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New executive for HCAAO

On Sunday, January 17, 2016, during the general meeting of our association, members of the new executive council were elected. (Elections are held every two years.) The following members were elected and then assigned the respective positions:

George J. Georgopoulos, President
Dimitrios Hatzinakos, Vice-President
Athanasios (Sakis) Gekas, Secretary
Petros Pechlivanoglou, Vice-Secretary
Christina Christara, Treasurer

The past year has been rich in activities. We hosted an excellent speaker, Professor Anthony Kaldellis, for our Distinguished Guest Speaker Series, and held a successful dinner with guest speaker Professor Philip Oreopoulos. Furthermore, several of our members have contributed to other events relating to Greece and Greeks. Most importantly, the Hellenic Studies Programs in York University and the University of Toronto are flourishing. See more details further.

We would love to have more participation, or suggestions as to how to engage our members.

HCAAO 2016 Annual General Meeting

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

Sunday, December 4, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.,

Room BA 5256, Bahen Centre for Information Techn.,
40 St. George St (intersection of St George and College) at the U. of Toronto. If you encounter problems entering the building, please call 416 946 8431.

Agenda

Approval of the 2015 (Jan 2016) AGM minutes

President's report

Treasurer's report

Activities for 2017

Other items

You look forward to seeing you there.

Hellenic Studies Program at York U

The Hellenic Studies Program at York University and its Hellenic Heritage Foundation Chair in Modern Greek History continue a successful course, with several activities, besides the three courses on Modern Greek Language and two courses on Modern Greek History. An indicative, but not exhaustive list of activities this year is given here:

(1) A lecture by Professor Veli Aydin, Namik Kemal University, Tekirdag (Eastern Thrace), Turkey, visiting York U, titled "A nation between language and religion: The Turkish-speaking Greek Orthodox Community (Karamanlides) in the Ottoman Empire" [2016-4-28];

(2) A lecture by Professor Thomas Maloutas, Harokopio University, Athens, titled "The social geography of Athens and the impact of crisis" [2016-11-11];

(3) An event to commemorate the 1973 Polytechnic uprising and the 1970 anti-dictatorship student movement in York U [2016-24-11];

(4) A full credit course offered by York U, during the summer of 2016, in Athens, Greece, during which students gain international experience, increase inter-cultural skills, and build global competence.

Furthermore, the Hellenic Students' Association of York University organized an academic night and reception titled "Tradition Overseas; A Spotlight on the Greek Community of Toronto", during which archival photos of the Greek Community between 1920 and 1980 were exhibited. This event was part of the Greek Canadian History Project (director Professor Sakis Gekas) and York's Clara Thomas Archive [2016-03-24].

Hellenic Studies Program at UT

During this year, more specifically, in April 2016, the Hellenic Heritage Foundation, an organization of

Greek-Canadians capable of fundraising for Hellenic education, culture and heritage, signed the final agreement for the establishment of the Hellenic Studies curriculum at the University of Toronto. A reception to celebrate the agreement was held Thursday, April 28, 2016. HCAAO has contributed to the establishment of the curriculum, in close cooperation with the donor.

The curriculum offers modern Greek language at the first, second and third-year levels along with a political science course at the third-year level on contemporary Greek politics and a fourth-year seminar on Greece, the Balkans and the European Union. All courses are taught within the European Studies undergraduate program, offered by the Centre of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (CERES), under the auspices of the Munk School of Global Affairs. Furthermore, the curriculum was the base for several activities, including (1) a mini-conference on “The Future of Community Languages in Canada: The Case of Modern Greek”, with speakers Robert Austin (CERES-University of Toronto), Peter Trifonas (OISE, University of Toronto), Jim Cummins (OISE-University of Toronto), Jeff Bale (OISE-University of Toronto), Themistoklis Aravossitas (CERES-University of Toronto), Nikolaos Liodakis (Wilfrid Laurier University), representatives of Ontario Public School Boards and the International Language Educators Association of Ontario (ILEA), and representatives of Greek community organizations [26-02-2016];

(2) Two lectures by Professor Michalis Spourdalakis, University of Athens, titled “Political vs. Economic Crisis” [5-4-2016], and “SYRIZA: From new Radicalism to New Realism” [6-4-2016];

(3) A full credit summer course in Greece in 2016, based at the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT), which allows students to immerse themselves in the study of Greek politics, history and culture.

Other contributions by our members

- Professor George Georgopoulos, York University, gave a lecture titled “Greece, the Euro, and the Sovereign Debt Crisis”, during an one-day conference organized by the RBC Chair in Public and Economic Policy and the RBC Chair in Applied Social Work at the University of Toronto [2015-11-09];
- Professor Maria Athina Martimianakis, University of

Toronto, took part in a panel discussion on “success, shared - career advice from successful professional Greek women”, organized by the Greek community of Toronto [2016-11-03];

- Professor Spyros Kotsovilis, University of Toronto, gave a lecture on “Foreign policy: the position of the candidates in the American presidential elections”, in an event organized by the Pan-Macedonian Association of Ontario and Consulate General of Greece in Toronto [2016-11-04];

HCAAO Get-together Dinner 2016

The Hellenic Canadian Academic Association Annual Dinner of 2016 was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 7-9:30pm, at the Faculty Club, University of Toronto, 41 Willcocks Street.

Our guest speaker was Professor Philip Oreopoulos, Department of Economics, University of Toronto. Philip is a prominent academic in the field of Educational Economics, where his research has had an impact at all levels of government educational policy, here in Canada and the United States. He was most recently the keynote speaker at the Annual Canadian Economics Association meetings in Ottawa.

The dinner was attended by about 60 colleagues and guests, and the talk was followed by a fruitful Q&A session and discussion.

We thank our distinguished guest and all members and guests for their participation, and, most importantly,

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for their sponsorship.

Distinguished Guest Speaker Series 2016: Byzantium and Politics

On Friday, April 8, 2016, HCAAO presented “*Street Power in Byzantium: Why were the emperors so scared?*”, a lecture by Professor Anthony Kaldellis, Department of Classics, Ohio State University, U.S.A. The lecturer described how people exercised pressure to Byzantium Emperors, the constraints and limita-

tions of the latter, and drew parallels with many contemporary situations. Light food and beverages were served after the talk. The lecture and reception were made possible with the generous support of the Hellenic Heritage Foundation and Rose Hill Niagara Wines.

If you wish to make any changes to the information shown for you, please e-mail ccc@cs.toronto.edu.

University Studies Orientation Day 2016

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, members of HCAAO, more specifically Professors Athanasios Gekas, Maria-Athina Martimianakis and Petros Pechlivanoglou, visited two high-schools in Toronto, namely G. S. Henry high-school (200 Graydon Hall Dr) and Eastern Commerce high-school (16 Phin Ave). They presented information about the application procedure for University studies, various options, and future careers. The grade 12 students, who are also attending the Greek language classes organized by the Greek community of Toronto, showed great interest in applying for University studies and had fruitful discussions with the professors.

Membership

All members are kindly asked to submit their membership dues for 2017. The amount is \$25. A membership application/renewal form can be downloaded from http://www.hcaao.org/?page_id=29. We would appreciate if all past members who forgot to pay their membership dues for 2016 send their dues for both 2016 and 2017 (i.e. a total of \$50). New members pay dues for 2017 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 website includes a list of our members at http://www.hcaao.org/?page_id=11

Renew your membership today!!!