

ACTIVITÉS ACADÉMIQUES/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

**PanCanadian Conference of Greek Teachers and Parents**

Organized by the Greek Teachers Association of Toronto, under the auspices of the Greek Community of Metro Toronto, the annual PanCanadian Conference of Greek Teachers and Parents was held in downtown Toronto, May 20-22, 1983. The Conference attracted speakers from all over Canada and some parts of the U.S.A., speakers who, for the most part, have been involved with the teaching of Greek language and culture in different North American cities.

In all, 26 speakers presented their respective papers on topics pertaining to the existence, the operation, and, hopefully, the improvement of Greek schools in Canada and the U.S.A. The focus of the entire Conference, however, was on the Canadian context, and more specifically Toronto and Montreal. The papers presented during the two days of the Conference covered a wide variety of topics ranging from the crucial issues of "bilingualism/diglosia" and "curriculum" considerations to "computers in education" and "recognition of the years of service and pension plan". After the workshops and a number of Greek cultural events (Greek folk dances, a theatrical performance by the students of one of Toronto's Greek schools), there was a panel discussion. The Conference closed with a series of resolutions. It seems that the most concrete and, as was pointed out emphatically during the conference, the most urgent matter is the need to develop books for use in the Greek schools of Canada<sup>1</sup>. In fact, the Greek Teachers Association of Toronto and its counterpart in Montreal undertook to find the needed resources in each city for the eventual production of "Canadian-made" Greek books for schools operating throughout the Greek-Canadian communities.

Aside from those serving as "Chairman" for each particular workshop, Michalis Vitopoulos was the Chairman of the entire Conference. The PanCanadian Conference 1983 was sponsored by the Department of the Secretary of State, Multiculturalism and the Greek Community of Metropolitan Toronto Inc. It was held in downtown Toronto at "The Holiday Inn", 89 Chestnut street, Toronto, Ontario<sup>2</sup>.

**Leonidas Bombas**

NOTES

1. All books that are in use in the Greek community schools in Canada are the ones that are also in use in the public educational institutions of Greece proper. These books, as is the case with all other Greek immigrant communities, are sent free by the Greek State each year, via the Greek Consulate and the Greek cultural attachés stationed in Montreal, Toronto, and Ottawa. The "inappropriateness" of these books and their lack of "Greek-Canadian environment/experiences" have been discussed and criticized for many years now. Still the problem remains unsolved and there is no apparent solution, except perhaps wishful thinking of one or the other kind and orientation.
2. For those interested in the individual topics and the speakers in each particular workshop here is the full programme of the Conference (the workshops only), including the Panel Discussion.
  1. "Bilingualism and Diglosia" (T. Maniakas)
  2. "Teaching as a Profession: Issues and Answers" (John Batsos)
  3. "The Teaching of the Verbs" (E. Hourzamanis)
  4. "Thematic Units" (J. Priftakis)
  5. "Models of Bilingualism and Neuro-linguistic Considerations" (E. Kechagia)

6. "Recognition of Years of Service and Pension Plan" (E. Papadopoulou)
  7. "Parents Proposals" (E. Simos)
  8. "Greece or Canada? Some Observations" (F. Kaloterakis)
  9. "Use of Teaching Aids" (S. Kyriazidis)
  10. "The Development of Greek Mass Media in the Communities of North America" (N. Metallinos)
  11. "Design and History of Greek National Costumes" (B. Metallinou)
  12. "The Curriculum, Teaching aids and Methodology of the Greek Schools of the Orthodox Archdiocese" (E. Hatzimmanouel)
  13. "The Monotonic System of Accentuation, History and Application" (S. Volonakis)
  14. "The Greek Identity and Greek Education" (J. Hatzinikolaou)
- Panel Discussion with the general theme: "Books and Curricula for the Teaching of Greek"

#### **The Sixth Biennial Conference of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association**

The Sixth Biennial Conference of the Canadian ethnic studies association was held in Thunder Bay, Ontario on October 19-22, 1983. The Conference was co-sponsored by the THUNDER BAY MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION and the papers presented during the three days of the conference covered a wide range of topics within the ethnic relations field.

Under the general theme "Greek Canadians..." two papers dealing with Canada's Greeks were presented:

- 1) "Explaining Ethnic Occupational Specialization: The Case for Greek Canadians" by Carol Agocs of the Faculty of Social Science, University of Western Ontario;
- 2) "Ethnicity and Family Structure: Cultural Continuity and Change" by Efi Gavaki of the Sociology Department, Concordia University (Montreal).

### **Le VIIe Congrès international des néo-hellénistes**

Le VIIe Congrès International des néo-hellénistes des universités francophones s'est tenu à Paris, à l'Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris III) du 19 au 21 mai 1983.

Le thème général du congrès était: «L'hellénisme hors des frontières de la Grèce». Les participants venant de Belgique, de France, du Québec et de Suisse — mais aussi de Catalogne, de Grèce, d'Italie et de Norvège — ont pu entendre 22 communications, réparties sous les rubriques suivantes:

- «Littérature et Société»
- «Littérature, linguistique et pédagogie»
- «Besoins présents de l'enseignement et de la recherche en grec moderne».

**J. Bouchard**

### **Colloque sur l'hellénisme**

Le Centre de Recherches Helléniques et la Section d'études néo-helléniques de l'Université de Montréal ont organisé, le 20 mars 1983 à l'Université de Montréal, un colloque en langue grecque consacré à la recherche qui se fait actuellement au Québec sur l'hellénisme moderne. Huit communications scientifiques traitant de sociologie, de pédagogie, d'histoire, de littérature et de sémiologie ont été lues par des chercheurs de l'Université de Montréal, de l'Université du Québec à Montréal, de l'Université McGill et de l'Université de Sherbrooke.

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### **Activités du Centre de Recherches Helléniques**

Le Centre de Recherches Helléniques, en collaboration avec la Communauté Hellénique de Montréal, a organisé, le 24 avril 1983, une table ronde sur les questions suivantes: la famille grecque, la communauté grecque, les Grecs et l'école publique, les Grecs et les médias.

**Participants:** Efie Gavaki, Tina Ioannou, Léonidas Bombas et Stéphanos Constantinides.

Le Centre de Recherches Helléniques et la Communauté Hellénique de Montréal ont aussi organisé, le 30 novembre 1983, une conférence donnée par Tina Ioannou et Calvin Veltman sur: Étude socio-linguistique de la communauté grecque de Montréal, quartier Parc Extension.

**Jl. Bouchard**

**Greek Studies: Symposium in New York**

The Symposium sponsored by the Modern Greek Studies Association in New York, October 27th to 30th, 1983, presented as its theme "Modern Greece in the European Context". Presentations of interest to readers of *Modern Greek* included studies on specific authors, individual works and general trends in the genres of poetry and the novel in the European context. Subjects pertaining to Economics, Politics and Greek History dealt with domestic and international issues of contemporary and historical interest. Topics of a socio-cultural nature pertained to greek minorities within the European frame-work.

The MGSA's objective of promoting "the study of modern Greece in the United States and Canada" received new impetus with the support and participation of observers and delegates from various nations who attended the Symposium.

**Magdalene Georgiades**

**BOOKS RECEIVED/LIVRES REÇUS**

*The Death Rituals of Rural Greece*

by Loring M. Danforth (photography by Alexander Tsiaras)  
 Published by Princeton University Press (1982)  
 Princeton, New Jersey 08540  
 prices: cloth, \$30.00  
       paper, \$12.50

*Philologiki Kypros*

Published by the Hellenic Cultural Association of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus (1983)

*Report on Aspects of Land Tenure in Cyprus*

by George Karouzis  
 Published by the Ministry of Agriculture and National Resources, Nicosia, Cyprus (1980)

*Pnevmatiki Kypros* (journal)

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**ERRATUM:** Due to a number of typographical errors in the article published in our previous issue under the title "Attitudes of Parents Toward the Educable Mentally Retarded Greek Child as Influenced by Their Socio-economic Status and the Sex of this Child" (Dr. Demetrios P. Stasinou), this article has been reproduced. Reprints are available on request.