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From the President's Desk

Dear colleagues:

This past year has been a very good one for our association and was marked by the exceptional success of the Pandermalis event at the ROM and the completion of HCAAO's new virtual home in cyberspace.

Looking forward, the challenge for us is to leverage this momentum and capitalize on these accomplishments in order to make this association stronger and more relevant to our members and to the community at large.

With Greece now at the crossroads, this association has an opportunity to consider putting its resources and capabilities to work in ways that might help the motherland in small and yet significant ways. As an association and/or as individuals, what could we do to help? How? I invite you to consider using the blog feature of our new website to get the discussion started.

Send your blog to me for posting. Once a blog is posted, the topic will appear on the bottom of the right side bar and others could then join the discussion.

Please see the list of the upcoming events below and make an effort to attend.

Separate email reminders will follow.

A report on last year's events is also below.

Thanks and regards,

Theodore Tolias
President, HCAAO

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

The HCAAO General Meeting for 2010 will take place on Sunday December 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry (200 College St., Wallberg Building, Room 215, (416)-978-1093) at the UofT campus.

The General Meeting is open to paid members only.

The Agenda

Approval of minutes of the 2009 General Meeting

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Upcoming Planned Events - Implementation & Logistics

New Activities - Discussion of options

Special Arts Presentation (to follow immediately after the General Meeting)

Following the General Meeting, artist painter Ilias Toliadis will give a special presentation on "*Greek Paintings in the 20th Century*", followed by Q&A (6:00-7:00 pm).

Ilias' most recent work will be on display. This body of work was created while he was in residence at the Toronto Island Artscape in Gibraltar Point.

For more information on the artist, please visit the new HCAAO website for links to his personal website and his CV: <http://www.hcaao.org/?p=458>

After the presentation, feel free to join us for dinner on the Danforth!

Get-together Dinner 2011

Sunday, January 30, 2011
David Duncan House, 125 Moatfield Drive, Don Mills, Toronto (1 block north of York Mills Rd, off Don Mills Rd), tel: 416-391-1424

<http://www.davidduncanhouse.com>

Price: \$75 per person
Includes full-course dinner and 1 bottle of wine (1 Lt) per 3 persons.

Menu choices: New York Strip, Roast Prime Rib of Beef au Jus, Chicken Neptune, Duckling a l'Orange Grand Marnier, Baby Back Ribs, Poached Salmon in Dill Sauce (Vegetarian option also available).

The above include soup or salad, fresh vegetables and choice of potatoes or rice. Included also are choice of dessert plus coffee or tea.

Program:

5:30-6:45 - Reception - Cash Bar
6:45-7:15 - Seating and other arrangements (food and wine orders)
7:15-7:30 - Welcome and Greetings (President, HCAAO and invited guests)
7:30-8:30 - Dinner
8:30-8:55 - Prof. Athanasios (Sakis) Gekas, Modern Greek History, York U, Topic (TBA)
8:55-9:10 - Q&A
9:10-9:12 - Thanks

RSVP: tolias@schulich.yorku.ca by January 14, 2011

Distinguished Guest Speaker Series 2011 (DGSS 2011)

April 2011 - Date(s) TBA
We are presently in contact with possible high profile speakers and very close to a final determination. Stay tuned.

University Studies Orientation Day 2011 (USOD 2011)

Saturday, October 29, 2011
Based on member feedback, and in our efforts to maximize the value of this event for the high school AND university students, we are proposing the following changes for next year:

Have a delegation of our members visit the 2-3 biggest schools instead of transporting students to the GCT centre. This will simplify the logistics, lower the cost (provision for lunch), and hopefully maximize the impact, as we will be speaking

to students in their natural school environment. It would also make it easier for parents to attend.

Ask the Hellenic Student Associations of various universities to organize a joint event with the purpose of giving their members the opportunity to meet with us.

Past Events

Distinguished Guest Speaker Series 2010 (DGSS 2010)

The highlight of HCAAO activities in 2010 has certainly been the inaugural event of our Distinguished Guest Speaker Series (DGSS) at the Royal Ontario Museum on March 25, 2010, featuring Prof. Dimitrios Pandermalis, President of the new Acropolis Museum.

During his Toronto visit as a HCAAO guest, and in addition to his very interesting talk at the ROM, Prof. Pandermalis made a presentation at the Greek Community of Toronto (Polymenakeion Cultural Centre), attended the Greek Community Gala, met with academics and community leaders, and was interviewed by news media including TVO and OMNI TV.

The activities we organized around his visit were all exceptionally well received by the community at large and helped us not only to increase awareness on the issue of the Parthenon Marbles in Toronto and across Ontario (TVO interview on the Agenda with Steve Paikin), but also to build good and strong relationships with people and organizations.

This association is grateful to our partner and sponsoring organizations and to the many individuals, members of the HCAAO and others, for their support. This event would not have happened without them.

Most of all, I would like to thank ALL the members of the HCAAO Executive for putting the time and effort and for pulling together as a team to ensure that the event was done at the highest of standards.

In particular, I would like to thank Constantin Christopoulos, George Georgopoulos, and Sakis Gekas for leading the effort in their respective domains when leadership was most needed. I would also like to thank Vladimiro Papangelakis (past president of HCAAO) for contributing despite the many constraints on his time.

Finally, I would like to thank Nota Klentrou (past president of HCAAO) and Tina Martimianakis (new member of the Executive, effective Nov. 19, 2010) for their valuable help, offered during the final “stretch” with exemplary professionalism and efficiency.

For full coverage of the DGSS 2010 events visit: <http://www.hcaao.org/?p=415>

The new HCAAO website

It is my great pleasure to announce that with this edition of the HCAAO newsletter, our new website is officially launched.

Many thanks to Constantin Christopoulos for leading this project in its initial phase, to Prakash Ojha for doing all the technical work, and to Eirini Moschaki for putting countless hours of volunteer work for managing content, editing and making sure that it all happened as it should.

Complete and fully functional with a new blog feature (www.hcaao.org), this website, puts for the first time online all the editions of the HCAAO annual newsletter (Διάλογοι) from 1992 to the present. This way, the complete history of HCAAO is now in one place and easily accessible.

For the “Newsletter” follow this: http://www.hcaao.org/?page_id=847

For the “Archive” follow this: http://www.hcaao.org/?page_id=259

In the “Archive” segment of the website you will also find complete coverage of the Pandermalis visit to Toronto, including videos, slide show, photo gallery and much more: <http://www.hcaao.org/?p=415>

To update your own profile under “Members”, you will have to click on “login” at the top right corner of any page and then choose “my profile” also at the top right corner. To login for the first time, you will have to use the username and password emailed to you on November 7 or 8, 2010. You can then change your password.

To post a blog, you will have to send it to me, so that I can forward it to Eirini Moschaki, our Web Editor. To commend on a blog, you can click on “Members only Blog” at the bottom of the side bar and use your username and password to login.

The headings of all active blogs are shown under the “Members only Blog” and are visible to all. The very first active blog posted is shown as “HCAAO Blog Coming Soon”.

To commend on a particular blog, click on the heading and then login to write your comment.

To become a new member or to renew your membership go to the link below and follow the instructions: http://www.hcaao.org/?page_id=29

University Studies Orientation Day 2010 (USOD 2010)

On Saturday, October 30, 2010 and for the third consecutive year, the HCAAO in cooperation with the Greek Community of Toronto organized this event with the purpose to help high school students applying for university studies make better and informed choices.

Donation in Support of Polytechnic Coordinating Committee of Toronto

The HCAAO made a small financial contribution in support of the annual event commemorating the student uprising at the Polytechnic School of Athens in 1973 against the military dictatorship.

Other Announcements

Canadians of Hellenic Descent fellows to The Royal Society of Canada

August 2010

TSOTSOS, John K. Computer Science and Engineering, York University

John Tsotsos is Canada’s premiere interdisciplinary vision scientist. His research investigates how the human brain processes what the eyes see, as well as how to use that knowledge to develop innovative robotic systems that can see and understand the visual world in the performance of complex tasks. One of his major achievements is to define the selective tuning theory of vision: it has inspired new

discoveries regarding the function of the human visual system as well as a new autonomous, intelligent, wheelchair for the physically challenged. His leadership in Canada is second to none, having built world-class vision groups and networks and leading major scientific activities internationally in both computer and human vision science.

August 2009

ELEFThERIADES, George. Department of Electrical and Computing Engineering, University of Toronto

Professor George Eleftheriades has made seminal contributions to the new subject of meta-materials.

These are man-made materials that have electromagnetic properties not found in nature. Specifically, Professor Eleftheriades pioneered the use of transmission lines to synthesize meta-materials. He and his students implemented and experimentally demonstrated many forms and applications of these materials, including the first isotropic lens with a negative refractive index at microwave frequencies that overcomes the diffraction barrier of conventional lenses. The developed devices have unlimited applications and potential to revolutionize the state of the art in various disciplines, including nanotechnology, wireless telecommunications, radars, and microwave and medical imaging.

A Collection of Poems "T'Anthropina" by Kostas Tsotsos

Proceeds from the sales of this volume support the Kostas Tsotsos Graduate Award in Modern Greek History at York University, Canada.

<http://www.lulu.com/product/hardcover/tanthropina/13572919>

T'Anthropina
By Kostas Tsotsos

This book collects the poems of the author, Kostas Tsotsos, written during World War II, plus adds his new epic poems written between 1990 and 2000. Many of the older poems were first published in now inaccessible sources and appear here for the first time since 1956. Originally in Greek, both Greek and English translation versions are included. The poems deal with life, love, patriotism, sorrow, death and the virtues and vices of the human condition.

Annual General Meeting & Special Arts Presentation

Sunday December 5
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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