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**American Foundation for
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Eleventh Annual Educational Forum

**“Hellenic Paideia:
Challenges to Higher Education”**

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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.”

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

-AFGLC

“AFGLC FORUM 2006”

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.

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.

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



As AFGLC has expanded its mission and membership to include other countries and continents, it has incorporated the International Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (IFGLC), to serve as an umbrella organization, which has the same AFGLC mission and agenda, but it applies to the *global* advancement of the Hellenic heritage.

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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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OPENING CEREMONIES
American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture
“AFGLC FORUM 2006”

Thursday, March 2, 2006

MOSI - Museum of Science and Industry, IMAX Dome Theater

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP
“HELLENIC PAIDEIA”



Starting at 6:15 pm



Greetings
Mr. Wit Ostrenko
*President of MOSI and International
Association of Science and
Technology Centers*



Greetings
Dr. Renuy Khator
Provost and Vice President, USF



Greetings
Dr. Chris P. Tsokos
*Distinguished University Professor
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“Hellenic Paideia: Challenges to Higher Education”

Dr. John Balis
*Emeritus Professor, USF; Chair of Forum and Executive
VP, IFGLC/AFGLC*

Dr. Demetrios G. Halkias
*Emeritus Professor, USF; Chair of AFGLC Gala;
VP, IFGLC/AFGLC*

Keynote Speaker

Dr. J. Peter Euben
*Professor of Political Science and Classics
Kenan Distinguished Fellow in Ethics
Duke University, Durham, NC*

“Hellenic Paideia: Socrates in the Streets”
General Discussion

**The Grand Opening of an Incredible Documentary:
Greece: Secrets of the Past**
General Discussion

Reception

Friday, March 3, 2006
University of South Florida / Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) 1048

8:30 am - 9:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:30 am - 10:15 am

“Welcome and Recognition of Dignitaries”
Prof. Chris P. Tsokos
*Distinguished University Professor, USF
President of IFGLC/AFGLC*

“Message from the Provost and Vice President of USF”
Prof. Renuy Khator
University of South Florida

“Greetings”

Prof. Herman Joseph Saatkamp, Jr.
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“Reflections on Hellenic Paideia”
Prof. J. Peter Euben

*Professor of Political Science and Classics
Kenan Distinguished Fellow in Ethics
Duke University, Durham, NC*

10:15 am - 11:15 am

THEME 1 - “Hellenic Paideia: Modern Uses for Ancient Wisdom”
– A Panel Discussion Moderator: Prof. J. Peter Euben

Panel Participants:

Mrs. Marilyn Rouvelas, Writer
*Author of “Guide to Greek Traditions
and Customs in America”*

Prof. Aristotle Michopoulos
Hellenic College, Brookline, MA

Dr. Peter Yiannos
*President of the AFGLC- Tri-State Center
Wilmington, Delaware*

Coffee Break

11:15 am - 12:45 pm

THEME 2 - “Hellenic Milestones and their Modern Relevance”
Moderator: Prof. Aristotle Michopoulos

**“The Battle of Salamis: How the First Democracy and
the Western Civilization Were Saved”**
Prof. Barry Strauss
*Professor of History and Classics, Cornell University
Ithaca, NY*

**“The Fall of Constantinople and the Rise of Renaissance:
The case of the Platonic Philosopher Pletho”**
Prof. Christos C. Evangeliou
*Professor of Hellenic Philosophy
Towson University
Towson, MD*

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General Discussion As time permits

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch
(Greek Folk Dances by the Hellenic Society of USF)

1:45 pm - 3:30 pm

THEME 3 - "Education for Virtue: The Concept of Citizenship"
Moderator: Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

"Paideia, Christianity and the Meaning of Culture"

Prof. Vigen Guroian
Professor of Theology and Ethics
Loyola College in Maryland
Baltimore, MD

Panel Discussion - Above Speakers plus

Prof. John H. Erickson
Dean and Peter N. Gramowics Professor of Church
History, St. Vladimir Orthodox Theology Seminary
Crestwood, NY

"Hellenic Paideia: The Relevance to Modern
Citizenship"

Prof. Takis Poulakos
Rhetoric Department, University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

General Discussion - As time permits

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**THEME 4 - "Professional Activism in the Postmodern Electronic
Era for the Promotion of the AFGLC Mission" -
A Panel Discussion** Moderator: Prof. Ulysses J. Balis

Panel Participants:

Dr. George Carayannopoulos
President of AFGLC New York Center
New York, NY

Ms. Kalliope Halkias
President of the AFGLC Tampa Bay Center
Tampa, FL

Dr. Christina Balis

Associate with DFI Corporate Services,
a Consulting Firm; Edited (with Simon Serfaty)
"Visions of America and Europe", 2004
Washington, DC

"Concluding Remarks"

Prof. Ulysses J. Balis
Director of Pathology Informatics, MGH,
Harvard University
Boston, MA

Saturday, March 4, 2006

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

8:30 am - 9:30 am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:30 am - 10:30 am

"Welcome and Recognition of Dignitaries"

Prof. John U. Balis
Emeritus Professor, USF
Forum Chair & Executive VP of IFGLC/AFGLC

"USF Support of AFGLC Mission"

Prof. John Skvoretz
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USF

"Hellenic Artifacts in Eirenopolis, 'City of Peace', Near
the Birthplace of Christ"

Prof. James F. Strange
Distinguished University Professor, USF

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10:30 am - 11:30 am

THEME 5 - "AFGLC's Educational Plan and its Support" - A Panel Discussion

Moderator: Prof. John U. Balis

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Dr. George Carayannopoulos
*President of AFGLC New York Center
New York, NY*

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos
*Distinguished University Professor, USF
President of IFGLC/AFGLC*

Coffee Break

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

THEME 6 - The Mission of AFGLC and the Media - A Panel Discussion

Moderator: Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

Panel Participants:

Mr. Stephen Glain
*Contributing Editor of Newsweek International
Author of "Mullahs, Merchants and Militants:
The Economic Collapse of the Arab World"*

Mr. Pavlos Kotrotsios
*Publisher, Hellenic News of America
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Prof. Michael T. Gibbons
Department of Political Science, USF

Mr. Nick Larigakis
*Executive Director, American Hellenic Institute
Washington, D.C.*

General Discussion

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Summary, Concluding Remarks and Theme of Forum 2007

Prof. John U. Balis

Special Acknowledgments

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

AFGLC Gala 2006 - 7:00 pm

New Renaissance Tampa Hotel

International Plaza, 4200 West Columbus Drive, Tampa

There is an 11-year tradition to climax the educational Forum with a Gala Event, which has consistently provided a unique and joyous occasion for our international family to interact in a distinctly Hellenic setting. The Gala Event is also a place where we honor persons who believe in the goals and objectives of AFGLC and support the AFGLC's noble educational mission. Please join us on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at the Annual AFGLC Gala Event: 7:00 PM Cocktails; 8:00 PM Dinner; Music by the Islanders; Black tie optional.

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Honorees of AFGLC Forum/Gala 2006

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*Provost and Vice President, USF
Truly Outstanding Educator;
global, Visionary Leader; and
Supporter of AFGLC Noble
Educational Mission*

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WHAT IS HELLENIC PAIDEIA?

Hellenic Paideia is the Greek educational practice and way of life that cultivates intellectual curiosity and virtue, scientific knowledge, moral and spiritual character and ethical behavior. It nourishes a deep appreciation for creativity and beauty. It aspires to develop the individual in relation to the community guided by the highest standards of human excellence. For over twenty-five hundred years it has been the foundation of Western culture and education and continues to inspire the very best in universities and colleges.



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	Muse,
ἀμ>φι Σκάμανδρον	I begin to sing for myself
ἑύρων ἄρχομαι	of fair-flowing Scamander
ἀείψιδεν	

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.

RAPHAEL'S THE SCHOOL OF ATHENS

The School of Athens, created by Raphael during 1509-1511, is a large fresco painting in the Vatican, which portrays an assembly of the greatest philosophers -teachers of antiquity, together with students and spectators. They all appear to be engaged in philosophical inquiry. In the center of the painting stand two towering larger than life figures, Plato and Aristotle, each holding one of their books, *Timaeus* and *Ethics* respectively, symbolizing their contrasting philosophical directions.

The School of Athens represents a mythical University-like place in a mythical trans-historical time, in which there is a multicultural participation of scholars including the ancient Persian prophet Zoroaster, and the foremost Islamic philosopher Averroes.

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