



Διάλογοι

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Μήνυμα του συμβουλίου

Αγαπητά μέλη,

Πέρασαν και πάλι δύο χρόνια θητείας του συμβουλίου και έφθασε ο καιρός για ανανέωση. Οι εκλογές έχουν ορισθεί για την Κυριακή 12 Δεκεμβρίου, 4:00 μ.μ. κατά την διάρκεια της Γενικής Συνέλευσης. Στα δύο χρόνια που πέρασαν ο οργανισμός μας ανέπτυξε πολλαπλές δραστηριότητες. Η σημαντικότερη από αυτές είναι η συμβολή μας στην δημιουργία μόνιμης έδρας και προγράμματος Νεοελληνικών Σπουδών σε ένα από τα Πανεπιστήμια της πόλης του Τορόντο. Αν και αυτή η δραστηριότητα απορροφά μεγάλο μέρος του χρόνου μας, φροντίσαμε να μην μείνουμε πίσω και σε άλλες δραστηριότητες, όπως χορό και συγκέντρωση χρημάτων για σκοπούς εκπαιδευτικούς ή φιλανθρωπικούς, ομιλίες πάνω σε ελληνικά θέματα, κ.α. Ελπίζουμε ότι αυτές οι δραστηριότητες κρατούν ψηλά το ενδιαφέρον των μελών μας για την διατήρηση του συλλόγου μας. Ελπίζουμε επίσης ότι οι δραστηριότητες αυτές θα συνεχιστούν από τα νέα μέλη του συμβουλίου που θα εκλεγούν για τα επόμενα δύο χρόνια. Σας καλούμε να παρευρεθείτε στην Γενική Συνέλευση, να εκφράσετε τις απόψεις σας για τις μέλλουσες δραστηριότητες και με την συμμετοχή σας να δώσετε το μήνυμα σε όποιους και όποιες εκλεγούν ότι αυτή η προσπάθεια αξίζει τον κόπο.

Annual General Meeting and Elections 1999

The Executive Council of HCAAO calls all members and potential members to a General Meeting on
Sunday, December 12, 1999, at 4:00 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.

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 8, 1999, to the secretary of the association,

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In case of advance nomination, the nomination is valid, even if the nominee is not present during the General Meeting.

Membership

All members are kindly asked to submit their membership dues for 2000. The amount is \$20. A membership application/renewal form is enclosed. We would appreciate if all past members who forgot to pay their membership dues for 1999 send their dues for both 1999 and 2000 (i.e. a total of \$40). New members pay dues for 2000 only (i.e. \$20). 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.

Hellenic studies

As you know, during last year HCAAO held two General Meetings during which the establishment of a permanent Hellenic Studies program in one of the Toronto universities was discussed. We are pleased to announce that this issue has progressed substantially since then, and we are getting to the point that a final agreement will be signed with York University. Here, we briefly summarize the progress made. After extensive consultation with its members during the two meetings and through electronic mail, HCAAO drafted a proposal that was submitted to the funding organization (the Hellenic Heritage Foundation) and the major Greek-Canadian organizations for input. The proposal was finally forwarded to the two Toronto universities with minor changes. Taking into account all factors the offer by York was considered more advantageous and a memorandum of understanding was signed on May 8, 1999. Since then we have been working on the final agreement and the signing of it is expected very soon.

Changes in the Executive

Prof. Stavros Argyropoulos, who was elected secretary II during the elections of 1998, is currently on sabbatical and out-of-town. For this reason, he has requested to step down from his office. Following the constitution, the executive has appointed a new member, Prof. Vladimiro Papangelakis, to fill the vacancy. We thank Stavros for his contributions dur-

ing the one-and-a-half year in the Council and wish him a prosperous and rich in research sabbatical year. At the same time, we are grateful to Vladimiro for his willingness to help and welcome him back in the council.

Get-together dinner 2000

Last year, we were not able to organize a get-together dinner as we were planning, mainly due to the lack of time to organize such an event, because of the heavy involvement of HCAAO in the Hellenic Studies issue. This year, however, we will not give up. We plan to hold a dinner for our members and guests on

Saturday or Sunday, January 29 or 30, 2000, 6 p.m., at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club Ltd, 44 Price Street (intersection of Yonge and Price streets, south of St. Clair street and south of Summerhill subway station). This will be a unique opportunity to meet with colleagues and friends. Stay tuned for more information.

Dinner-dance: past and upcoming

The dinner-dance organized jointly by HCAAO and the doctors', dentists' and lawyers' associations on Saturday, February 27, 1999, was a great success in participation as well as fund raising. The funds totaled a bit less than \$10,000 (with HCAAO's share being a bit less than \$2000) and will be contributed towards the establishment of the permanent Hellenic Studies program and chair in a Toronto university.

Given the success of the past dinner-dance, HCAAO is planning to hold a similar event in 2000, again in collaboration with the Hellenic-Canadian associations of doctors, lawyers and dentists. The dinner-dance is scheduled for

Saturday, February 26, 1999,

Toronto Colony Hotel, Colony Ballroom

89 Chestnut Street, Toronto

Tel.: (416) 977-0707

Reception at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Price: adults \$75, students \$60

(includes dinner, 1 glass of wine per person and D.J.)

Parking: (discounted) with validation at City Hall \$6.00 per vehicle.

Hellenism in the 21st century

The Hellenic-Canadian Academic Association of Ontario in cooperation with the Centre for Research in Hellenic Studies in Canada (KEEK) organised a mini-conference on

“Hellenism in the 21st century”

Wednesday, June 2, 1999, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Polymenakeion Cultural Centre of the Greek Community of Metro-Toronto, 30 Thorncliff Park Drive.

The speakers included

- Prof. Kostas Vergopoulos, Université Paris VIII, France
- Prof. Spyros Vryonis, Vryonis Centre for the study of Hellenism, California, U.S.
- Dr. Christos Ioannidis, Vryonis Centre for the study of Hellenism, California, U.S.
- Prof. Van Coufoudakis, Dean of Arts, Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana, U.S.
- Prof. Theodoros Pelagidis, Panteion University, Athens, Greece
- Prof. Spyros Sfetas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, and Institute for Balkan Studies
- Prof. Panagiotis Tsimpos, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada

The subjects of the talks covered a broad area of current developments in Greece, the Balkans and Eastern Mediterranean, as well as Hellenism abroad. The talks were followed by a question-and-answer period.

Summary of upcoming events (details inside)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Annual Meeting and Elections	12-12-99, 4 p.m.
Get-together-dinner	29/30-01-00, 6 p.m.
Dinner-dance	26-02-00, 6:30 p.m.

News

- Dr. Michalis Vitopoulos, member of HCAAO, gave a talk on “Resistance against the cultural and linguistic assimilation”, Friday, November 5, 1999, at the Cypriot Community Centre. The talk was part of a broader event organized by the Hellenic Federation of Ontario and dedicated to the Hellenic-descent youth.
- The executive council of HCAAO met with the new Consul General of Greece, Mr. Alexandros Alexandris, on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, to inform him on past and upcoming activities of HCAAO.
- Several members of HCAAO who are faculty members at the University of Toronto wrote a letter to the Vice-president and Provost of UofT, Prof. Adel Sedra, to request that Christian Orthodox Good Friday and Easter be mentioned in the "religious observances" list he distributes annually.
- The General Secretariat of Greeks Abroad (Γενική Γραμματεία Αποδήμου Ελληνισμού) plans to publish a who-is-who album dedicated to Greek associations abroad. HCAAO has already filled the requested page form and set it to ΓΓΑΕ. When the album appears we will inform all members.

Letter on the war in Yugoslavia

The following letter, written by Prof. Dimitrios Oreopoulos, vice-president of HCAAO, was sent to the Toronto Star newspaper on Friday, March 26, 1999, and published the day after.

To the Editor, Toronto Star

Sir,

Killing of innocent Serbians to prevent the killing of innocent Albanians in Kosovo does not make sense. Two evils do not make one good and justice is never served by killing as we have asserted repeatedly during our national debate on capital punishment. Unless our government rethinks its position on this senseless bloodshed, it will take many years to clean the blood of innocent people from our hands.

Dimitrios Oreopoulos M.D.