



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
ἔθρων 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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Sixth Annual Educational Forum
"AFGLC FORUM 2001"

"The Development of Interdisciplinary Centers for
Hellenic Studies (ICHS): Linking Mission and
Objectives with Realistic Strategies"

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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:

- ◆ Professor of Greek Language
- ◆ Professor of Greek Culture
- ◆ Professor of Greek Philosophy
- ◆ Professor of Greek History
- ◆ Professor of Orthodox Religion

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

– *Menadros*

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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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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 U.S. 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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**ΑΜΕΡΙΚΑΝΙΚΟ ΙΔΡΥΜΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΓΛΩΣΣΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΣΜΟ
(ΑΙΕΓΠ)**

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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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. |
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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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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. The overall mission of the AFGLC is to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of Greek culture and language in the United States through our academic institutions of higher learning. The AFGLC mission is to be accomplished by establishing Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) in strategically selected regions across America. The ICHSs will be modeled in administrative and academic structure similar to the “AFGLC-ICHS” at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. The ICHSs will consist of a minimum of five endowed professors in Greek Language and Literature, Greek History, Greek Philosophy, Greek Culture and the Orthodox Religion. This academic composition will adequately address the educational aspects of the complex meaning of Hellenism.

Saturday - March 03, 2001
University of South Florida / Cooper Hall 103

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

10:00 am Welcome

Greetings from the University of South Florida:

Prof. S. David Stamps,
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, USF

Prof. Renu Khator,
Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, USF

The AFGLC Concept of ICHS: Support from Greece:

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

The Honorable Ioannis Smpokos,
*Former Member of Greek Parliament
Director, Security of 2004 Olympic Games*

The Mission of AFGLC Athens Center

Moderator: Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

10:30 am - 11:45 am

“The Zappeion Event: An Overview of the AFGLC Athens Center”

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

Comments from Participants of the Zappeion Event:

“Message from the Academy of Athens, Greece”

Prof. Nicholas Artemiadis,
President, Emeritus, Academy of Athens, Greece

“AFGLC and Panteion University”

Prof. John Vavouras, Rector,
*Panteion University of Social and
Political Sciences, Athens, Greece*

“ICHS and Legal Issues”

Dr. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director,
European Public Law Center, Athens, Greece

“Message from the University of Crete”

Prof. Yannis A. Phillis, President
Technical University of Crete, Chania, Greece

“Hellenism in Colombia”

The Honorable General Manuel Jose Bonett,
Colombia Ambassador to Greece

**“Message from the School of Philosophy
University of Athens”
(Teleconference)**

Prof. Maria Tzani
*School of Philosophy, University of
Athens, Athens, Greece*

“Message from the AFGLC-Athens Center”

(Teleconference)

Coffee Break (as time allows)

Round Table Discussion

“Needs & Priorities in Developing Educational Programs Across the Atlantic”

PARTICIPANTS:

*Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas · The Honorable Alexios G. Christopoulos
The Honorable Ioannis Smpokos · Prof. Nicholas Artemiadis · Prof. John Vavouras
Dr. Spyridon Flogaitis · Prof. Yannis A. Phillis · Prof. Chris Tsokos*

12:00 noon - 1: 00 pm

General Discussion (as time allows)

**Summary, Final Concluding Remarks and
Acknowledgements**

Prof. Chris Tsokos

AFGLC Educational Forum 2002

Prof. John U. Balis

1:00 pm

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

7:00 pm

AFGLC Gala 2001

*Tampa Waterside Marriott
700 South Florida Avenue
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PROGRAM

Thursday - March 01, 2001

Embassy Suites Tampa (at Univ. of South Florida) / 3705 Spectrum Blvd. • Tampa, FL 33612

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Lecture: “The Spirit of Homer”

Prof. Gregory Nagy

Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature at Harvard

Director of the Harvard University’s Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington

8:30 - 10:00 Reception & Social Hour

Friday - March 02, 2001

University of South Florida / Cooper Hall 103

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

10:00 am Welcome

Invocation

His Grace, Bishop Iacovos of Catania

Greetings from the University of South Florida

Professor Judy L. Genshaft

President, University of South Florida

Professor Joann McCarthy

Dean, International Affairs Center,

University of South Florida

Mr. Gus A. Stavros

President, USF Foundation, University of South Florida

Opening Remarks:

“AFGLC: Focus on Our Mission”

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos,

Department of Mathematics, USF, and

President of AFGLC

**“Supporting the AFGLC Aims and
Objectives” - from Greece”**

Mr. Poli Synghelides and Dr. Dennis Koutras,

Sponsors of the AFGLC Educational Forum

Athens, Greece

MORNING SESSION / “The ICHS at USF”

Moderator: Prof. William M. Murray

10:30 am - 1:15 pm

“The Accomplishments of Our First Year”

Prof. William M. Murray,

Mary and Gus Stathis

Professor of Greek History, and

Executive Director of ICHS, USF

“Studying Greek Culture 140 Feet Under Water”

Ms. Kristine Trego,

Dept. of History and Classics

**“The USF Classics Forum:Community Building and
Student Mentoring”**

Prof. Ava Chitwood,

Classics, Dept. of World Language

Education, USF

“Curricular Innovations and Outreach”

Prof. Suzanne Murray,

Dept. of History and Assistant Director

of ICHS, USF

Coffee Break

Catapult Demonstration by Joseph Leavitt

“Modern Greek at USF”

Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios,

Peter and Sophia Kourmolis Assistant

Professor In Greek Language and Literature, USF

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Friday - March 02, 2001 (continued)

“Aristophanes in Tampa”

Prof. Ippokratis Kantzios and Ava Chitwood

“Aristophanes’ Lysistrata Excerpt”

Performed by the TROUPE Directed by Erik Morris and theUSF Classics Club

“Future Directions for the ICHS at USF”

Prof. William M. Murray

“Commentary”

Prof. Gregory Nagy,

Francis Jones Professor of Classical Greek Literature at Harvard and Director of Harvard’s Center For Hellenic Studies in Washington

General Discussion (as time allows)

Special Acknowledgements

Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION / “Expanding the ICHS Concept: The Role of AFGLC”

Moderator: Prof. Chris P. Tsokos

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

“Message from the University of Missouri-St Louis”

Prof. Blanche M. Touhill, Chancellor,

University of Missouri-St. Louis, St Louis, MO

“ICHS and Religious Studies”

Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas

*Honorary Professor of ICHS,
Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology,
Emeritus, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox
School of Theology*

“The Role of Archeology in Structuring the ICHS Curricula”

Dr. Niki Kantzios

Tampa, Florida

“Hellenic Revival: Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies”

Dr. Peter N. Yannos

Wilmington, Delaware

“AFGLC-ICHS”

Dr. Mike Epitropoulos, President

*Foundation for Hellenic Academic Studies,
Pittsburgh, PA*

“International Relations for Culture: We are behind the Goals and Objectives of AFGLC”

Ms. Zozo Lidoriki

Athens, Greece

General Discussion (as time allows)

Coffee Break

Round Table Discussion / “The Spirit of Volunteerism in AFGLC”

Moderators: Profs. John U. Balis & Demetrios Halkias

3:30 pm -5:00 pm

“We are All Volunteers!”

Prof. Chris Tsokos,

*Department of Mathematics, USF and
President of AFGLC*

“Managing the Expansion of AFGLC”

Mr. John Hatsios

Secretary of AFGLC

“AFGLC and the Greek Community”

Emeritus Prof. Demetrios Halkias

*Departments of Microbiology and
Pathology, USF; Treasurer of AFGLC*

“Monitoring Resources in a Non-Profit Organization: AFGLC”

Mr. Nicholas Maroulis,

Senior Advisor of AFGLC

“AFGLC and ICHS at USF”

Prof. John U. Balis,

*Department of Pathology, USF;
Vice President of AFGLC*

General Discussion (as time allows)

“Summary and Concluding Remarks”

Prof. John U. Balis

“AFGLC FORUM 2001”