival in Athens"

Prof. Jenifer Neils

Ruth Coulter Heede Professor of Art History

Case Western Reserve University

"Victory, Fame and Songs in Pindar"

Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios

"Comment"

Prof. Michael Cosmopoulos

Hellenic Government-Karakas Foundation

Professor of Greek Studies and Archaeology

Department of Anthropology

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Coffee Break

Enlightening the Young with the Olympic Torch of Hellenism

Moderators: Profs. John U. Balis and Aristotelis Michopoulos

3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

"Introduction"

Prof. John Balis

Department of Pathology USF and

Executive Vice President of AFGLC

"Holding the Torch from Greece: The Role of the AFGLC Athens Center"

Prof. Manolis Bechrakis

President of the AFGLC Center of Greece

Athens, Greece

"AFGLC and Philohellenica in the Athens of South America"

Prof. Alfonso Ramirez

President of Philohellenic Association of Colombia

President of AFGLC Center in Colombia

Bogota, Colombia

"The Guardian of ICHS at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey"

Prof. David Carr

Vice President for Academic Affairs

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"Sharing the Light: AFGLC Tampa Center working Hand-in-Hand with ICHS"

Dr. Niki Kantzios

President of AFGLC Tampa Center, Tampa, FL

"Creation of an ICHS at the AFGLC Tri-State Center: The beginning"

Dr. Peter Yiannos

President of the AFGLC Tri-State Center,

Wilmington, DE

Summary and Concluding Remarks

Prof. John U. Balis

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Saturday - March 1, 2003

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

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

AFGLC - A Global Voice of Hellenism

**“AFGLC and Greek American Partnership:
Holding the ICHS Torch Together”**

Moderators: Reverend Prof. Stanley Harakas and Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Welcome: Prof. Chris Tsokos Recognizes Dignitaries

“USF is Leading in the Support of the ICHS Concept”

Prof. JoAnn McCarthy
Dean, International Affairs, USF

“Message from Washington”

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

“Greetings from Tallahassee”

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
Florida State Representative

The Honorable John Carassas
Florida State representative

**“Support of the AFGLC Mission and Programs
from Greece”**

The Honorable Elephtherios Angelopoulos
*Minister; Deputy Chief of the Embassy of
Greece to the United States*

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The Honorable George K. Kalantzis
Member of Greek Parliament

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Dr. Dennis Koutras**
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Coffee Break

**“Support of the AFGLC Objectives and ICHS
from the Onassis Foundation”**

The Honorable Lucas Tsilas
*Director of the Alexander S. Onassis
Public Benefit Foundation (USA)*

“Greetings”

Dr. George D. Behrakis
*Gainesborough Investments, Chairman
Lexington, MA*

Round Table Discussion Followed by General Discussion

Summary, Final Concluding Remarks and Acknowledgements
Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

AFGLC Press Conference

**Distinguished Guests and Representatives from the
AFGLC Centers will be available to answer questions**

7:00 pm

AFGLC Gala 2003
Tampa Waterside Marriott
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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.

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

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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 Republic

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 States

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 Athens

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 Athens

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.

- Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Ambassador of Cyprus to USA

Your work on behalf of Hellenism is outstanding.

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

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

– *Menadros*

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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*.

Μοῖσα μοι
ἀ<μ>φι Σκάμανδρον
εὐρων ἄρχομαι
ἀείψιδεν

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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