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## From the President's Desk

Dear colleagues, 2009 has been a good year for our association and with your active support and engagement 2010 promises to be even better. Hope to see you all at the general meeting this Sunday.

Best,  
Theodore Tolias

## Annual General Meeting 2009

The annual General Meeting of the Hellenic Canadian Academic Association of Ontario will be held this Sunday, December 13, 2009 (see the details below). The agenda includes the election of the new Executive.

### Annual General Meeting - Details

Date: Sunday, December 13, 2009

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm.

Location: Dept. of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, University of Toronto, 200 College Street, Room WB 215 (Entrance: College and St. George)

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### Agenda:

Approval of minutes of the 2008 AGM  
President's report  
Treasurer's report  
Elections for the new Executive Council  
Other items

## Upcoming Events

### Distinguished Guest Speaker Series (DGSS)

Inaugural events (March 2010)

Proposed Topic: The New Acropolis Museum and the Parthenon Marbles

Professor Dimitrios Pandermalis, President and Curator of the New Acropolis Museum, has accepted HCAAO's invitation in principle and he is expected to confirm sometime next week. Program details to be announced once the speaker(s) and the venue(s) are confirmed. Many thanks to Sakis Gekas for his valuable help with this.

### Third annual University Studies Orientation Day (USOD)

Last Saturday of October 2010 – Venue: TBA

## Past Events (January-December 2009)

### First annual University Studies Orientation Day (USOD)

Polymenakion Cultural Centre, Greek Community of Toronto - Sunday, January 11, 2009

This was the first event of its kind organized by our association in collaboration with the Greek Community of Toronto. It was received very well by our members and the community at large. Student/parent attendance (approximately 30-35 people) was good considering some timing and organizational difficulties. About 16 of our members participated representing 6 Ontario universities. Food and drinks at the event were generously sponsored by Mr. George Raios, HHF board member and owner of Mr. Greek Restaurants. The event was covered by local media. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of this event.

### HCAAO Get-together Dinner - David Duncan House – Sunday, February 8, 2009

Our annual dinner was well attended and our guests included Mr. John Sotos (President, HHF), Mr. Costas Menegakis (President, GCT and SAE Canada) and Mr. George Raios. Guest speaker was Dr. Dean Kostantaras, visiting HHF Chair in Modern Greek History at York. The event was covered by local media.

### HCAAO Secured Financing for an annual **Distinguished Guest Speaker Series (DGSS)**

We are very happy to announce officially that Mr. John Sotos, President of the Hellenic Heritage Foundation (HHF) and Mr. Costas Menegakis, President of the World Council for Hellenes Abroad (SAE Canada) have jointly committed \$6,500 (renewable annually) in support of the DGSS. Under the terms of the agreement (March 4, 2009), the choice of speaker and topic will be the sole responsibility of HCAAO. The inaugural events of the series are planned for March 2010. (See "upcoming events" above for more)

**Dr. Sakis Gekas** was hired as an Assistant Professor (tenure track) for the **Hellenic Heritage Foundation (HHF) Chair in Modern Greek History**, History Department, York University (effective summer 2009). We welcome Sakis to Toronto and wish him the best. We also welcome him to our association as a member.

HCAAO contributed \$600 and a greeting in the commemorative album on the occasion of the **centennial anniversary of the Greek Community of Toronto**. A copy of the album will be available for viewing at the general meeting this Sunday. Thanks to Tina Martimianakis and everybody else at HCAAO who helped with this. Below is the text of HCAAO's greeting:

The **Hellenic-Canadian Academic Association of Ontario** salutes the achievements of the Greek Community of Toronto (GCT) and proudly joins in the celebrations for its Centennial Anniversary. For 100 years, the GCT has provided leadership on national issues, supported those in need and most importantly nurtured the Hellenic heritage within Canadian society through its many educational, cultural and social programs. Thank you GCT for cultivating a strong and vibrant Greek-Canadian identity and best wishes for another 100 years of continued progress and success!

On behalf of Hellenic Canadian Academic Association of Ontario  
Prof. Theodore Toliás, President

### **Second annual University Studies Orientation Day (USOD)**

Polymenakion Cultural Centre, Greek Community of Toronto - Saturday, October 31, 2009

About 16 of our members took part in this event representing 5 Ontario universities. Better timing, organization and logistics contributed to a far better student turnout this time (approximately 70 students). Lunch was provided courtesy of Mr. Greek Restaurants. The event was covered by local media. Thanks to George Georgopoulos for championing this HCAAO initiative.

HCAAO was invited by the HHF to offer advice on their **Scholarships Program**. Christina Christara took part in the deliberations and wrote a report on this matter for HHF (July 17, 2009). HCAAO looks forward to a long-term partnership with HHF on this great initiative.

HCAAO was invited by the Poytechnic Coordinating Committee of Toronto to cultural events (November 2009) commemorating the **student uprising of November 17, 1973** in the National Technical University of Athens and the **100 years from the birth of the renowned poet Yiannis Ritsos**.

Edited version of a HCAAO letter (signed by Theodore Toliás) on the **December 08 riots in Greece** was published by the Greek newspaper *Ta Néa* (January 09). Thanks to Costas Christopoulos for writing the first draft in English and to Christina Christara for translating it in Greek. Published version is available upon request.

Theodore Toliás was interviewed by **CBC TV** and **Radio-Canada International** on the December 08 riots (January, 09) and by **ERT World** for a segment showcasing the Greek Canadian community (March 09).

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Please fill out the membership form (see attachment) and mail it with your payment to the mailing address shown.

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