

REPORT

ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACADEMY DURING 1978*

BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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The year has again come full circle and in accordance with the constitution of the Academy, I have the privilege of presenting you the activities of the past year. The Academy's task is carried out with discretion and consists mainly in two fields, viz., research and criticism.

Research is done by the Academicians in the province of their specialty on the one hand, and by assistants or contributors in the nine Research Centres of the Academy on the other. The criticism of submitted works at the Academy is based on scientific and spiritual evaluation, and on reports compiled by the Academicians. Broadly speaking the Academy is the guardian of the ethical and spiritual heritage of our country.

The Past and the Present are the two circles of the Academy's activity in relation to the Future. The circle of the Past includes research pursued at the Academy's Research Centres. Through this process knowledge is acquired and national self-consciousness stimulated. In addition, the study of the past opens up to the Nation the prospects of the Future.

In this way the three dimensions of time, namely, the past, the present and the future converge at an organic unity which guarantees the survival, evolution and distinction of the Nation throughout History.

The above mentioned presuppose a continual renewal of the Academy's Forces, that is, not only of the regular members, but of

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the specialists at the research Centres as well. More specifically, Mr. **Constantine Efstathiades** and Mr. **Constantine Bonis** were elected regular members of the Academy.

Mr. **Herman Jan Scheltema**, professor at the University of Groningen in Holland, and Mr. **Henri Battifol**, professor at the School of Law in Paris, joined the Academy as foreign associates. Mr. **N. Valtikos**, General Director of the International Labor Bureau, and professor at the University of Geneva was elected corresponding member in the *Third Class* of the Academy.

In the *First Class* there were elected three corresponding members, namely, Mr. **Evangelos Kanellakis**, professor of Pharmacology at Wisconsin and Yale Universities of the United States of America, Mr. **Constantine Alexopoulos**, professor of Botany at the University of Texas, U.S.A., and Mr. **John Sevasticoglou**, professor at the Oumea University in Sweden.

Finally, in the *Second Class*, the Following four corresponding members were elected: Mr. **Hugh Lloyd Jones**, professor of Classics of Oxford University and member of the British Academy, Mr. **Miltiades Anastos**, emeritus professor at the University of California, U.S.A., Mr. **Petros Haranis**, emeritus professor at the University of Rutgers, U.S.A., and Mr. **Olivier Reverdin**, full professor of Greek language and literature at Geneva University.

Tonight we all feel the absence of the late professor **John Haramis**, from the family of the Academy, who was a most distinguished scientist not only at home, but abroad as well.

This is proved by his election as President of the International Organization of Ocular Societies. As a doctor he treated his patient with such immense affection, that he was made to wonder whether he was ill or not.

He was a man of excellent character and his humanity always kept up with his sense of duty to the patient. He was the life and soul

of the Eye-hospital in Athens, and the radiation of his personality shone brightly everywhere. His eminent personality was apparent in minor as well as major issues. Mr. Haramis was a most distinguished figure adorned with versatility and humanity as well as a deep and wide erudition. His spiritual contact with the great problems of contemporary life and the receptivity of his mind rendered him as a most exceptional personality.

The First Class was also berieved of two foreign associates, namely, **Sir Stewart Duke-Elder**, associate of the Royal Society, honorary Director of the Eye-institute in London, and **André Lallemand**, member of the Academy of Sciences in Paris, professor at the College in France, and Director of Astrophysics in Paris.

The Second Class was berieved of **Sir Denys Page**, member of the British Academy, and professor of Cambridge University.

During the past year the following distinctions were made to several members of the Academy: Mr. **Anastassios Orlandos** was elected honorary member of the *Central Direction of the Archaeological Institute in Berlin*, and Mr. **Panayiotis Zepos** was elected Foreign associate: a) of the National Academy of *Legeon* (LINCEI) and b) of the *Academy of Sciences* in Palermo. Mr. **Constantine Trypanis** was elected honorary associate of the *British Academy*, Mr. **Michael Stasinopoulos** and Mr. **George Michaelides-Nouaros** were awarded the medal of the Founder of Richard Strauss, by the *International Association of Law and Intellectual Property*.

During the current year the Academy established a new research centre called the Research Centre of the Greek Society.

In 1978, sixteen communications were made by regular members of the Academy and 26 by non-Academy scholars and scientists; 15 lectures were delivered and new books were presented by regular members of the Academy.

Within the same year four new members were elected, namely,

Mr. Loucas Moussoulos, Mr. **Solon Kydoniates**, Mr. **George Tsatsas** and **George Merikas**.

Two commemorative meetings were held, to honour the memory of the Academicians, *John Haramis* and *Emmanuel Emmanuel*, which were addressed by **N. Louros** and **George Tsatsas** correspondingly

The International Union of Academies met at Brussels in 1978 where the Greek Academy was represented by its Secretary General Mr. **John Theodoracopoulos** and **George Mylonas**.

The Secretary General, Mr. John Theodoracopoulos and Mr. **Philon Vassiliou** represented the Academy in the International Conference on Aristotle in Salonica which was held to celebrate the 2300 years since the death of Aristotle.

The Secretary General, John Theodoracopoulos also participated in the Symposium of UNESCO on Aristotle held in Paris. There he read his paper and gave an inaugural address in the Conference which was held in the honour of Stagiritis. Also the Secretary General, Mr. John Theodoracopoulos, represented the Academy in a meeting organized by the Royal Society, in Bad Godesberg, concerning the Programme of European Exchange of Scholars and Scientists.

The Academician Mr. **Panayiotis Zepos** presided over, a) a symposium of the European Delphic Cultural Centre, held at Delphi, and b) over a local Conference on Helian Studies, held at Pyrgos, Heleias. Mr. Panayiotis Zepos also gave a lecture in Cyprus, organized by the Greek Embassy, on the Cypriot Law during the Fragish Rule.

The Academician Mr. **George Mehailides - Nouaros** participated in an International Conference on the Protection of Intellectual Property, held in Paris.

The Academicians Mr. **John Karmiris** and **Constantine Bonis** participated in the seventh International Conference on the Union of Churches held in Boston, U.S.A.

The 17th annual general meeting of the International Congress of Scientific Unions was organized under the aegis of the Academy and the responsibility of the organization of the meeting was shouldered by the Following Academicians: Mr. **Nikolas Louros**, president; Mr. **John Xanthakis**, Vice-president; and the Academicians, **Leonidas Zervas**, **Kessar Alexopoulos**, **Elias Mariolopoulos**, **George Tsatsas** and **George Mericas**.

During the past year the Ouranis Foundation granted financial support to encourage studies on Modern Greek Literature, not only at home but abroad as well.

More specifically it offered a) 150.000 drs., to the Greek National Literary Society for the organization of an International Literary Conference in Athens.

b) 500.000 drs., to professor Kriaras for the compilation and publication of a dictionary of Medieval Demotic Greek History of Literature.

c) 150.000 drs., to the Society of Corfian Studies for the publication of the proceedings of the fourth PANIONION Conference.

d) 100.000 drs., to the Folklore Society.

e) 1.230.000 drs., for the financial support of Neo-Hellenic Centers of Studies abroad.

Finally the Ouranis Foundation offered 1.000.000 drs., for the purchase of literature books which were sent to several libraries both at home and abroad.

In this Centre the Ouranis Foundation has been cooperating with the Cultural Foundation of the Greek National Bank, under the care of which, the books were selected and dispatched.

During the current year the following donations were made to the Academy: The Academician, Mr. **Vassos Falireas** kindly presented the Academy with the original of Rega's Manifesto, the Academician Mr. **Panayiotis Zepos** kindly offered more than 600 books

to the Academy which were given to the Research Centre of History of Greek Law. It should be noted that this is the second donation from Mr. P. Zepos to the above mentioned Centre.

Mrs *Anastassia Avgerinou*, widow of the always remembered corresponding member of the Academy, Christ Avgerinos, donated 822 books to the Academy from her husband's library.

During the past year the following prizes were instituted by the Academy :

The **Welfare Organization of the Cyclades Islands** set a prize in the memory of Henry Skassi for the writing of an essay on the dead sons of Cyclades, who distinguished themselves in the Arts and Sciences from the liberation of Greece up to day.

Mrs **Litsa Papa-Motsenigou** once again offered 30.000 drs., which would be added to Mr. Spyros Motsenigos' award of prize.

As a matter of fact this prize is to be given to a junior, but most distinguished, Greek musician.

Here I should mention the three prizes instituted by the *Academy* from its own sources :

The one, supplemented by a cash-prize of 200.000 drs., is to be an original study on fighting of pollution in Greece.

The second, accompanied by a cash-prize of 150.000 drs., will have to be an original treatise on the geological structure of the island of Psara.

Finally, the third-prize accompanied by 100.000 drs., is to be given to the best original thesis on the history of the island of Samothrakis from the early Christian years up to 1914.

The publishing activities of the Academy, during the current year, run as follows :

The 42nd volume of Essays was published, prefaced by a work of the Academician, Mr. **John Trikkalinos**, entitled *Mines in Ancient Lavrion*.

In the series of the *Monuments of Greek History* the 5th volume of the *Alexandros Mavrocordatos' archives* was published.

The *Research Centre of Greek Folklore* published the *Atlas of Greek Folklore*, as well as the *first volume of the series of Greek Consolations*, which had been prepared by the always remembered *George Megas*.

The *Research Centre of the History of Greek Law* published the 23rd volume of its year book.

Finally the following works were published: a) the work of Mr. **A. Kostakis** former editor of the *Historical Dictionary*, entitled *The Misti of Kapadocias* and, b) the translation of Euripides' *Helen*, under the care of Mr. **P. Patihi** teacher of Greek literature. The *Centre of Astronomy and Applied Mathematics* published 8 works of messieurs **John Xanthakis**, **K. Macris** and the rest of the members of staff.

The *Research Centre of Greek Philosophy* published its *Year Book of Philosophy*, volume 7, and the translation of *G. Henderson's* work, *The Revival of Greek Thought*.

The *Centre of Physics of the Atmosphere and Climatology*, published in the *Archiv of Meteorology*, the work of Mr. **Zerephos**, Director of the *Surface, Wind, Energy and Density Centre*.

The Foundation of Costas and Helen Ourani published the second, third and fourth volumes of *Helen Ourani's* *Theatrical Critics*.

It also published two volumes of commemorative speeches on the occasion of national celebrations.

In 1978, 1264 books and periodicals were donated to the Academy's library, and another 2456 to the libraries of the Research Centres.

On the recommendation of the Class of Exact Sciences and by a resolution of the Plenary Session, the following honorary distinctions are awarded :

1. Mr. **Antony Vergalakis** won a distinction for his book on *Children and Physics* which gives a new interpretation of the concepts of Physics.

2. A prize was conferred upon the **Greek Society of Surgery** for its 50-year-contribution to Surgery.

3. An award accompanied by a cash-prize of 50.000 drs., to **Mr. P. Papathanasopoulos** for his book *Drainage System of Nochta Serifou*, in which a programme of rationalistic and speedy development of Serifos is presented.

4. The *Vassiliki Notara* prize accompanied by 50.000 drs., was given to messieurs **Z. Vlysidis** and **A. Theodosios** for their treatises on the *Experimental research on neuropituitary of cancer*.

5. The *Vassiliki Notara* prize accompanied by 50.000 drs., is posthumously awarded to Mr. **Evangelos Konstas** for his work *Introduction to the mathematical thought of Pythagoreaus* which is a considerable contribution to the science of ancient Greeks.

6. The *George Photinos* prize accompanied by 50.000 drs., was given to Mr. **Stavros Hatzegianis** and **Demetrius Trihopoulos**, For their work on *The role of genetic and environmental factors in relation to the spread of hepatitis virus B*, which is an original research contribution to the viral hepatitis.

7. The *George Photinos* prize accompanied by 50.000 drs., to messieurs **George Mourkides**, **G. Tsikritsis**, **Soterius Tsiouris**, and **Ourania Menkisoglou** for their original *Research contribution on Fishbreeding in Greek lakes and closed gulfs*. Their work is pioneering from a physicochemical, as well as a chemical point of view, and contributes greatly to our national economy.

8. The *Constantine Ktena* prize accompanied by 100.000 drs., to Mr. **A. Kelepertzis** for his geochemical study on the andeside rocks of Mytilini.

9. The *George Photinos* prize accompanied by 100.000 drs., to Mr. **Panayiotis Varotsos** for his article published in a foreign journal, where he analyses the existing thermodynamic relationship between the properties of ionic crystals and their melting point.

This relationship, discovered by the writer, is based on a law affecting the irregularities of crystals, and is applied to ionic crystals and is expressed in a mathematical formula.

10. A Silver Medal was awarded to the **Goulandris Museum of Natural History** at Kifissia; this is a very important foundation and helps immensely in the education of school-boys.

On the recommendation of the Class of Letters and Fine Arts and by a resolution of the Plenary Session, the following honorary distinctions are awarded:

1. A commendation to Mr. **Photis Varelis** for his book *Kitala*, in which he has recorded, and makes best use of, folklore and historic material concerning the village Kitala in Rhodes.

2. A commendation to Mrs **Vassiliki Lanara** for her book *The 100 years of the School of Sisters at Evangelismos Hospital*. She drew her material from the hospital's records.

3. A commendation to **George Krococ** for his life long interest in advancing Children's Literature, especially for his two latest works *The hero's Son* and *The Sun's Songs*.

4. A commendation to the Director of the School of Byzantine Music in Nicosia, Mr. **Theodore Kallinicos** for his overall work, mainly for the improvement of the Cypriot and Byzantine Music.

5. A commendation accompanied by a cash - prize of 50.000 drs., to **Alexander Poulianos** for his books: *Ikaria's Popular Songs* and *Ikaria's Folklore of Sea and Land*.

6. A prize to the retired lieutenant - general **Sophocles Tzanetis** for his book *National Defence*, which covers the whole span of our National Defence.

7. A prize to Mr. **Peter Glezos** for his book *Dim Eyes*. This prose collection is distinguished for its gentle tone of expression and for its well balanced prose.

8. A prize to Mrs **Evangelia Fragaki** for her book *Popular*

Medicine in Crete, and for her work generally, which has preserved our folklore tradition.

9. A prize to Mr. **Demetrius Papaconstantinou** for his poetical collection *Shadow Fighting* which is distinguished for a novelty of expression.

10. A prize to Mrs **Smaragda Mostratos** for her book *Demetrius Mostratos the Pholegandrios and Constantinoupolites*.

The authoress is Mostratos' daughter and has given a full account of her father's life, both as a teacher and writer in the subjected nation.

11. A prize to Mr. **Xenophondas Antoniadēs** for his book *Skyros as seen by visitors and prose writers (1400-1900)*. The importance of the book lies in the fact that it translates into Greek and comments on several passages taken from descriptions of visitors.

12. A prize to Mr. **Christ Malevitsēs** for his book *The Shepherd's living in the fields* which is a dialogue between youngsters about man's destiny.

13. A prize to **George Patriarcheas** for his whole poetical work distinguished for its originality.

14. A Posthumous prize to Mrs **Theodora Stefanopoulou - Kominou** for her remarkable philhellenic activities in Kargeze of Corsiki, where she has founded a Greek School.

15. A prize accompanied by 50.000 drs., was given to Mr. **Michael Papadakis** for his book *Prevelis' Monastery in Grete* where he makes a survey of local history and topography as well as of the lives of abbots and monks.

16. A prize accompanied by cash to Mr **Constantine Kyrris**, teacher of Greek literature and history, for his overall writings. His work is covering the whole Greek History of Literature, especially in Cyprus' affairs.

17. The Academy's instituted prize accompanied by 75.000 drs., to Mr. **Efthimios Soulogianēs** for his unpublished work on Ale-

xander Rizos Ragavis' life. This work gives a detailed account of his personality, his spiritual and political activities as well.

18. The instituted prize, in the memory of Alexander Drakos, accompanied by 80.000 drs., to **Helen Koukou** for her book *John Kapodistrius, the man and the diplomat (1800-1828)*. The book goes back to the crucial early years and shows how the character of the great politician, who determined the course of our Nation, developed and matured.

19. The *Dionysius Kokkinos* prize accompanied by 100.000 drs. to Mrs **Ino Michaelides - Nikolaou** for her work *Prosopography of Ptolemaic Cyprus*. The important contribution of her work lies in the fact that she has compiled all the names of well-known Cypriots during the Ptolemaic period.

20. The Academy's instituted prize accompanied by 200.000 drs., to Mrs. **Evgenia Kefalinos** for her work *Greek Bibliography on Lord Byron*. The work consists of 5 volumes and includes translations, studies, and articles dealing with the work and personality of the great philhellene.

21. A Silver Medal to **Demetrius Myrat**, the writer of many books on theatrical problems. As a director of a theatrical company he has enriched our spiritual life and as a stage-manager and an intellectual he has raised the standard of the Greek Theatre.

22. A Silver Medal to the costume-designer, Mr. **Antony Fokas**, for his long career at the National Theatre as well as in private owned theatrical companies. He was the most inventive of all his colleagues and at the same time he showed himself to be always original and always sensitive to the aesthetic side of the art.

In accordance with the decision of the **special committee of Costas and Helen Ouranis** the following prizes are awarded:

1. A prize accompanied by 150.000 drs., for a poetical work is

given to Mrs **Zoe Karelli** for her creative and poetical work so far. Her poetry is a ripened fruit of internal self-meditations, the manner and matter in her work are in perfect harmony and her words are always mellow.

2. The prize for an Essay, accompanied by 150.000 drs., is given to Mr. **Tasos Lignades** for his book *Theatrical Studies*. The writer is fully aware of the theatrical realities, and his work is distinguished for its soberness and sense of responsibility.

Another important work is his study on *Odysseus Elytes Axion Esti*.

3. The prize, for the best prose narrative, accompanied by cash is given to Mrs **Tatiana Gritsi - Milliex** for her book *The Tripolis of Pontos* and for her complete prosewritings. The book is touching because it is full of traditional elements, narates deeds of bravery as well as sufferings of the Pontian Greeks, and gives a vivid picture of our lost homelands.

4. The instituted prize for Children's Literature accompanied by 150.000 drs., is given to Mrs **Georgia Tarsouli**. She has dedicated her life to the Children's Literature since 1932 when she became chief-editor of Children's education and up-bringing. The work appeals to the children's thear

On the recommendation of the Class of Moral and Political Sciences and by a resolution of the Plenary Session, the following honorary distinctions are awarded.

1. A commendation to Mr. **Emmanuel Tsaciris** who risked his life fighting against smugglers of antiquities in his effort to save national archaeological treasures.

2. A commendation to the **Federation of Carpathean Societies in America** for their 50-year-long national and patriotic activities.

3. A commendation to the **Patriotic Society of the Descendants**

of the **1821 Heroes** for their national and social activities and the publication of the periodical 'Altars'.

4. A commendation accompanied by a cash-prize of 30.000 drs., is awarded to Mrs **Elli Georgitsa - Papademitropoulou** for her salutary help to children during the post-occupational period. Her book is entitled *Paedopolis Agia Trias*.

5. A prize to Mr. **Alekos Naraslis** for his book *Medicine and Doctors in Patras*. The book is a considerable contribution to the history of Patras from 1821 till today.

6. A prize to Mr. **Antony Koutelacis** for his 60-year-services to journalism in Chios.

7. A prize to Mr. **Chrisanthos Loukopoulos**, a greek living in U.S.A., because he organized the Hellenic-Anglo-American department of Education in Columbia University and helped hundreds of youngmen to Study.

8. A prize to the pupil **George Samoiles**. On the 14th of October he managed to get into a blazing house and rescue a three-year-old child.

9. A prize to the doctor **Sotiris Mantoudes** who, while crossing the English Channel on a ferry-boat during a storm of 8 beaufords, managed to get into a fishing-boat, where a fire had broken out, in order to help the chief-engineer who had suffered serious burns.

10. The *Nelli Kalliga* prize accompanied by 90.000 drs., to Mr. **John Deletzes** a Forestranger in Pilion. On the 16th of January, 1978, in spite of the stormy sea and at the cost of his life he rescued a fisherman who was in the danger of being drowned.

11. A posthumous prize to Mr. **Constantine Rasogianis**. In spite of the fact that he suffered from a bronhitis asthma he jumped into the sea to save his two nieces who were in danger of being drowned. Unfortunately, his heart failed him and he was drowned himself.

12. A posthumous prize to **Modestos Violakis**, archimandrite of the Patriarchate in Jerusalem. He was drowned while trying to rescue a woman pilgrim who was in the danger of being drowned.

13. An award to the **Society of Klitorian Kalavritians, 'St. Demetrius'**, for their forty-year rehabilitation Work concerning the houses, high-school, Lycaean, communal baths, cultural center and boarding school where 200 boarders live.

14. The *Nelli Kalliga* prize accompanied by 90.000 drs., is awarded to **Paraskevi Miari** who, at the cost of her life, rescued her five children from a fire.

15. The *George Photinos* instituted prize accompanied 100.000 drs., is awarded to Mr. **Savas Pantazopoulos** for his unpublished work *Public Corporation economic and law research*. His methodical and conscientious work is an important contribution not only to the study of legislation but to the institution of Public Corporation as well.

16. The *G. Photinos* prize accompanied by 100.000 drs., is given to Mr. **Antony Charocopos** for his unpublished work *The contribution of Greeks to Philosophy during the 18th century to 1830*. The above work is an excellent contribution for the study of the philosophical renaissance in Greece during the 18th century.

17. The *Anastasios Tsouflis* instituted prize accompanied by 100.000 drs., to Mr. **Demetrius Nikolakakos - Liantinis** for his unpublished work *The philosophical ideas in Dionysius Solomos' Work*. The interpretation of the poet's philosophical ideas gives new dimensions to his work.

18. A Medal to Mr. **Demetrius Pavlatos** because without receiving any payment he has designed church reconstructions and monuments both in Cefallonia and Zante.

19. A silver Medal to the **Reading Society in Corfu** for their 140-year-activities. The society, whose founder was Vrailas in 1836

has a gallery and library and is considered to be the ark of the Ionian tradition.

20. A. commendation accompanied by a cash-prize of 30.000 drs., to the orphaned and needy pupil of the 52nd elementary School in Salonica, **Stavros Nikolaides**, for an act of virtue. He found two wallets containing 606.000 drs., and deposit account books which he handed to the gendarmery station. On receiving the money, the loser didn't give the pupil the reward due by law.
