

A F G L C
**American Foundation for
Greek Language and Culture**

Fourteenth Annual Educational Forum/Conference
“Hellenism and the University: Approaches for Promoting
Hellenic Studies in American Universities”

Sponsored by: Margo & George D. Behrakis



Plato and Aristotle
In Raphael's School of Athens

2009: Year of Emphasis on
Interdisciplinary Education
and ICHS Development

February 27 - 28, 2009
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:



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 2009”

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.

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

**JOINT AFGLC – ICHS EDUCATIONAL
FORUM/CONFERENCE ON
HELLENISM AND THE UNIVERSITY**

FEBRUARY 27-28, 2009

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA, FL 33620, USA

Sponsors: Margo & George D. Behrakis

The Forum and Conference on “Hellenism and the University” focuses on the preservation and promotion of Hellenic Studies in American Universities and will be held in Tampa, FL, on the USF Campus. The Conference is organized by the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC), in partnership with the Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) at USF and the Richard Stockton College of NJ (RSCNJ). The conference aims at bringing together Academics, Scholars, and interested individuals to address primarily the following objectives: (a) To include Hellenic Studies in academic curricula; (b) To organize a Workshop on the Creation, operation and funding of AFGLC chapters with ICHS in Academic Institutions; and (c) To present scholarly papers on the Hellenic Heritage.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

General Chairs:

Dr. John U. Balis

Dr. Christos Evangeliou

Program Chairs:

Dr. James Strange

Dr. Tom Papademetriou

Publication Chairs:

Dr. Kimon Valavanis

Dr. Elias Stefanakos

Registration Chairs:

Dr. Marios Stephanides

Dr. Peter Yiannos

Local Arrangements Chairs:

Ms. Kalliope Halkias

Mrs. Ourania Stephanides

Advisory Committee:

Ralph Wilcox, Provost USF

Dr. Eric M. Eisenberg, Dean, CAS, USF

Dr. Stephen Klasko VP, USF Health, USF

Dr. Santo Nicosia, Chair Pathology, USF

*Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas Dean Emeritus,
Holy Cross GOST*

AFGLC Tampa-Bay Supporters:

Dr. Greg Arsenis

*Dr. Bayzar Erkman-Balis**

Mrs. Paula Bamis

Mrs. Engie Halkias

Mrs. Maria Gorter

Mr. John Krinos

Mr. John Laliotis

Ms. Tina Manolakos, Esq.

Dr. Bill Manikas

Mr. Nick Maroulis

Dr. Stephen Mastorides

Mr. Kostas Stefanakos

Mr. Kostas Stoilas

Mr. John Tsacrios

Dr. William Yotis

IFGLC Tri-State Center:

Dr. Peter Yiannos, President

IFGLC Center of Greece:

Dr. Manolis Bechrakis, President

AFGLC/IFGLC Newsletter Editor:

Dr. Byron Palls

AFGLC/IFGLC Website Director:

Dr. Ulysses J. Balis

ICHS Consultants:

Dr. John Anton

Dr. Michael T. Gibbons

Dr. Tom Papademetriou

Dr. Demetrios J. Constantelos

Dr. Ippokratis Kantzios

Dr. Lucio Privitello

Dr. Michael J. Decker

Dr. Fred C. Mench

Dr. Joanne Waugh

Dr. Maria Esformes

Dr. William Murray

* Deceased 1/17/2009

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

“AFGLC – ICHS Educational Forum Committee 2009”

CHAIR
JOHN U. BALIS, M.D.
PATHOLOGY
USF College of Medicine

B. ERKMAN-BALIS, M.D.*
PATHOLOGY
USF College of Medicine

MICHAEL T. GIBBONS, PH.D.
POLITICAL SCIENCES
USF College of Arts and Sciences

MS. KALLIOPE HALKIAS, MPH
PUBLIC HEALTH

REVEREND DR. STANLEY HARAKAS
*Former Dean, and Archbishop Iakovos
Professor of Orthodox Theology Emeritus,
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.*

MR. NICHOLAS J. MAROULIS
ENGINEERING SCIENCES

* Deceased 1/17/2009

“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*



“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture
“AFGLC-ICHIS EDUCATIONAL
FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

“Hellenism and the University”

February 27-28, 2009

PROGRAM

Friday, February 27, 2009

University of South Florida / Marshall Center, Room 2708

8:30 am - 9:15 am Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour

9:15 am - 10:00 am

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

*Former Dean, and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of
Orthodox Theology Emeritus, Holy Cross Greek
Orthodox School of Theology.*

**Welcome, Recognition of Dignitaries and Overview
of Program**

Dr. John U. Balis (10 minutes)

*President of AFGLC/IFGLC
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Dr. James F. Strange (10 minutes)

*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. Judy L. Genshaft (10 minutes)

President, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Dr. Ralph Wilcox (10 minutes)

Provost, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Dean Eric Eisenberg (10 minutes)

*College of Arts and Science
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Coffee Break

10:15 am - 11:45 am

**THEME 1 - Hellenic Culture in Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches
to the Origins of Science, Philosophy and Humanities (Part 1)**

Moderator: Dr. James F. Strange

*Distinguished University Professor and Executive Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

“From Poetry to Philosophy: the Beginning of Science”

Dr. Joanne Waugh (20 minutes)

*Angelos Langadas Professor of Greek Culture
Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Chair
Department of Philosophy
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

“Greek and Roman Warships: a New Typology”

Dr. William Murray (20 minutes)

*Mary and Gus Stathis Professor of Greek History
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

General Discussion (15 minutes)

“Herodotus and the Wonders of the World”

Dr. Ippokratis Kantzios (20 minutes)

*Peter and Sophia Kourmolis
Associate Professor of Greek Language and Literature
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

**THEME 2 - Modern Age Relevance of Educational Models from Ancient
Greece and Byzantium: Lectures followed by Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Dr. Michael T. Gibbons

*Associate Professor of Government and International Affairs
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

“Introduction” (15 minutes)

Dr. Michael T. Gibbons

**“The Synthesis of Greek Identity:
Orthodox Christian and Hellenic”**

Dr. Christos Evangeliou (20 minutes)

*Professor of Philosophy, Towson University
Towson, MD*

**“Greek, Knowledge, Arabic Practice: Farming
Handbooks and the Transmission of Knowledge
in the Early Medieval Levant”**

Dr. Michael Decker (20 minutes)

*Nick Maroulis Assistant Professor of Byzantine
History and Orthodox Christianity
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Lunch

2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Annual AFGLC-ICHS Lecture on Hellenism: The Challenge of ‘Hellenism’ in our Times”

Dr. John P. Anton (30 minutes)

*Distinguished Professor of Greek Philosophy and Culture,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

General Discussion (15 minutes)

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

THEME 3 - Exposure of Students to Greek Language and Culture in Preparation for Future ICHS Programs

Moderator: Dr. Marios Stephanides

*Professor of Sociology, University of Tampa
Tampa, FL*

“Introduction”

Dr. Marios Stephanides (15 minutes)

**“Overview of an Evolving Charter School with
focus on Greek Language and Culture”**

Dr. Peter Yiannos (20 minutes)

*President of the AFGLC Tri-State Center
Wilmington, DE*

**“Technology-Based Modern Greek Language
Instruction:**

An Interdisciplinary Approach”

Dr. Vassiliki Rapti (20 minutes)

*Preceptor in Modern Greek Studies Program
Department of the Classics, Harvard University
Boston, MA*

General Discussion (15 minutes)

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

THEME 4 - The AFGLC / IFGLC 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*

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

Panel Participants:

Dr. Peter Yiannos (10 minutes)
*President of the AFGLC - Tri-State Center
Wilmington, DE*

Dr. Manolis Bechrakis (10 minutes)
*President of IFGLC Center of Greece
Professor Emeritus, University of Patra,
Athens, Greece*

Ms. Kalliope Halkias, MPH (10 minutes)
President of AFGLC Tampa Bay Center, Tampa, FL

Dr. Byron Palls (10 minutes)
VP and Editor of Newsletter, AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

Mrs. Ourania Stephanides (10 minutes)
Secretary of AFGLC/IFGLC, Tampa, FL

Dr. Ulysses J. Balis (10 minutes)
*Director of AFGLC Website
Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of Informatics,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI*

General Discussion As time permits (10 minutes)

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
*President of AFGLC / IFGLC
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Invocation

Reverend Dr. Stanley S. Harakas
*"Former Dean, and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology
Emeritus, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology."*

Dr. Joanna Hills, Ph.D. in Nursing, sings the American and Greek National Anthems

Keynote Lecture on "Hellenism and Orthodox Christianity"

By Reverend Dr. Stanley S. Harakas

*"Former Dean, and Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology
Emeritus, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology."*

General Discussion

Honoree of AFGLC/ Forum/Conference 2009:

**Mr. George D. Behrakis will be named "Honorary President" of the
American & International Foundation for Greek Language and Culture.**

RECEPTION

Greek Folk Dances by the Hellenic Society of University of South Florida

Saturday – February 28, 2009

University of South Florida / Marshall Center, Room 2708

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

9:30 am - 10:00 am

"Welcome and Recognition of Dignitaries; Overview of the Program and Publication of Proceedings"

Dr. Tom Papademetriou (10 minutes)
*Executive Director of ICHS at the Richard Stockton
College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ*

Dr. Kimon Valavanis (10 minutes)
*AFGLC Publication Program
Professor and Chair
School of Engineering & Computer Science
University of Denver, Denver, CO*

"AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009"

10:00 am -11:00 am

THEME 5 - Hellenic Culture in Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Origins of Science, Philosophy and Humanities (Part 2)

Moderator: Dr. Tom Papademetriou

Executive Director of ICHS at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona, NJ

“Interdisciplinary Educational Approaches to Hellenism”

Dr. Diane Touliatos (20 minutes)

Director, The Center for the Humanities

Professor of Musicology

University of Missouri Curator's Professor

University of Missouri-St. Louis

St. Louis, MO

“Update on the Antikythera Mechanism”

Dr. Ulysses J. Balis (20 minutes)

Director of AFGLC Website

Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of Informatics,

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

General Discussion (15 minutes)

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

11:15 am -12:30 pm

THEME 6 - Defining “Inter-disciplinary”: Theory and Practice

“The AFGLC-ICHS model: A short history”

Dr. John U. Balis (15 minutes)

President of AFGLC/IFGLC

Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

“The American Experience of Delphi: Bringing Stockton’s Interdisciplinary Center to Greece” A report with DVD documentary presentation

Prof. Tom Papademetriou (20 minutes)

Executive Director of ICHS at the

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Pomona, NJ

“AFGLC-ICHS Relationship: Possibilities and Challenges”

Dr. James F. Strange (15 minutes)

Distinguished University Professor and Executive

Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies,

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

12:30 pm -1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm -3:15 pm

THEME 7 - Forming & Strengthening the ICHS: A WORKSHOP (Part 1)

This workshop will focus on the process of creating, operating, funding AFGLC chapters with ICHS in Academic Institutions. Each of the Breakout groups will discuss their topic and generate a report that reflects the collective wisdom of the group. All reports will be presented and discussed later during the afternoon session (See below).

Breakout Groups:

1. Creating and Governing AFGLC & ICHS

Led by Dr. Tom Papademetriou

Executive Director of ICHS at the

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Pomona, NJ

2. Working with Administrators & Faculty

Led by Dr. James F. Strange

Distinguished University Professor & Executive Director

of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies,

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

3. Developing University Support and Motivating the Community

Led by:

Mr. Kostas Miliotis;

Mr. George Markakos

President of Pan Hellenic

Federation of Florida

and

Dr. Diane Touliatos

Director, The Center for the Humanities

Professor of Musicology

University of Missouri Curator's Professor

University of Missouri-St. Louis

St. Louis, MO

4. Defining & Refining «Interdisciplinary»

Led by Dr. Santo Nicosia

Distinguished University Professor and Chair

Department of Pathology and Cell Biology

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

5. Planning and Funding in a Crisis Economy

Led by Mr. Nick Karakas

President of the AFGLC -Missouri Center

Chairman, Greek Chair Advisory Committee

University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

3:15 pm -5:00 pm

THEME 8 - Forming & Strengthening the ICHS: A WORKSHOP (Part 2) Reports from the Working Groups

Moderator: Dr. Karen M. Weidenheim

*Professor of Pathology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Chief, Division of Neuropathology; and Director, Neuropathology
Residency Program, Bronx, NY*

5:00 pm -5:30 pm

Summary, Concluding Remarks and Special Acknowledgments:

Dr. James Strange

*Distinguished University Professor and Executive
Director of Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies,
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Dr. Tom Papademetriou

*Executive Director of ICHS at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Pomona, NJ*

Dr. John U. Balis

*President of AFGLC/IFGLC
Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL*

Honorary President of AFGLC / IFGLC

Mr. George D. Behrakis, Chairman

Gainesborough Investments, Inc.

Honorary Board Members

The Honorable Joseph Biden

Former U.S. Senator/VP of U.S.A.

The Honorable Michael Bilirakis

Former U.S. Congressman

The Honorable Tom Carper

U.S. Senator

Dr. Diskin Clay, Director

Classics Studies, Duke University

Dr. Demetrios J. Constantelos

*Distinguished Professor
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey*

The Honorable Michael S. Dukakis

Former Governor of Massachusetts

Rev. Dr. Stanley S. Harakas

Dean Emeritus Holy Cross, GOST

Dr. Richard Janko

*G. F. Else Collegiate Professor,
Classical Studies University of Michigan*

Dr. Gregory Nagy

*Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature,
Harvard University*

Dr. Josiah Ober

*C. Mitsotakis Professor in
Humanities & Sciences, Stanford University*

The Honorable Eugene Rossides

President, American Hellenic Institute

Mr. Gus A. Stavros, CEO

Pelam Investments, Inc.

Dr. Steven V. Tracy

*Director, American School Classical Studies
Athens, Greece*

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

AFGLC

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS

Dr. John Balis, *President of AFGLC/IFGLC*

Ms. Kalliope Halkias
President of Tampa Bay Center, Treasurer

Mrs. Ourania Stephanides
Secretary

Dr. Byron Palls
Vice President, Editor, AFGLC Newsletter

Dr. William Yotis
Member-at-Large

Dr. Elias Stefanakos
Vice President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Greg Arsenis
Member-at-Large

Mr. N. J. Maroulis
Member-at-Large

Mr. John Krinos
Member-at-Large

GREECE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Nikolaos K. Artemiadis
Hon. President

Mrs. Pagona Mussouri
Treasurer

Dr. Manolis Bechrakis
President

Mrs. Vasso Foudoukakou
Consultant

Dr. Athanasios Papadopoulos
Vice President

Mrs. Aliko Karali
Consultant

Mrs. Pota Bouba
Secretary

Mr. John Camesas
Managing Director

TRI-STATE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Peter N. Yiannos, *President/Director* **Dr. George Vassilatos**, *Deputy Director*

MISSOURI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Nicholas Karakas, *President/Director*

TAMPA: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Kalliope Halkias, *President*

DALLAS, TEXAS: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ektor Polykandriotis, *President*

COLUMBIA: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. I. Chavez Cuevas, *Honorary President*
Director, Instituto Caro y Cuervo

Dr. Luis Alfonso Ramirez, *President*

DIRECTOR OF AFGLC WEBSITE

Dr. Ulysses J. Balis, *University of Michigan*

“AFGLC FORUM/CONFERENCE 2009”

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.



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
ἀμ>φι Σκάμανδρον
ἔϋρων ἔρχομαι
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.

You can find AFGLC on the Internet: www.AFGLC.org
