

Activités académiques/Academic Activities

Launching of Spring Issue of *Hellenic Studies/Études helléniques*

Number 1, Volume 4 of the Journal was launched at a Banquet held in Montreal on the 9th of June. Present on that occasion were Athanasios Exintaris, Greek Ambassador to ICAO, Nikos Vamvounakis, Greek Consul General in Montreal, as well as many academics and other supporters of the publication.

The Guest Speaker was Professor Yannis Philippoussis, member of the Board of the Centre of Hellenic Studies and Research, who spoke on "The sense of Democracy in Solon and Pericles." The Consul General, Mr Vamvounakis, also spoke briefly to underline the important work of the Centre, under whose auspices the Journal is published. Finally, Dr. Stephanos Constantinides, the Centre's Director, thanked his collaborators as well as all those present and closed the meeting.

The Greeks in English Speaking Countries

The third Biennial Conference on Greeks in English Speaking Countries, organized by the Hellenic Canadian Congress, was held in Toronto, Canada, at the end of June. Speakers included scholars, professionals, artists and community leaders from the United States, Canada, Australia and Cyprus.

The Center for Hellenic Studies and Research was represented by its director Dr. Stephanos Constantinides (Université du Québec à Montréal) and Professor Peter Chimbos (Brescia College, University of Western Ontario).

The main themes discussed were:

1. The influence of Hellenic culture on English-speaking countries;
2. Hellenes in Politics;
3. the contributions of Hellenic culture on English-speaking countries;
4. the contributions of Hellenic immigrant women;
5. problems of adjustment and social integration;
6. Hellenes and the Allied efforts in World War II;
7. Hellenes in business, industry and the professions;
8. Hellenic artists in the diaspora; and
9. the future of Hellenism.

Dr. Constantinides presented a paper on the *Hellenic-Canadian Congress* as a case study of «Hellenic Organizations as Political Pressure Groups in Canada» and Dr. Chimbos made a historical and sociological analysis on «The Greek Resistance 1941-44 and its contribution to the Allied War Efforts Against Axis Powers.»

At the conclusion of the conference, Athan Anagnostou, Director of the Hellenic Studies Institute of South Australia, announced plans for the fourth Biennial Greeks in English-Speaking Countries Conference, to be held in Adelaide, Australia in 1998.

Summer Activities in Greece

Professor Paris Arnopoulos, President of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Hellenic Studies and Research, spent the Summer as a Visiting Scholar at the Institute of International Relations of Panteion University in Athens.

In the middle of August, Professors Arnopoulos and Philippoussis, presented two papers on classical Greek political theory at the International Conference of Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies in Olympia.

Coordinating Committee of the Research Institutes of Hellenism

The representatives of the eleven social science research institutes forming the Coordinating Committee met in Thessaloniki in mid-July. The host of the meeting was the Center for European Studies (EKEM) in collaboration with the Institute for Balkan Studies (IMXA).

The Centre for Hellenic Studies and Research (Canada) was represented at the meeting by its Director Dr. Stephanos Constantinides. Alternative Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs George Romeos addressed the meeting referring to the importance of research in the present world.

The meeting was held to discuss the activities of the research institutes and coordinate cooperation among them. The Coordinating Committee decided that the Cyprus Research Center (KYKEM) would continue to serve as the ad hoc secretariat and that the Hellenic Studies Forum (Melbourne Australia) will be the host of the second world conference of the Research Institutes of Hellenism in Melbourne on July 1997. The working topic of the conference will be *Hellenism in the Twentieth Century*.

Book Launching in Cyprus

Dr Stephanos Constantinides, was invited by the University of Cyprus and the Union of Cypriot Journalists on the occasion of the launching of his latest book *To Kypriako Proulima*. The ceremony took place in the Grand Auditorium of the University of Cyprus in the presence of the Minister of Education and Culture Mrs Clairi Angelides, many scholars, students and interested public on the 23 of October.

Seminar on Greco-Turkish Relations

The Centre for Hellenic Studies and Research organized a seminar on Greek-Turkish relations given by Professor of International Relations and Strategic Studies of the Panteion University of Athens, Dr. Athanassios Platias.

The seminar was held at Concordia University on November 15, and discussed the topic of *Strategic and Diplomatic visions of Greco-Turkish relations*.

Lancement du numéro 1, volume 4 de la revue académique *Études helléniques/Hellenic Studies* à Montréal

Le numéro 1, vol.4 de la revue académique *Études helléniques/Hellenic Studies* a été lancé à Montréal le 9 juin 1996 en présence de l'ambassadeur de la Grèce auprès de l'OACI M. Athanassios Exintaris. Par la même occasion, une conférence a été donnée par le Professeur Yannis Philippoussis membre du Conseil d'administration du Centre de recherches helléniques (Canada) sous le titre *Le sens de la démocratie chez Solon et Périclès*.

Le consul général de la Grèce M. Nikos Vamvounakis a aussi brièvement pris la parole pour souligner l'importance du travail accompli par le Centre de recherches helléniques (Canada) qui publie la revue *Études helléniques/Hellenic Studies*, alors que le directeur du Centre Stephanos Constantinides a présenté ce nouveau numéro et a remercié tous ceux qui ont collaboré pour sa publication.

Livres reçus/Books Received

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3. Alexander Kitroeff, *War-Time Jews, The case of Athens*, Athens, ELIAMEP, 1995.
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6. Angelos Yokaris, *Droit international de l'air et de l'espace*, Athènes, Éditions Ant. N. Sakkoulas, 1996 (en grec)