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Μήνυμα του συμβουλίου

Αγαπητά μέλη,

Το συμβούλιο της ΕΚΕΠΙΟ συμπλήρωσε τα δύο χρόνια θητείας του και είναι έτοιμο να περάσει την σκυτάλη στο νέο συμβούλιο, το οποίο θα εκλεγεί κατά τη διάρκεια της Γενικής Συνέλευσης, την Κυριακή 7 Δεκεμβρίου 1997. Κατά τη διάρκεια αυτών των δύο ετών η οργάνωσή μας δραστηριοποιήθηκε σε πολλούς τομείς, εκδηλώσεις κοινωνικές και διασκέδασης, ομιλίες για εθνικά θέματα, καλλιτεχνικές εκδηλώσεις, ηλεκτρονική οργάνωση και προώθηση πληροφοριών, κ.α. Ελπίζουμε ότι αυτές οι προσπάθειες δεν πήγαν χαμένες. Ότι αυτές οι δραστηριότητες αγγίζουν τα μέλη μας, εκφράζουν κάτι από το σύνολο και προσφέρουν σ' αυτό. Ελπίζουμε ακόμη ότι αυτές οι προσπάθειες θα συνεχιστούν. Θα βρεθούν νέα στελέχη με διάθεση να δώσουν λίγο από τον χρόνο τους (σημ. σας διαβεβαιώνουμε ότι δεν χρειάζεται πολύς χρόνος) για να προσφέρουν μια ακόμη πνοή στο σύνολο.

Είναι ιδιαίτερα σημαντικό να παρευρεθείτε στην Γενική Συνέλευση. Έτσι μόνο θα δοθεί το μήνυμα στα μέλη του αποχωρούντος συμβουλίου αλλά και στα καινούργια που θα βάλουν υποψηφιότητα ότι ο χρόνος που διαθέτουν αξίζει τον κόπο.

General Assembly 1997

The Executive Council of HCAAO calls all members and potential members to a General Assembly on

Sunday, December 7, 1997, at 4:30 p.m.,

Room LP266,

D. L. Pratt Building, 6 King's College Rd, University of Toronto. (King's College Rd is vertical to College Street and to the east of St. George Street.) During the meeting, the elections of the executive council members for a two-year term will be held. It is very important for the survival of the association as many members as possible to be present at the meeting, and to actively participate in the election procedure.

Questionnaire

HCAAO is doing a survey in an effort to obtain more information from its members about how they view our association. If you have not filled this questionnaire by e-mail, please take a few minutes to answer the questions in the form enclosed and send your reply (hard-copy or e-mail) to

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Membership

All members are kindly asked to submit their membership dues for 1998. A membership application/renewal form is enclosed. We would appreciate if all past members who forgot to pay their membership dues for 1997 send their dues for both 1997 and 1998. Please make checks payable to the Hellenic-Canadian Academic Association of Ontario and mail them to

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Message from the outgoing President, Prof. V. Papangelakis

As outgoing president of the Association, I take this opportunity through these few lines of the Newsletter to thank the members of the executive council with whom I had a very refreshing and enjoyable cooperation. Although my academic duties will keep me away from Ontario for one year, I will remain linked with the heartbeat of HCAAO. I wish the new interim president, Prof. Christina Christara, a successful tenure full of rewards for the effort that is placed in keeping the Association functional. Strengthening the HCAAO provides us with a unique opportunity to use our skills, and background to represent our ideas more effectively within the academic, professional, and community circles of the place we have chosen to live.

Upcoming Events: Annual Dinner 1998

After the success of last year's dinner, HCAAO is planning to hold a dinner for its members sometime in February 1998. It is quite likely that this dinner will also be a fundraising event, co-hosted by the Hellenic-Canadian associations of Doctors, Lawyers and Dentists. Our hope is that this type of event will attract enough participation to support some fellowships awarded to Greek-Canadian students or to support a related activity. Stay tuned for details.

Lecture on Byzantine Art

On the occasion of the permanent Byzantine Exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum's Joey and Toby Tannenbaum Gallery of Byzantine Art, HCAAO co-hosted a lecture on "The Realities of Byzantine Art", by Dr. Anthony Cutler, Professor of Fine Arts at Pennsylvania State University.

The lecture was organised by HCAAO, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies and the Canadian Institute of Balkan Studies and sponsored by the Consulate General of Greece in Toronto.

About 120 attendees filled the Theatre of the Royal Ontario Museum (R.O.M.) on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., to listen to a lecture in which the speaker, a renowned authority on Byzantine art, explored the relationship between the abstract notion of beauty and the materials and methods available to the Byzantine artist. During the lecture the audience has the chance to admire the delicacy of icons, jewellery and liturgical artifacts, presented on slides.

Annual Dinner 1997

About 30 members of HCAAO and guests gathered on Sunday (Κυριακή της Απόκριω), March 2, 1997, at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club Ltd., for the main social event of the association which brings together (physically and not only virtually) colleagues from various Universities.

The event started around 6pm with meeting among members, potential members and guests. An excellent meal followed. The pleasant atmosphere continued and reached its peak during the piano performance by Dimitra Marangozi, member of the Royal Conservatory of Music. The performance included works by Handel, Mozart, Chopin, Kalomoiris and Liszt, as well as popular Greek songs, chorused by all participants.

The Executive Council of HCAAO takes this opportunity to thank Dimitra Marangozi and all colleagues and guests for their involvement and participation in this warmest evening.

Questionnaire

Dear colleague,

The Hellenic-Canadian Academic Association of Ontario is doing a survey in an effort to obtain more information from its members about how they view our association. This information will help us in organizing upcoming events and activities as well as offering services that are important to our members. If you have not filled this questionnaire by e-mail, please take a few minutes to answer the questions below and mail them back (by e-mail or hard-copy) to us as soon as possible, preferably within a week. Your answers will help us to better prepare for the upcoming General Assembly, Sunday, December 7, 4:30 p.m., in LP266, D. L. Pratt Building, 6 King's College Rd, University of Toronto and will be used by the next council as guidelines for the activities of the association.

A. In the past, HCAAO organized a variety of events including educational or cultural ones, events on national or historical issues, and others. Examples:

1. Piano and Dance event, Sunday, February 25, 1996
2. Lecture on The one hundred years of the modern Olympic games, Sunday, March 10, 1996
3. Lecture on Computers and Education, Sunday, April 21, 1996
4. Photo-exhibit on Greek Immigrant Women in Ontario, Sunday, November 3, 1996
5. Lecture on The destruction of cultural heritage and the international law, Wednesday, November 27, 1996
6. Annual General Meeting 1996, Sunday December 8, 1996
7. Annual Dinner 1997, Sunday, March 2, 1997
8. Lecture on Byzantine Art, Tuesday, October 14, 1997

To get more information on selected past events, please see <http://www.greekvillage.com/hcaao/events.html>.

Please tell us what kinds of events you would like to see organized by HCAAO.

Are events such as those listed above of interest to you?

Which ones of these would you personally attend?

Be as specific as possible in your answer and indicate order of preference, if any.

B. So far HCAAO offered some services to its members. Examples:

1. Distribution of information about events (lectures, performances, etc) on Hellenic matters taking place in the greater Toronto area via e-mail.
2. Distribution of announcements of academic positions and other related matters in Greece or elsewhere via e-mail.
3. Construction of web site and electronic database of members and their areas of interest.
4. Facilitation of meetings between academics.

What types of services would you like to see offered by the association?

Are services such as those listed above of importance to you?

Be as specific as possible in your answer and indicate order of preference, if any.

C. What is the best way to communicate with our members? Indicate order of preference, if any.

E-mail_____

Telephone____

Mail_____

Fax_____

Other (Please explain)_____

D. Will you be attending the General Assembly and elections on December 7, 1997?

Yes___ No___

E. If you will be attending the General Assembly, will you be a candidate for the executive council?

Yes___ No___

F. Do you prefer to hold elections by e-mail?

Yes___ No___

G. Please comment on the future of the association, its importance to Greek and Greek-Canadian academics in our province and what we can do to improve it.

Thank you very much for your participation and help by filling out this questionnaire.