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HCAAO 2007 Annual General Meeting

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

Sunday, December 9, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.,

Room BA 5256, Bahen Centre for Info. Technology,
40 St. George Str., University of Toronto.

The Bahen Centre for Information Technology is the new Computer Science and Electrical Engineering building at the University of Toronto. Enter from 40 St. George Str., across from the Galbraith building.

This year, the elections for a new Executive Council with a two-year term will take place. It is very important that as many members as possible be present at the meeting, and actively participate in the procedures, so that diverse views are considered.

Any full member of HCAAO can be a candidate for Executive Council. Nominations are accepted either in advance of or during the General Meeting. If made in advance, the member who nominates must ensure in advance that the nominee accepts being a candidate, and that another member seconds the nomination. Advance nominations must be forwarded by December 4, 2007, to the secretary of the association,

Prof. George J. Georgopoulos
School of Analytic Studies & Info. Tech.
Dept. of Economics, York University
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The agenda of the meeting includes:

16:00 Approval of minutes of the 2006 AGM

16:10 President's report

16:30 Treasurer's report

16:50 Elections

17:10 New items -- activities for next year

You look forward to seeing you there. Please mark the day on your calendar.

Membership

All members are kindly asked to submit their membership dues for 2008. The amount is \$25. A membership application/renewal form is enclosed. We would appreciate if all past members who forgot to pay their membership dues for 2007 send their dues for both 2007 and 2008 (i.e. a total of \$50). New members pay dues for 2008 only (i.e. \$25). Please make checks payable to the **Hellenic-Canadian Academic Association of Ontario** and mail them to

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Once we receive your dues, you will be sent a receipt. Those who come to the General Meeting and have not paid their dues will be requested to pay at that time.

Our web site includes a list of our members at <http://www.greekvillage.com/hcaao/members.html>. If you wish to make any changes to the information shown for you, please e-mail ccc@cs.utoronto.ca.

Events of 2007

On Saturday, March 3, 2007, HCAAO organized its ninth get-together-dinner at the Ontario Club. The invited guest was Prof. Evangelos Michelakis, Professor of Medicine, University of Alberta. Prof. Michelakis's research on cancer treatment was the subject of several journal and newspaper articles around the world, and received television coverage as well. After the dinner, Prof. Michelakis gave a very enlightening and inspiring presentation of his recent work. The topic covered and the way it was presented

appealed to all present. It was the best attended dinner ever.

The tenth get-together-dinner is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2008, venue to be announced. Check your email for further details.

Our association also participated in the joint dinner-dance co-organized by the associations Greek doctors, lawyers and dentists, on Saturday, February 10, 2007, at the Liberty Grand, one of the finest venues in Toronto for such events.

Awards to our members

This year and the past one have been marked with exceptional awards given to members of our association.

Prof. *John Mylopoulos*, from the Department of Computer Science of the University of Toronto, has been elected fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2007.

John Mylopoulos is the first and still most influential researcher to have made lasting and deep contributions to the three separate computer science fields of artificial intelligence, data management, and software engineering. He pioneered the use of conceptual modeling within all three fields. His seminal work on requirements modeling has had a lasting impact on academic research and industrial practice, and provides a foundation for the popular software engineering practice of model-driven software development. He is an academic leader, and has been elected to top research positions in all three fields.

Prof. *Andreas Mandelis*, from the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, of the University of Toronto, has been elected fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2006.

Andreas Mandelis is an internationally renowned expert in the development, shaping and applications of diffusion-wave sciences and associated technologies. He pioneered and developed numerous techniques and devices that are now used worldwide for materials research, industrial process quality control, dental

caries diagnosis and soft tissue imaging.

Prof. *George A. Vilos*, from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of Western Ontario, received for the second year, the Kurt Semm Award for excellence in Endoscopic Surgery at the Global Congress of Minimally Invasive Gynecology, November 6, 2006, Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. This annual award is given to a researcher who has made the most significant advance in laparoscopic surgery.

Disclosure: HCAAO would like to apologize for missing other similar distinguished distinctions and encourages its members to submit information on any professional award that may have recently received.

Modern Greek Studies at York University

HCAAO welcomes Prof. Flora Tsilaga in Toronto. Prof. Tsilaga will teach modern Greek history courses at York University during this year, since Prof. Gallant, the holder of the Hellenic Heritage Foundation chair of Modern Greek Studies at York University, has resigned and moved to San Diego, California. In the mean time, the position of the chair has been advertised by York. See <http://www.hnet.uci.edu/classics/MGSA/jobs.html#yu>, and please pass-on the information to anyone interested.

Action on Macedonia

HCAAO sent the following letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and a similar one to Minister of Foreign Affairs Maxime Bernier regarding the issue of Macedonia. Some HCAAO members also participated in the demonstration at Ottawa, on October 27, 2007, against Canada's decision to recognize the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) by the name "Republic of Macedonia" in bilateral relations.

Dear Prime Minister,

I'm writing to express our members' deep concern, displeasure and disappointment with the Canadian government's recent decision to recognize the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) officially by the name "Republic of Macedonia" in bilateral relations.

In our view, the Canadian Government's unilateral decision is contrary to the letter and the spirit of the United Nations Security Council resolution 817 of 1993 according to which that Balkan state is to be provisionally referred to as FYROM while the issue of the name is to be resolved through negotiations (currently under way) between Greece and FYROM under the auspices of the United Nations.

As Canadians proud of this country's great tradition as peace keeper and as ambassador of multilateralism, we are surprised and very disappointed by this turn of events. At the same time, as Canadians of Greek descent, equally proud of our Hellenic heritage and history and deeply aware of the complexities of Balkan politics and of the potentially disruptive forces of Balkan nationalism, we see the Canadian government's decision as politically naive, a-historical and potentially destabilizing.

But there is still time for the Canadian government to reconsider its decision and affirm Canada's commitment to a diplomatic resolution of the issue. Doing so will certainly help it regain the trust of hundreds of thousands of Canadians of Greek descent.

Sincerely,

Christina Christara, President, HCAAO and Associate Professor of Computer Science, University of Toronto

The Hellenic Canadian Academic Association of Ontario represents approximately sixty (60) professors of Greek descent employed in Ontario Universities. For more information, please visit <http://www.greekvillage.com/hcaao>

Summary of upcoming events (details by email)

HCAAO Annual General Meeting
BA 5256 Bahen Centre for Info. Technology, UT

Get-together-dinner (tentative)
TBA



Demonstration in Ottawa, 27-10-2007

Nuit-Blanche

With the coordination of the General Consulate of Greece in Toronto (Consul General Mr. Efthymiades) and support by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Secretariat of Greeks Abroad, Deputy Minister Theodore Kassimis), HCAAO was one of the supporters of the events of Nuit-Blanche, a night of art exhibits, theatrical and musical performances in Toronto, on Saturday, September 29, 2007. HCAAO contributed in the organization of the modern theatrical adaptation of traditional Greek play Γκόλφο, "Golfo 2.3 Beta". The performance (one of the several Greek events of that night) took place in the Church of the Redeemer, a prime location of downtown Toronto, and attracted thousands of viewers.

Sunday 9 December 2007
16:00 - 18:00 p.m.

Saturday 1 March 2008
6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Renew your membership today!!!