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From the President's Desk

On Saturday, February 1, 2003, HCAAO organized its fifth Get-together-dinner at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club and will future music by Constantine Caravassilis (piano) and Maria Aimoniotis (voice). The evening was marked by the keynote address of Dr. Thomas Gallant holder of the Hellenic Heritage Chair of Hellenic Studies at York University.

This year, the sixth Get-together-dinner is scheduled for Saturday February 7, 2004 at the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club and will feature music by Constantine Caravassilis (piano) and Maria Aimoniotis (voice). Both students of the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto are preparing for a concert at the Markham theatre in March. This same day in March will mark the launching of their first CD "Melodie Hellenique". There will be 6 cycles of songs, demotika/nisiotika, and representative songs of Hatzidakis, Theodorakis, Ravel, Xarchakos and Constantine himself. Our annual dinner will host a preview of their work.

A Greek Canadian Academic in the Ontario Cabinet

Dr. Marie Bountrogianni (Hamilton Mountain) has been appointed to the Ontario cabinet by Premier Dalton McGuinty as Minister of Children Services & Citizenship and Immigration. Dr. Bountrogianni and her husband Yannis Tsanis have been members and supporters of HCAAO. We are proud for Marie's successes and wish her all the best in her new post.

New Degree Program in Hellenic Studies at York University

The Faculty of Arts Council unanimously approved the establishment of a degree program in Hellenic Studies at York University as proposed by Dr Thomas Gallant.

This means that beginning next year students can declare Hellenic Studies as their major. The plan is to

offer a BA with Honours, an ordinary BA, and a BA Minor. Once final approval is given students who have already stated their intent to switch their major to Hellenic Studies can do so.

MODERN GREEK STUDIES ASSOCIATION 2003, Toronto

On October 16, 17 and 18, 2003, the eighteenth symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association took place in Toronto. With York University as the host institution, the conference took place primarily at the Sutton Place Hotel, with special evening events at the Design Exchange and the Royal Ontario Museum.

The MGSA holds its international symposium biennially, and Symposium 2003 marked the first time that the conference was held outside of the United States.

The symposium brought together over 75 of the world's leading specialists in Hellenic Studies. The academic program was wide and diverse, with special sessions focused on the dictatorship of the Colonel's from 1967 to 1974, the Civil War, the Greek Diaspora, and contemporary trends in Greek letters.

Renew your membership today!

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Sir Michael Llewellyn Smith delivering one of the keynote addresses.

Featured as well were keynote addresses by noted historian Sir Michael Llewellyn-Smith on the 1896 Olympics and by the eminent constitutional lawyer and writer Dr. Nicos Alivizatos on Greek identity in contemporary Europe. Both papers will be published by the MGSA. To cap off the successful and stimulating conference, there was a banquet in the Currelly Gallery at the Royal Ontario Museum, at which the Honourable Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to Canada gave an informative and entertaining speech on nation-building and diplomacy in Armenia from a Greek perspective. Chrisy Moutsatsos was awarded the prize for the Best Dissertation and Thomas Gallant was the recipient of the Best Book Prize. Finally, on Friday a special session was held to commemorate the memory of long-standing MGSA member and supporter Kostas Kozazis who passed away last December.

HCAAO 2003 Annual General Meeting

The General Meeting this year is scheduled for Sunday December 7, 2003 at 4:30pm in the Bahen Centre for Information Technology with main item on the agenda the elections of the next Executive.

The Bahen Centre is the new Computer Science and Electrical Engineering building at the University of Toronto. Enter from 40 St. George Street, across from the Galbraith building. If the doors are locked on Sunday, just wait a minute, and some student will open the door (the doors open with the UofT library cards). Go through the (glass) doors, proceed up to the centre of the building, then turn left to find the elevators at the *south* side of the building. Take the elevator to the 5th floor and turn left as you exit from the elevator. Room 5256 is to your left.

The agenda includes:

1. Approval of minutes of the 2002 AGM
2. President's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Report on the establishment of the University of Peloponnisos in Tripolis
5. Nominations for keynote speaker at the annual dinner
6. Proposals for future activities and projects
7. Elections
8. New items
9. Dinner at Danforth

Summary of upcoming events (details by email reminders)

HCAAO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Bahen Centre for Information Technology, room BA5256
University of Toronto, 40 St. George Street

Sunday December 7, 2003

4:30 – 6:30pm

GET-TOGETHER-DINNER

Toronto Lawn Tennis Club

Saturday February 7, 2004

6:30 – 10:30pm