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"AFGLC FORUM '99"

***"Creation and Support of University-
-Based Interdisciplinary Centers of Hellenic Studies
(ICHS)"***

Fourth Annual "AFGLC Gala Event '99"

March 6, '99, 7:00 p.m. - 12

Hyatt Regency Hotel

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March 5-6, 1999

University of South Florida

Tampa, Florida

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

PROGRAM

Friday - March 5, 1999

9:00 am - Registration, Continental Breakfast & Social Hour	Opening Remarks "AFGLC and the ICHS Concept" Prof. Chris P. Tsokos <i>Department of Mathematics, USF</i>
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Welcome Invocation His Grace Bishop Iacovos <i>of Catania</i> Greetings from the University of South Florida The Honorable Betty Castor <i>President, USF</i> Prof. S. David Stamps <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USF</i>
	"Strategies to Support the AFGLC" Mr. Gus A Stavros, CEO <i>Pelam Investments, Inc</i> "Support of ICHS as a Center of Excellence at USF" Mr. Daniel Ruth, Columnist <i>The Tampa Tribune</i>
"ICHS Programs and Plans" MODERATOR: PROF. JOHN BALIS	
10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	"Starting an ICHS at USF: Working from our Strengths" Prof. William M. Murray <i>Department of History, USF</i> "Local Resources for a Program in Classical Greek Art and Archeology" Prof. Suzanne P. Murray <i>Department of Humanities, USF</i> "Teaching Classical Greek at USF" Prof. John Noonan <i>Department of Classics, USF</i>
	"Hellenism in Israel and Jordan and USF's Excavation in Sepphoris in Palestine" Prof. James Strange <i>Department of Religious Studies, USF</i> Coffee Break (15 minutes) "The American School of Classical Studies: 118 Years of Teaching Hellenism to American University Students" Prof. Stephen V. Tracy <i>Chairman of the Managing</i>

*Committee of the
American School of Classical
Studies,
Athens, Greece
Professor of Greek, Ohio State
University*

**"Hellenism, The Tarpon Springs
Center of SPJC and the Potential for
Cooperation with USF"**

Provost Hick M. Billiris
*Tarpon Springs Center
St. Petersburg Junior College*

**"One Hundred Years of Hellenism
through Classical Archeology The
AIA and America's Universities"**

Prof. Nancy Wilkie
*President, Archeological Institute of
America,
Department of Classics, Carleton
College*

Coffee Break (15 minutes)

**Round Table Discussion: The ICHS
and the Classical Civilization
Program"**

Father Stanley Harakas
*Department of Religious Studies,
Courtesy Member, USF
Former Dean of the Holy Cross
Greek Orthodox School of Theology*

Dr. John Anton
*Distinguished Professor of Greek
Philosophy, USF*

AND

**Chris Tsokos, Gus A. Stavros, Daniel
Ruth, William Murray, Suzanne
Murray, John Noonan,
Stephen Tracy, Nancy Wilkie, Nick
Billiris, James Strange, Maria
Daniels**

12:45
p.m.-
1:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m.
- 2:15
p.m.

Lunch

**"Teaching Hellenism with the
Perseus Project Database: How it
Might Work at USF"**

Ms. Maria Daniels
*Visual Collections Curator
The Perseus Project, Tufts University*

Concluding Remarks

Prof. John Balis
*Department of Pathology College of
Medicine, USF*

"Hellenism: Definitions and Perspectives"

MODERATOR PROP. ANDREAS PALOUMPIS

- 2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **"The Importance of Hellenic Studies and the AFGLC"**
Ms. Catherine Koumarianou
Athens, Greece
- "In Support of the Interdisciplinary Centers of Hellenic Studies"**
Prof. George Roussas
*Dean, College of Arts & Science
University of California at Davis*
- "Biopolitics-Bioculture-A new Renaissance: Contribution to Hellenism"**
Prof. Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis
*President
Biopolitics International Organization
Athens, Greece*
- Round Table Discussion:**
"Aspirations, Challenges and Opportunities of Programs in Hellenic Studies"
Prof. Aristotle Michopoulos
*Greek Studies Director & Dean
Hellenic College Holy Cross
Orthodox School of Theology*
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Ms. Sophia Metsakis-Laszlo**
*Greek Language & Culture
University of South Alabama*
- Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios**
*Greek Language & Culture
Stockton State College of New Jersey*
- AND**
Catherine Koumarianou, George Roussas, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, Fani-Marla Tsigakou, Theo Zacharatos
- "In Support of AFGLC"**
Theo Zacharatos
*Theo G. Zacharatos & Associates
Royal Oak Michigan*
- "Rediscovery of Greece" or "From Hellas to Greece"**
Dr. Fani-Maria Tsigakou
*Curator, Benaki Museum
Athens, Greece*
- Coffee Break (15 minutes)**
- Concluding Remarks:**
Prof. Andreas Paloumpis
*President Emeritus of Hillsborough
Community College*

Saturday - March 6, 1999

- 9:00 a.m. - **Registration, Continental Breakfast &**
10:00 a.m. **Social Hour**

"AFGLC & The Bonding Between America & Greece" **In Preparation for the Next Millennium** **MODERATOR PROP. CHRIS TSOKOS**

10:00 am -
12:00 noon

"Greetings from the University of South Florida"
Prof. Thomas J. Tighe
*Provost and Executive Vice President
University of South Florida*

"The Future U.S.-Greek Relationships and AFGLC"
THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS BURNS - UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO GREECE

"The Interdisciplinary Center of Hellenic Studies at USF and the AFGLC"
The Honorable Alexios G. Christopoulos
*Minister, Deputy Chief of the
Embassy of Greece to the United States*

"Greetings from the State House"
The Honorable Gus M. Bilirakis
Florida House of Representatives

"What is Hellenism? The Diaspora Perspective"
Mr. Chris Tomaras
*President Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE)
North & South America, Chicago, Illinois*

"New Perspectives for Greek Foreign Cultural Policy"
Dr. Constantinos Dallas
*Special Advisor to George A Papandreou
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Athens, Greece*

"Support of AFGLC and Its Mission"
Ms. Ourania Lampsidou
*Special Advisor to Minister of Culture
Athens, Greece*

"On our Support of AFGLC - Aims & Objectives"
Ms. Catherine Ferguson
*Grand President
Daughters of Penelope, USA*

"The Hellenic American Union and AFGLC"
Mr. Evangelos Sorogas
*President, American Educators in Greece
Hellenic American Union,
Athens, Greece*

"Hellenism and Ethnic Interactions in the Post Cold War Era"
Prof. Chris P. Ioannides
*Chairman of Faculty
The Zeros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism
Rancho Cordova, California*

AFGLC Educational Forum '99 - Conclusions"
PROFESSOR CHRIS P. TSOKOS - PRESIDENT, AFGLC

AFGLC Press Conference

The Honorable Nicholas Burns will answer questions on the "Future Greek-American Relations" along with Minister Alexios G. Christopoulos of the Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C. Members of the Board of Directors of AFGLC will also be available to answer questions.

The President of the Hellenic Republic

It is a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity 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 cultural tradition in the United States of America.

This outstanding Foundation, created by an inspired group of distinguished academicians, politicians and businessmen has been highly successful, during the last years, in introducing the distinctive Greek character, spirit and attitude to all those keen to increase their knowledge of Greece through the Greek language. Moreover by fostering a fresh interest in the study of Hellenism, the AFGLC has actively helped in strengthening the intellectual ties between the Greek and the American peoples.

The tireless and multifaceted efforts of the AFGLC in enhancing the study of the Greek language and in offering a wealth of knowledge in the fields of Greek literature, history philosophy art, society and culture reflect, in an exemplary way the ancient ideal of "Paideia", a Greek word so difficult to translate.

Finally I would like to make a special reference to the dedication of the Foundation in introducing modern Greek literature, and particularly the poetic work of our two Nobel laureates and Cavafy.

With these thoughts, I would like to congratulate you once more for your valuable offer and to wish you every success in your noble mission.

CONSTANTINOS STEPHANOPOULOS

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

AFGLC

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 peoples.

- 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

Let me take this opportunity to commend you and your organization (AFGLC) on all your efforts. I wholeheartedly support your mission to assist in the preservation of the Greek language and culture. It is through people like you and your organization that these values will continue to prosper. For it is through academic institutions that Hellenic history including language, heritage and culture of past and present can be made available to future generations. Indeed, the impact that the Hellenic culture and language have had on western civilization should not be forgotten.

- Chris Tomaras, President, Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE)

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

We at AFGLC must work to achieve the stated aims and objectives. the United States, the world . . . will be better for remembering and

implementing the democratic ideals and philosophies of our ancient heritage.

- Gus A. Stavros, March 1997

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 proud of the values the Greeks have held since antiquity. a strong work ethic - communities of neighbors and friends - and the sanctity of home and family. If, in our minds, we dig down to the bedrock of our nation, we will find these same principles, along with freedom, democracy and the dignity of man. I think we will find, as we shake the earth from our hands, that in uncovering the roots of America we have touched the foundation stones of Greece.

- Michael Bilirakis, Member of US. Congress

Congratulations to all members of the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC) for their dedication to Greek ideals and culture. Our steady orientation towards these goals is the best guarantee for a bright future for Hellenism.

- Dimitris Macrynikolas, Consul of Greece in Atlanta

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

- AFGLC

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.