

R E P O R T
ON THE ACTA OF THE ACADEMY OF ATHENS
DURING THE YEAR 1999

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In accordance with its Regulations, the Academy of Athens convenes, at the last regular meeting in December of each year, in Public Gala Session, at which, after the address of the President, the General Secretary gives a brief report on the activities of the Academy, its members and its services, announces the distinctions awarded for that year, and gives notice of new prizes.

During the course of 1999, the following were added to the ranks of the members of the Academy of Athens:

In the *Class of Natural Sciences*:

Professor **Antonios Kounadis** to the advertised chair in the field of '*Chair in Applied Natural Sciences: Statics - Dynamics, Analysis - Research into Technical Constructions*'.

In the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts*:

The dramatist Mr **Iakovos Kambanellis** to the advertised chair in the field of '*Literature (Theatrical Dramaturgy)*'.

Professor **Panayotis Vokotopoulos** to the advertised chair in the field of '*Byzantine Archaeology and Art*'.

* Read at the Gala Meeting of 29 December 1999.

Mr **Vassileios Petrakos** to the advertised chair in the field of 'Archaeology - Epigraphy'.

The following Corresponding Members were also elected:

In the Class of Natural Sciences:

Mr **Dimosthenis Kazanas**, who serves at NASA (Godard Space Flight Center) in the High Energies Astrophysics Laboratory, to a chair as a corresponding member drawn from Greek scientists living abroad in the field of Astrophysics.

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts:

Mr **Antonios - Aimilios Tachiaos**, Professor of the History and Literature of the Slavic Churches in the Faculty of Theology at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, to the advertised chair for Greek scholars living in Greece in the field of 'Hellenism and the Slavic World';

Professor **Christian Herbert Habicht** of Princeton University, historian and publisher of and commentator on ancient inscriptions, in the field of Ancient History.

In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences:

Mr **Phivos - Alexandros Mourelatos**, Professor of Theology at the University of Texas at Austin, USA.

The Academy of Athens has invited applications for the following new chairs for Full Members:

In the Class of Natural Sciences:

Two (2) chairs in the field of 'Experimental Chemistry'.

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts:

One (1) chair in the field of 'Modern Greek Literature'.

One (1) chair in the field of 'Archaeology-Epigraphy'.

One (1) chair in the field of 'Byzantine Archaeology and Art'.

To the last two chairs, as stated above, Messrs Vassileios Petrakos and Panayotis Vokotopoulos have been elected.

In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences:

One (1) chair for a Full Member in the field of 'Civil Law'.

Two distinguished Full Members of the Class of Natural Sciences of our Academy are absent this evening, **Periklis Theocaris** and **Athanasios Panagos**.

Periklis Theocaris was born in Athens in 1921. The son of General Stavros Theocaris, he began his career as a soldier. At the early age of 19, he served as a second lieutenant in Albania and was decorated with military crosses.

He then entered the Faculty of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and on graduating in 1948, he received the highest marks of the students of all the faculties of the (then) Athens Polytechnic.

As a postgraduate, he studied at MIT in the United States and at the University of Brussels, where he submitted his doctoral thesis in 1952.

With a scholarship from the French Government he then worked at the Sorbonne, where he was awarded a second doctorate in 1954.

In 1960, he was elected Professor of the Strength of Materials at the Athens Polytechnic, where he was a member of the Senate and twice Rector.

He was also at various times a visiting professor or researcher in France, at the University of Freiburg in Germany, at the University of Pennsylvania and at MIT in the United States.

In 1971, he was elected a Full Member of the Academy of Athens in the chair of Applied Sciences (Technical Sciences).

In 1982, he served as President, and in the years 1990-1994 as General Secretary of the Academy.

He was Minister of Education and Religious Affairs immediately after the restoration of democracy in 1974, General Secre-

tary for Research and Technology, National Representative on the Scientific Committee of NATO, President of the Organisation Committee of the Crete Polytechnic, President of the National Council for the exhibition of Greek antiquities in Paris, New York, and Moscow, etc.

The administrative and organisational work which he did in all the public posts which he held was outstanding.

He was awarded many distinctions both in Greece and abroad.

His work as a scientist was impressive in its volume. He published some 900 studies and made good use of the work of his many associates. It is typical of the man that 150 of his studies were written during the last ten years, after his retirement from the Polytechnic.

He was the author of ten monographs, some of which have been translated into other languages.

His work has received international recognition, and P. Theocaris was regarded as the leading Greek scientist in the field of Mechanics.

Theocaris helped many young scientists and presented their work before the Academy. He continued to read papers at the public sessions of the Academy up to the last months of his life, in spite of serious health problems.

Athanasios Panagos was born in 1926 at Velestino, Volos. In 1954, he graduated from the Natural History Department of the Faculty of Science at Athens University with first class honours.

In 1955, he was appointed assistant in the Mineralogy and Petrology Laboratory and in 1961, its Superintendent. He was awarded his doctorate in 1960.

With a scholarship from the State Scholarship Foundation he studied as a postgraduate at the Zurich Polytechnic, where he submitted a second doctoral thesis in 1964.

In 1966, he went to France, to the Bureau des Recherches Géologiques et Minières, and in 1974 to Heidelberg, as a scholarship-holder of the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch-Dienst.

In 1965, he was appointed lecturer at the University of Athens, in 1969, Full Professor of Geology at the University of Patra, where he served as Dean, member of the Senate, and Rector.

At the University of Patra, he organised a complete and up-to-date Geology laboratory, made an important contribution to the academic and structural development of the University, and at the same time carried out important research work.

In 1980, he was elected Professor of Geology at the Athens Technical University.

In 1995, he was elected a Full Member of the Academy of Athens in the chair of Natural History Sciences (Mineralogy-Petrography) in the Class of Natural Sciences.

He published more than 110 original studies and ten textbooks, chiefly for the use of students.

More than 20 scientists wrote their doctoral theses under his direct guidance.

Absent from the *Class of Natural Sciences* are the following Corresponding Members:

Paris Constantinidis, Professor of Pathological Anatomy in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Vancouver.

Victor Sergeevich Vavilov, a distinguished research worker at the Lebedev Institute of Physics of the Academy of Sciences of Russia.

Absent from the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts* is its Foreign Associate **Hans-Georg Beck**, a leading student of Byzantine civilisation and for many years Full Professor of Byzantine and Modern Greek Language and Literature at the University of Munich.

Absent from the *Class of Moral and Political Sciences* is its Corresponding Member **Ioannis Deliyannis**.

Ioannis Deliyannis was born in Athens in 1920.

He graduated from the Faculty of Legal and Economic Sciences of the University of Thessaloniki in 1943 with first-class honours.

In 1945, he was appointed to the Athens Bar Association.

With a scholarship from the French Government, he completed his studies in the Faculty of Law in Paris, from which he received a doctorate in 1951 *magna cum laude*.

In 1966, he was elected Full Professor of the Faculty of Legal and Economic Sciences of the University of Thessaloniki, of which he was Dean, Legal Adviser, a member of the Senate, and Rector. He was also a member of many Greek and foreign academic institutions, of the Supreme Disciplinary Council for judicial functionaries, an alternate member of the Special Court for Actions for Perversion of Justice against judicial functionaries, a regular member of the Special Supreme Court under Article 100 of the Constitution, of committees for the preparation of legislation, etc. He also served as General Secretary of the Ministry of Northern Greece in 1964, and as Minister of Macedonia and Thrace in 1989.

As is the case every year, new **benefactors and donors** have demonstrated their respect, trust and regard for the Academy:

The late Academician **Petros Charis** left all the deposits which he held in the National Bank of Greece, amounting to the sum of 806, 529, 027 drs, to the Academy of Athens, with the purpose of its setting up a foundation under the name of 'The Petros Charis Foundation', in order to support intellectual life in Greece and, more particularly, Greek literary prose-writing in its three main forms: the short story, the novella, and the novel.

The Academy of Athens has resolved to designate him one of its Benefactors.

Amalia-Elli, widow of **Spyros Motsenigos**, left an apartment to the Academy of Athens, so that from the income from it a *Spyros Motsenigos Prize* can be awarded every two years to a distinguished musician.

Mr **Prodromos Emfietzoglou** has offered to replace the whole of the windows of the main building of the Academy. The necessary work has begun and will be completed next month. The total expense will be in excess of 65,000,000 drs.

The **Stavros Niarchos Foundation** donated to the Academy the sum of 32,281,440 drs with a view to the computerisation of the functioning of the Library and of the microfilm archives of the Research Centre for the History of Modern Hellenism and the recording on computer of the Centre's archive material.

The **Leventis Foundation** undertook the total cost, of approximately 10,000,000 drs, of the translation into English of the research work of the Research Centre for Greek Society on '*The Part Played by Greece in the Second World War*'.

The **Ioannis P. Costopoulos Foundation** provided the sum of 10,000,000 drs for the holding of an exhibition of works by Yannis Tsarouchis.

The Governor of the National Bank of Greece, Mr **Theodoros Karatzas**, and his wife donated the sum of 5,000,000 drs with the purpose of providing a prize for '*A critical review of modern trends in International Private Law*' in memory of the late Academician *Georgios Maridakis*, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of his death.

At the two **gala sessions** of the Academy, held to commemorate 25 March 1821 and 28 October 1940, the speakers were, respectively, the Academicians Mr **Constantinos Despotopoulos**, on

the subject '*Past and present of the Greek Nation*', and Ms **Gala-teia Saranti**, on the subject '*A supreme moral turning-point*'.

The main event of the celebration of Armed Forces Day was held in the Aula of the Academy of Athens. The Academician Mr **Constantinos Despotopoulos** spoke on the subject '*The Mission of the Armed Forces of Greece*'.

At a special session to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of the historian Jules Michelet, Mr **Roger Milliex**, Corresponding Member of the Academy, spoke on the subject '*Jules Michelet. Prophet of the Resurrected Greece*'.

Mr **Roger Milliex** also spoke at a special session to mark the 175th anniversary of the publication of '*Chants populaires de la Grèce Moderne*' on the subject of '*Claude Fauriel (1772-1844), a pioneering friend of modern Hellenism*'.

The film 'Video Math Festival', which deals with mathematical themes presented in a popular form, was shown in the east hall of the main Academy building.

Special sessions were held for the **reception** of the following **new members**:

His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Dns Dns **Bartholomaios** as an Honorary Member of the Academy.

After being welcomed by the President, Mr Georgios Mitsopoulos, and an address by the Academician Mr Ioannis Pesmazoglou, the Ecumenical Patriarch, Dns Dns Bartholomaios, spoke on the subject of '*The Ecumenical Patriarchate*'.

In the *Class of Natural Sciences*:

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Argyris Efstratiadis**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Constantinos Stephanis, spoke on the subject: '*Tireless Genes: Perpetual changes in the field of Biology*'.

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Charisios Boudoulas**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Grigorios Skalkeas, spoke on the subject: '*Looking to the future of Cardiology*'.

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Thomas Ipsilantis**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Georgios Kontopoulos, spoke on the subject: '*Anti-matter and Cherenkov radiation*'.

In the *Class of Letters and Fine Arts*:

For the Academician Ms **Angeliki Laiou**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Michael Sakellariou, spoke on the subject: '*Social justice: 'Doing business' and 'prospering' in Byzantium*'.

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Michael John Osborne**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Alexandros Kambitoglou, spoke on the subject: '*Voyaging through Strange Seas of Thought: The Study of Athenian Inscriptions*'.

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Nikolaos Georgiadis**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Panayotis Tetsis, spoke on the subject: '*Modern Art and Primitivism*'.

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Takis Varvitsiotis**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Tasos Athanasiadis, spoke on the subject: '*What is Poetry?*'.

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Boris Fonkic**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Manoussos Manoussakas, spoke on the subject: '*Hellenism and Russia in the Seventeenth Century*'.

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Louis Godart**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Spyros Iakovidis, spoke on the subject: '*The History of the Representations of the Aegean in the Bronze Age*'.

In the *Class of Moral and Political Sciences*:

For the Corresponding Member Mr **Lambros Kotsiris**, who, after being welcomed by the Academician Mr Emmanouil Rou-

kounas, spoke on the subject: *'The impending age of universal commercialisation. An interplay of Law and Ethics'*.

The new Academicians were welcomed on their reception by the President of the Academy, Mr **Georgios Mitsopoulos**.

At an *extra-ordinary session*, an academic memorial meeting was held for the Academician **Apostolos Sahinis**, who was proclaimed a Benefactor of the Academy. After this had been proposed by the General Secretary, Mr **Nikolaos Matsaniotis**, the Academician Mr **Tasos Athanasiadis** spoke on the work of the late Mr Sahinis.

From the revenues of the bequests under the administration and management of the Academy, **10 new scholarships** for post-graduate study in Greece and abroad in various disciplines were awarded during the past year.

During 1999, **34** addresses were delivered by Full and Corresponding Members, **8 papers** were read, and **5 new books** were introduced at the Academy of Athens.

During the past year, 750 volumes in Greek and 256 in other languages, and 103 journals in Greek and 96 in other languages were added to the **Library** of the Academy.

The Academy of Athens was represented:

At the celebration organised by the *Panhellenic Union of Black Sea Greek Scholars* of the 50th anniversary of the death of *Chrysanthos of Trebizond, Archbishop of Athens*, and a Member of the Academy, by the Academician Mr **Constantinos Despotopoulos**, who was the speaker.

At the *International Conference* held in Reykjavik (Iceland) by the *Institut International de Philosophie* on the subject 'philosophie de la Nature', by the Academician Mr **Evangelos Moutsopoulos**.

At the General Assembly of the Federation of National Academies of Medicine and related foundations of the countries of the European Union, held in Brussels, by the General Secretary of the Academy, Mr Nikolaos Matsaniotis, who also represented the Academy at the academic conference held in Stockholm by the Academia Europaea and the Wenner Gren Foundation on the subject 'The Virtual University. The educational environments of the future'.

At the international congress held in Budapest under the aegis of UNESCO and ICSU on Science in the Twenty-First Century, by the Vice President of the Academy, Mr Nikolaos Artemiadis, and the President of the Class of Natural Sciences, Mr Georgios Kontopoulos.

At the annual 73rd Meeting of the General Assembly of the Union Académique Internationale, held in Cracow, by the Academician Mr Nikolaos Konomis.

At the International Classical Literature Conference held by the Section for Classical Studies of the Language and Literature Department of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki on the subject 'Latin Culture and Contemporary Greece', by the Academicians Messrs Nikolaos Konomis and Constantinos Grollios.

At the sessions of the Conseil de la Fondation pour le Lexicon Iconographicum Mythologiae Classicae in Paris, by the Academician Mr Alexandros Kambitoglou, who also took part in the meeting held by the Union Académique Internationale on issues connected with the international series entitled Corpus Vaorum Antiquorum.

At the meeting of the International Network for Human Rights of Academies and Learned Societies held in Stockholm, by the Academician Mr Emmanouil Roukounas.

At the celebration of the anniversary of the Exodus of Mesolonghi by the Academician Mr Constantinos Drakatos.

The Academy of Athens **provided financial support for the holding of the following conferences:**

The conference on '*Latin Culture and Contemporary Greece*', held in Thessaloniki.

The *5th International Symposium on Rectangular Polynomials, Special Functions and their Applications*, organised by the University of Patra.

The *12th Summer School / Penhellenic Conference* held in Patra on the subject of '*Non-Linear Dynamics: Chaos and Complexity*'.

ACTIVITIES OF THE RESEARCH CENTRES

The **Centre for the Compilation of the Historical Dictionary** transferred from card indexes and wrote entries on material from the Centre's manuscripts, made a record of linguistic material collected in 1998, and prepared for publication the 22nd volume of the *Lexicographical Bulletin*. The researchers took part in conferences, at which they read papers, and in investigative linguistic missions.

The Centre continued rapidly with putting into effect the ADMITOS Programme, which is financed by the Second Community Support Framework, by setting up a computerised list of entries and of lexicographical software.

The **Research Centre for Greek Folklore** worked on the completion of the master plan within the framework of the programme for the 'Development and Modernisation of the Library and Archives of the Centre' with the *retrospective cataloguing* of its library (18,000 entries), the *setting up of a web site* on the Internet, the *updating* with new additional equipment of the Centre's computer network, the *copying* in the studio of the tapes in digital (DAT) and computer (CD) form, and its *augmentation* by purchase and gift with 2,500 new books. At the same time, it

continued: the 'Sappho' programme (in collaboration with the Word-Processing Institute), the 'Computer catalogue of traditional craft industry workshops still active' programme, in collaboration with the Hellenic Organisation for Small and Medium-Size Manufacturing Enterprises and Handicraft, and the 'Raphael' programme, in collaboration with France and Spain, within the framework of which an academic conference on *'The olive and olive oil from antiquity to the present'* was successfully organised and held.

It published: an information booklet entitled 'The Research Centre for Greek Folklore. History - Programmes - Modernisation'.

The 28th volume of the Centre's Yearbook.

A photo-reprint of the third volume of Folk Songs (Musical Selection) collected by G. K. Spyridakis - S. D. Peristeris, accompanied by the republication on CDs of the musical material.

A CD-ROM on the folklore bibliography from 1800 to 1986.

The Centre's Supervisory Committee unanimously resolved to give the name of '**Menelaos Pallantios**' to the new fully-equipped studio of the National Musical Collection, in recognition of his many years of invaluable service to the Centre.

The **Research Centre for Medieval and Modern Greek History** pressed ahead with its research and publishing programmes in progress.

The following was completed:

Work on the second volume of the correspondence of the cleric and man of letters Constantinos Oikonomou tou ex Oikonomon (it includes letters of the years 1818-1822).

The following were continued:

Work on the series of documents (patriarchal, official, etc.) in the archives of the Metochi of the Holy Sepulchre (seventeenth century).

The programme on Greek-Russian relations in the seventeenth century and Russian travellers in south-eastern Europe and the eastern Mediterranean.

The processing and study of archive material from Preveza and Lefkada.

The research programme on 'The monasteries of Greece. I. The monasteries of Crete'.

The book by the Centre's Supervisor, the Academician Mr Manoussos Manoussakas (in collaboration with Mr M. Lasithiotakis) 'François Scouphos, Le Courrier' — a critical edition of his unpublished letters with full introduction, commentary, glossary, and index — was published as part of the series of the Centre's publications. It should be noted that the letters of Scouphos are unique examples — among the earliest — of Modern Greek prose in the demotic form of the language.

The **Research Centre for the History of Greek Law** published the first volume of the newly-established Appendix to the Centre's Yearbook, which includes a self-contained essay by the Centre's researcher Lydia Paparrhiga-Artemiadi on the subject of '*The legal protection of parental fortune on Mykonos (seventeenth-eighteenth century)*'.

The study and processing of the following continued:

Documents containing the decisions of the Parga Appeal Court issued between the years 1803 and 1805;

Documents containing agreements on the execution of building works on Hydra between the years 1800 and 1821.

The **Centre for the Publication of the Works of Greek Authors** published the second work planned in the series entitled *Ponemata. Contributions to Research into Greek and Latin Literature* (Photeini Kolovou: 'Michael Choniatis. A contribution to the study of his life and work. The *corpus* of the letters', Athens

1999). It also reprinted two works in the series *Library of Greek Authors* and the *Antonios Manousis Library*.

The **Research Centre for the History of Modern Hellenism** pressed on with and prepared for the press the programmes ‘*Foreign Office Descriptive Catalogue*’ and ‘*Almanac of Events concerning Greece (1940-1944)*’, and continued the processing of material of three programmes:

—Volume II of the archives of Ioannis Koletis.

—‘Septinsular Portraiture, Nineteenth and Twentieth Century’.

— The Historical bibliography.

It also began two new research and publishing programmes:

a. The publication of a manuscript entitled ‘The memoirs of Dionysios Markopoulos, Merchant (1829-1905)’.

b. The publication of the second volume of the ‘Almanac of Events concerning Greece (1940-1944)’, based on the archives of the British and US intelligence services.

The **Centre for Astronomy and Applied Mathematics** continued the research activities which are carried out by its permanent staff, and by Greek and foreign academic associates.

In 1999, sixteen (16) original scientific works were published in foreign-language scientific journals, in the Minutes of the Academy of Athens, at conferences in Greece and abroad, symposia, etc. In addition, twenty-eight original scientific papers were read at Greek and foreign conferences.

The **Research Centre for Greek Philosophy** published the 29th volume of *Philosophia — The Yearbook of the Research Centre for Greek Philosophy*, which includes works, papers and book reviews by Full and Corresponding Members of the Academy, and the researchers and other associates of the Centre.

The **Bureau for Scientific Terms and Neologisms** continued the systematic card-indexing from the daily Press of neologisms of Greek origin and in foreign languages. It examined a broad range of foreign words, such as embargo, cabotage, plafond, timing, fractal, editorial, offshore company, overdose, server, etc., for which it proposed the replacement by acceptable terms in Greek, or created neologisms to enrich the Greek language. It continued the rendering into Greek of the foreign-language terminology for sporting events and planned the publication of a bulletin with the Greek terminology for all the events of the Olympic Games, in view of the fact that they will be held in Athens in 2004.

The Bureau was approached over questions of terminology and its help was sought over the correct rendering in Greek of foreign-language terms and the suggestion of normally formed Greek words

- by the United Nations (High Commission for Refugees)
- by the Institute of Geology and Mining
- by the Command of the Fire Brigade.

The material for the seventh volume of the *Bulletin of Scientific Terminology and Neologisms* was also completed.

The **Research Centre for Physics of the Atmosphere and Climatology**, within the framework of its activities, published two (2) studies on the fluctuations in space and time of the mean air temperature for the whole of the northern hemisphere and presented a paper at a conference abroad in which the importance of cloud cover in the formation of ultra-violet UV-B radiation reaching the ground in the Athens area was stressed.

Two other papers were read at conferences abroad.

The **Research Centre for Antiquity** continued work on those of the Academy's programmes which are under the supervision

of the Centre, and published the fifth volume in the series *Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum*, which includes vases in the Thessaloniki Archaeological Museum. It also prepared for publication two further volumes dealing with vases in the Thebes and the Marathon Museums. In the series *Corpus Signorum Imperii Romani* it prepared for publication a volume of Roman portraits from Crete.

The **Research Centre for Greek Society** completed its research on the subject of '*Decentralisation and Local Government: Observations and Proposals*' and of '*The Greek Family: Myth and Reality*'.

Within the framework of its research into '*Ethics and Deontology in Medicine and Legal Science*', it completed its study entitled '*Human Reproduction and Technology: Procreation with Medical Support*'.

The **Research Centre for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Art** pressed ahead with its four main research programmes, which are concerned with the compilation of the Indexes of Byzantine Wall-Paintings for the islands of Chalki, Tilos and Rhodes in the Dodecanese, and the compilation in summary form of the General Index of Byzantine Wall-Paintings of Greece. It was supported in its programmes by the Research Committee of the Academy of Athens. The Centre held an academic gathering in memory of its founder, Manolis Chatzidakis, on the subject of '*Icons of Zakynthos*'.

The **Research Bureau for Modern Greek Art** continued and completed the recording, study and photographing, measurement and documentation of open-air sculptures throughout the Prefecture of Attica. At the same time, it has begun and is proceeding with a record of open-air sculptures in important centres of Viotia (Boeotia) and Evvia (Euboea). Intensive work continues

on the future publication of the first folios of open-air sculptures which are in public places in the Municipality of Athens and the surrounding municipalities.

The **Information Science Research Laboratory**, in collaboration with American and Greek academic institutions, continued its research work on the timely diagnosis of lung and breast cancer by means of digital processing of simple medical images.

The Supervisor of the **Research Bureau for Theoretical Mathematics**, the Academician Mr Nikolaos Artemiadis, completed his research on the history of mathematics.

The study, 700 pages in length, is ready for publication.

The **Bureau for the Management of the Information Science Networks** of the Academy of Athens completed the information network of linkages between the Academy's Research and Administrative Centres, and with the Internet.

The **Bureau for Research into International and Constitutional Institutions** continued its research into '*Greece at the International Courts*' and '*Greek Shipping*'.

It has organised activities for the coming year on the subject of '*individual rights and the fundamental freedoms*'.

The **Research Committee of the Academy**:

— financed 10 research programmes — now completed. The final reports giving the results have been lodged.

— financed 18 new research programmes and 7 older ones, which are continuing and will be completed next year.

And now the distinctions awarded, on the recommendation of the appropriate Classes and by a resolution of the Plenum, for the year 1999.

A. CLASS OF NATURAL SCIENCES (14)

PROPRIO MOTU AWARDS (1)

1. This association, the core of which is made up of medical students, makes an effective contribution by its noteworthy activities to the reduction of traffic accidents and their consequences in this country.

For these reasons an **honourable mention** has been awarded to the **'Trochopaideia' Association**.

ADVERTISED AWARDS

FROM BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS (8)

2. The study published in the authoritative scientific journal *Clays and Clay Minerals* entitled *'The Genesis of a Mordenite Deposit by Hydrothermal Alteration of Pyroclastics on Plyegos Island, Greece'* investigates the genesis of a significant deposit of mordenite by hydrothermal alteration of pyroclastics on Polyegos island.

For this study, which arrives at very noteworthy conclusions and is an important contribution to research into rhyolites, a **Constantine Ktenas Prize** (*for mineralogical content*), with a cash award of **1,000,000 drs**, has been awarded to Mr **Constantine Kitsopoulos**.

3. This researcher is concerned with the micro-palaentological and biostratigraphic investigation of fossil-bearing molassic sediments of the mid-Greece rift, and particularly the Neogene Tsotilion formation in the north-west Macedonia region.

The conclusions of this work, which were published in the international scientific journal *Beitrage zur Palaontologie*, are of great importance for Greece.

For this notable study, entitled *Die neogene Tsotilion Formation. Sedimentologie und Stratigraphie der Molasseablagerungen im Messohellenischen Becken, NW Griechenland*, a **Con-**

stantine Ktenas Prize (*for geological content*), with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Ms **Georgia Fermeli**.

4. The study entitled '*Transcription Factor-Based Drug Design in Anticancer Development*', published in a medical journal of high quality deals with the treatment of cancer and reflects in-depth training in biology and an innovative approach to the subject.

For this work, the **Vassiliki, widow of Gerasimos Notaras, Prize**, *in memory of Georgios I. Demertzis*, with a cash award of 1,000,000 drs, has been awarded to Mr **Athanasios Papavasileiou**.

5. This award-winning study, published in an authoritative scientific journal, is an important contribution to Algebra and has received international recognition, in view of the fact that it solves one of the basic problems of the theory of the Representation of the General Linear Group.

The authors in this work extend the Carter method, rendering it more general, and prove his speculation, which had remained up to now open.

For this work, entitled '*The Cuspidal Modules of the Finite General Linear Groups*', a **Epameinondas Papastratos Prize**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Messrs **Dimitrios Deriziotis** and **Constantinos Gotsis**.

6. The principal subject of this study, which was published in the important specialist periodical *Journal of Physics. A. Mathematical and General*, is a new, precise and rapid method of distinguishing between chaotic and organised orbits in systems of two degrees of freedom.

This is a more exact and much quicker method than earlier one for discovering the last KAM curve and, consequently, has important applications in either a small or large degree of chaos.

For their original and important work entitled '*Angular Dynamical Spectra. A New Method for Determining Frequen-*

cies, Weak Chaos and Cantori' a **G. T. Photeinou Prize**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Messrs **Nikos Vonglis** and **Christos Eftymiopoulos**.

7. This book deals with the historical and political role played by Hydra during the national uprising and the political role of the Hydriots after the Revolution.

It extols the maritime tradition of the Hydriots from the fourteenth to the eighteenth century and describes in detail their naval conflicts with the Turks. It also contains illustrations, drawings, the family trees of the leaders, and a chart of operations.

For the book entitled '*The Hydriots, Forerunners and Sea Fighters of the 1821 Revolution*' (in Greek), an **Eftychia C. Eftaxiopoulos Prize**, in memory of Commander **Constantinos Eftaxiopoulos**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Mr **Dimitrios Lismanis**.

8. The two **Dimitrios N. Lampadarios Prizes**, with a cash award of **500,000** drs each, have been awarded, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, to the graduates of the Department of Topographical Engineering of the Athens Technical University and the Polytechnic School of the University of Thessaloniki, respectively, with the best results in Geodesy in the academic year 1997-1998, Ms **Eleni Gavalia** and Mr **Dimitrios Xenakis**.

9. The **Moussoulos Family Prize**, in memory of the Academician **Loukas Moussoulos**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, for an original piece of work on '*Molecular and genetic participation in carcinogenesis*', has been awarded to Messrs **Vasileios Georgoulis**, **Panayotis Zacharatos** and **Christos Kittas**, for their outstanding study entitled '*Alterations of p16-pRb pathway and Chromosome Locus 9p21-22 in Non Small-Cell Lung Carcinomas*', which was published in the authoritative scientific periodical *American Journal of Pathology*.

ADVERTISED AWARDS FROM BENEFACTIONS (2)

10. This award-winning study investigates the timely diagnosis of cancer of the prostate and minor metastases from it and reaches the conclusion that the oncoprotein bcl-2 can be regarded as an independent prognostic factor in early cancer of the prostate.

For this study, entitled '*Immunohistochemical study of the indicators of the exuviation (bcl-2, p53, par-4) and vasogenetic receptor (Flk-1) in identified adenocarcinomas of the prostate: clinical, pathological and anatomical correlation*', the **Constantinos I. Miras Prize**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to the principal researchers Mr **Aris Yannopoulos**, Ms **Lydia Nakopoulou**, and Mr **Ephraim Seraphetinidis**.

11. The **Aikaterini Kepetzi Prize**, in memory of her husband, the physician *Nikolaos Kepetzis*, with a cash award of **800,000** drs, has been awarded to the student graduating from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Athens who, in the academic year 1997-98, received the highest marks, Mr **Constantinos Mitsiadis**.

B. CLASS OF LETTERS AND FINE ARTS

PROPRIO MOTU AWARDS (8)

1. A hundred years ago, in May 1899, Dimitrios Vikelas founded a non profit-making publishing association with a view to the intellectual cultivation of the public and the raising of its level of education.

In 1903, the association held the first educational conference in the history of Greek literature in this country, while in the context of its publishing endeavours it has to show monumental editions of many serious works of academic, vocational training, or national interest.

Numbered among its direct associates have been important men of letters and distinguished scholars such as Costis Palamas, G. Drosinis, Dimitris Aiyinitis, C. Tsatsos, C. Amantos, and I. M. Panayotopoulos.

For its hundred years of uninterrupted work in the field of literature and culture, a **Gold Medal** has been awarded to the **Association for the Dissemination of Useful Books**.

2. Exactly forty years ago, a group of young people began, by their intellectual activities, to awake the interest of the public in the creation of an organised cultural movement and life in the city of Sparta.

In time, the group was joined by men such as the then Director of the Sparta Museum, and now a beloved colleague, Mr Chrysanthos Christou, the Most Reverend Efstathios, now Metropolitan of Sparta, and other noteworthy figures of the spiritual and intellectual world, who contributed to turning the vision of the inspirers of this cultural movement into reality.

Lessons and lectures, academic conferences, educational visits, musical events, and theatre performances were organised, services were held in the churches of Mystras which had been closed for centuries, and the events of the 'Palaiologeia', an annual religious, artistic event for Sparta, Laconia, and the country at large, followed.

All of this happened before the formal founding of the association, whose President has been since 1966 Mr Nikos Georgiadis, in 1961.

For its abundant cultural and artistic activity, which continues without interruption today, a **Silver Medal** has been awarded to the '**Sparta Cultural Centre**'.

3. A distinguished protagonist of the Greek stage this year completed 50 years of first-rank acting work in Greece's theatre.

She studied at the Drama School of the National Theatre, from which she graduated in 1949 with first-class honours.

She did not remain long with the National Theatre, since she preferred to work with the Free Theatre, where her career advanced by leaps and bounds.

She also worked with the Marika Kotopouli company, the Kyveli company, etc.

She made a name for herself in dramatic, comic, and feather-brained roles, but it was chiefly in the ancient drama that she gained recognition as the leading tragic actor of our times, as she brought to life the heroines of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Aristophanes.

She was twice been awarded the Marika Kotopouli Prize.

On the occasion of the completion of fifty years of her career in the theatre, a **Bronze Medal** has been awarded to Ms **Anna Synodinou**.

4. The next award-winner was born in Athens and studied engraving and painting at the School of Fine Arts, where she studied engraving under Yannis Kephallinos. Not content with merely making use of the achievements of her teacher, she began to turn in other directions from a very early stage in her career, and thus hers developed into one of the most spontaneous and genuine voices in modern Greek engraving. Those of her works which take their starting-point from the sea and caiques, boats and birds reach a language of expression which is marked by its purely poetic and often musical content. For the character of her artistic work, the richness, spontaneity and truth of expression of her engraving, a **prize** has been awarded to Ms **Tonia Dendrinou-Nikolaïdou**.

5. This award-winner, a graduate of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Athens, has since 1976 been engaged on restoration work on the monuments of the Athens Acropolis.

In a study entitled '*The Restoration of Ancient Monuments in Modern Greece (1834-1939)*' (in Greek), she gives a systematic account, in a limpid but scholarly style, of all the restoration work carried out on the monuments of Greece from the time of the foundation of the modern Greek State by the Athens Archaeological Society and by the Archaeological Service.

For this work, which will be a fundamental aid in the study of the modern history of the ancient monuments of Greece, a **prize** has been awarded to Ms **Phani Mallouchou-Tufano**.

6. From the first day on which he took up his duties as Curator of Byzantine and Medieval Antiquities, the next award-winner has served in the Dodecanese.

On, literally, a pittance, he has succeeded in making an exemplary contribution to the conservation and rescue of the magnificent monuments of medieval Rhodes, and to the restoration of mansions, the fortifications of Rhodes, and other secular and ecclesiastical monuments.

The important excavations which he has to his credit have brought to light a mass of new data in connection with the history of Rhodes from Hellenistic times until it fell into the hands of the Ottomans.

His scholarly publications reveal the extent and nature of his activities, which he has continued after his retirement from the Service.

For this, his life's work, a **prize** has been awarded to the Inspector of Antiquities Mr **Ilias Kollias**.

7. In his five-volume work entitled '*The Occupation and Liberation — The December Events — Varkiza*', the author, by an exhaustive account of the facts known to him, deals with impartiality and sobriety with the historical problems raised by the Occupation and down to the Varkiza Agreement. He makes use of all the texts of the period and handles with finesse and im-

partiality a difficult and ambiguous period. First he sets down a record of the events as he considers them to emerge from the sources, and then gives his own analysis and opinion, noting at the same time the opinions of others, both politicians and historians.

For this fine work, a prize has been awarded to Mr **Spyros Gasparinatos**.

8. The next award-winner was born in 1923 at Kyriaki, Boeotia. In parallel with making his living, the art of literature has been the chief concern of his life.

Mention should be made of his patriotic efforts during the Occupation, efforts which resulted in his imprisonment in a camp for hostages.

He published his first poems in 1950. These were followed by another eight collections of poetry. In parallel, he has published ten studies of the work of eminent writers and artists, as well as works for the theatre.

His work has been reviewed in the most favourable terms by distinguished writers and men of letters.

For his work as a whole, a **prize** has been awarded to the Boeotian writer Mr **Andreas Tsouras**.

ADVERTISED AWARDS FROM BENEFACTIONS AND DONATIONS (4)

9. This award-winning poetess made her appearance in the world of letters in 1963 with her collection 'Moments of Adolescence' (in Greek), which has been described as a searing testimony of the Cyprus struggle of 1955-1959. Since then, she has published eight more noteworthy collections of poetry.

The birds of Eustolius —the multicoloured mosaics in the house of Eustolius in the ancient city of Curium, near Limassol—are an inspiration to the poetess, as she links antiquity with Chri-

stianity, with the figure of St Neophytus the Enclosed of Cyprus, in an unbroken unity.

In the 180 pages of this composition, she gives expression with lyricism and passion to the Cyprus of today and the indomitable struggle for freedom. Time loses its power, and the poetry gives life again to Evagoras Palikaridis and to Afxentiou, and to so many others.

For the collection of poetry *'The Birds of Eustolius and the Enclosed One'* (in Greek), the **Lambros Porphyras Prize**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Ms **Pitsa Galazi**.

10. The recipient of the next award was born in Kyrenia in 1968, and studied painting at the School of Fine Arts in Thessaloniki and Sculpture at the Athens School of Fine Art. She works in soft materials, while her sculptures are in terracotta. Her artistic vocabulary ranges between the representational and abstract types, stylisation and suggestive forms. Her work is marked by its rich language of expression, the nature of her ideas, and the emphasis on purely plastic values.

For her quests and her entirely individual formulations, the **Academy of Athens Prize**, *for an outstanding younger Greek sculptor*, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Ms **Maria Kyprianou**.

11. The first of these two pianists graduated from the Larissa Municipal Odeion with starred first class honours and a unanimously awarded first prize, while the second graduated from the Thessaloniki Odeion also with first class honours and a second prize.

The examination which they took proved that they possess qualities which, with constant devotion and study, presage a promising career. For these reasons, the **two Eleni Mykoniou Prizes**, with a cash award of **500,000** drs **each**, have been awarded

to the first-class piano graduates Mr **Dimitrios Syringelas** and Ms **Christiana Dimatati**.

12. This study sheds light on matters of language and history concerning the village of Aperathos on Naxos.

The author, relying on both written and oral evidence, demonstrates the influence of the Cretan dialect exerted on that of Aperathos by its colonisation by Cretans, chiefly from Sfakia.

For his book entitled '*Cretan Colonists at Aperathos on Naxos*' (in Greek), the **Eleni and Panos Psimenos Prize**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Mr **Georgios Zevgolis**.

ADVERTISED AWARDS FROM BENEFACTIONS (1)

13. The recipient of the next award was born in 1914 in Epirus. In parallel with his work at school, he registered in the theory department of the National Odeion, and at the same time studied the piano and violin.

In 1977, he was appointed Professor of Harmony - Counterpoint - Fugue and Orchestration at the National Odeion. Today he is Alternate Artistic Director of the National Odeion, Vice President of the Union of Greek Composers, and of the Greek State Orchestra.

He has composed more than a hundred works in all the genres, chiefly symphonies and concerti.

The fact that he began to compose at the mature age of 40 has helped him to maintain independence in his creative career and to resist being drawn into the fashions of the day in the various innovative trends. He has developed his own individual style and musical language which is marked by 'Greekness', without taking refuge in folklore and in the reverberations of the country's musical tradition.

For this important work, the **Yannis A. Papayannou Prize**, with a cash award of **800,000** drs, has been awarded to the composer Mr **Dimitrios Dragatakis**.

C. COSTAS AND ELENI OURANIS FOUNDATION AWARDS (2)

1. This award-winner has published 12 collections of poetry, one volume of essays on lyric poetry, translations of works of poetry, as well as articles, studies and book reviews.

His poetic work is marked by a subtle lyricism, sensitivity and resourcefulness. His language gives evidence of an able craftsman of words and profound culture. He has written poetry in a number of forms: ballads, sonnets, haikus, quatrains, short works. All manifest the same virtues: refinement of feeling, vivid description, nobility of expression, exactness of vocabulary. The combination of all these features charms the reader. Briefly put, the award-winner writes «from reflection and with a dream».

A **Costas and Eleni Ouranis Foundation prize** for work in *poetry*, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Mr **Dionysis Kapsalis**.

2. The next award-winner's work brings out clearly his talent as a writer and demonstrates his skill in narrative. It is written in the first person - one of the most difficult of modes. The author is absolute master of the language and his style is simple, free of any suggestion of affectation or overloading — a feature which is rare these days.

The plot of the novel captures and holds the attention of the reader by its vitality. An unerring feeling for language, and the directness of the wording, which, though not cloying, is a great delight to the reader, have contributed to this achievement.

A **Costas and Eleni Ouranis Foundation prize** for a *narrative prose* work, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Mr **Takis Theodoropoulos** for his book *'The Power of the Dark God'* (in Greek).

C. CLASS OF MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES
 PROPRIO MOTU AWARDS (7)

1. The activities of club which is the next award-winner are extensive and of high quality, and include talks by experts in many fields, awards to different personalities, and extensive social work in the Athens area.

On the completion of 70 years of vigorous life, a **prize** has been awarded to the **Athens Rotarian Club**.

2. For the important public-benefit work which it has carried out, and chiefly for the construction of an integrated multi-storey haematological centre, which includes a full paediatric bone marrow transplant unit, which it has donated to the Papanikolaou Hospital, a **prize** has been awarded to the 'STORGIHI - Friends of Child Cancer-Sufferers' association of Thessaloniki.

3. This Fraternity was founded in 1871, with the aim of providing financial assistance to the indigent residents of the Greek community of the Vilayet of Thessaloniki.

During the Macedonian Struggle, it performed patriotic as well as social services. Through the network of the welfare system, teachers, priests, professional men and merchants were able to supply secret information to the Greek Consulate and to the Greek organisations which were fighting against the Bulgarian comitadjis.

After the liberation of Thessaloniki, it has continued its work down to the present. It provides monthly allowances to victims of misfortunes, maintains a students' hostel, provides economic support for associations, etc.

For its long-term public benefit and patriotic endeavours, a **prize** has been awarded to the **Men's Poor Relief Fraternity of Thessaloniki**.

4. This two-volume work, the result of great mental toil, with its well-judged selection and helpful arrangement of texts

from the works of Greek thinkers on philosophy, is an outstanding contribution to the bibliography of modern Greek philosophy.

Each volume contains an Introduction (in Greek and French), biographical notes on the authors included in the anthology, and an extensive bibliography.

For her work entitled '*Philosophical Thought in Greece from 1822 to 1922 — An Anthology of Texts, with an Introduction and Commentary*' (in Greek), a **prize** has been awarded to Ms **Roxani Argyropoulou**.

5. In his prize-winning book, the author, who throughout his life has been associated with the realisation of the Scouting ideal in Greece, has assembled most valuable material on the history of the Scout Movement in this country.

The author deals with the principles of Scouting, with the contribution which it has made to Greek society, and its activities in critical phases of modern Greek history.

He also supplies detailed information on the part played by Greek Scouts in the international Scouting Movement.

For his book '*The Fine World of Scouting*' (in Greek), and for his vast contribution to Scouting, a **prize** has been awarded to today's Honorary President of the Greek Scouts, Mr. **Dimitrios Alexatos**.

6. The next recipient of an award has donated a significant sum for the operation of the Greek College in London, has undertaken the supervision and operation of charitable foundations set up by his parents and siblings, and has himself financed the wall-paintings and embellishment of churches, etc.

He has contributed, with other members of his family, to the building of schools on the Inouses islands, has equipped a surgery, has set up and financed the Homeric Academy of Inou-

ses, and has donated his library to the Foundation and Museum for Hellenic Civilisation and the Archipelago.

For his patriotic, social and cultural work, a **prize** has been awarded to Mr **Nikolaos D. Pateras**.

7. For 18 years the next award-winner served as teacher and Head of the Junior and Senior High Schools of Karpenisi, and then for many years as an Inspector of Secondary Education.

His work has been many-sided: educational, intellectual and cultural, literary, historical, and paedagogical. He is the author of a large number of articles and studies, and has published books of importance.

It was on his initiative that the 'Eugenius the Aetolian' Association and a Cultural Centre with a lecture room and library with reading-room were set up, in 1964, in Karpenisi.

Even today, he teaches Ancient Greek at the Popular University of the Friends of the People Society, and gives lectures in his hometown and in other provincial towns.

For the whole of his outstanding work, a prize has been awarded to the educationalist Mr **Panayotis Vlachos**.

8. The Centre for Mental Health, which was founded in 1964, can boast important achievements in research into and the diagnosis and therapy of mental illnesses and psychological disorders, using contemporary scientific methods.

For her crucial contribution to the setting up and running of the Centre and for her more general work in the field of mental health, a prize has been awarded to Ms **Anna Potamianou**.

9. During the German Occupation, the next recipient of an award, risking her life, concealed a well-known Jewish couple and took care of their property, acts for which she has been honoured by the State of Israel.

In addition, she has consistently played a part in philanthropic work and has taken a leading role in the building of new and the renovation of historic churches.

For her philanthropic activities, a **prize** has been awarded to Ms **Angeliki Anagnostopoulou**.

10. The association to which our next award is made was founded in 1957, its main purpose being, according to its articles of association, the maintenance, preservation and dissemination of the spirit and the culture of the unforgotten homelands of Ionia. Up to the present, it has been engaged in patriotic and social work, which has been recognised by the country's refugee associations. *Inter alia* it maintains a library, a museum, in-service training workshops, etc.

For its 42 years of multi-faceted intellectual, cultural and social endeavour, a **commendation** has been awarded to the 'PHAROS' **Library Cultural Association of Varvasio, Chios**.

11. Apart from publishing a monthly newspaper, a magazine and books, the establishment of scholarships and support for school meals, this association has held scores of events of a cultural, recreational and social nature, as well as literary and other gatherings.

For the completion of 100 years of life and varied public-benefit activity, a **commendation** has been awarded to the **Attica Association of Langadinians**.

12. This union was set up in 1923 by Greek refugees from the Black Sea region who settled in the greater Piraeus area.

It has continued its cultural and social work down to the present.

In the building which it has erected in Drapetsona, younger Pontus Greeks learn the Greek language and the Pontian dialect, Pontus and other dances, musical instruments, and the lyre.

Conferences, lectures, and recreational events are also held.

For the important cultural, social and intellectual work which it has been doing for 76 years, a **commendation** has been awarded to the **Piraeus Union of Black Sea Greeks**.

13. It is 100 years this year since the benefactor Zapheiris Vournazos financed the building of the Mytilene Girls' School, whose origins go back to 1742, when another benefactor, the leading citizen Stavrakis built the first school in Mytilene after the Fall of Constantinople.

Today, the building of the former Mytilene Girls' School houses the Mytilene Second Junior High School, whose teachers and pupils have published a book and calendars which call attention to the history of the first Greek school in their town.

For this initiative, a **commendation** has been awarded to the **teaching staff** and the **pupils** of the **Mytilene Second Junior High School**.

ADVERTISED AWARDS FROM BEQUESTS-DONATIONS (1)

8. For the zeal and conscientiousness which they have shown in the performance of their duties, the **Constantinos Kriezis Prize**, with a cash award of **400,000** drs each, has been awarded to the primary school teachers Mr **Ioannis Moysidis** from the Prefecture of Kilkis, and Messrs **Georgios Psomos** and **Avgoustis Vetsos**, and Ms **Sophia Spanou** from the Prefecture of Lesvos.

ADVERTISED AWARDS FROM BENEFACTIONS (2)

15. The Introduction to this book sketches the political parameters for the Greek nation of the last decades of Ottoman rule in the 'vilayet' of Thessaloniki and the attendant difficulties faced by the publication of Greek newspapers.

An account is then given, on the basis of archival sources and the relevant bibliography, of the Greek and foreign-language newspapers of Ottoman-ruled Thessaloniki.

The presentation is accompanied by a critical commentary with interesting references to the contents of the newspapers and magazines of the period.

The work is richly illustrated with photocopies of pages from the various newspapers and magazines, and has an extensive bibliography.

For his book *'The Journalism of Thessaloniki - Ottoman Rule'*, an interesting contribution to the history of the Press, the **prize of the Athanasios Botsis Foundation for the Promotion of Journalism**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Mr **Manolis Kandylakis**.

16. The next award-winner at the age of nine suffered an attack of encephalomyelitis which resulted in spastic hemiplegia.

Overcoming the problems thus caused, she studied at the Iliou Special High School, where she distinguished herself for her diligence and conduct; today she is a student in the Psychology Department of the Athens Panteio University.

For her bravery and will-power, by which she has succeeded in overcoming the difficulties of her disability, the **Leon Lemos Foundation Prize**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, has been awarded to Ms **Ioanna Dalla**.

ACTS OF SELF-SACRIFICE (6)

17. The recipient of the next award lost his life on the evening of 23 November 1998 when he pursued an armed man who had previously opened fire on a shop assistant in the Athens district of Goudi.

For his feelings of sensitivity and of solidarity towards his fellow-men which led him to this act of self-sacrifice, a **posthumous prize** has been awarded to the Public Power Corporation employee **Spyros Vratisis**.

18. The next award-winner, as Master of the vessel IALY-SOS, offered, together with his crew, to sail on 5 December 1998 from Leros to Patmos, in extremely unfavourable weather conditions, disregarding all dangers, to collect a Ms Rellou, who was pregnant, and take her to the hospital on Leros.

For this act, and in order to draw attention to his exemplarily behaviour, a **commendation** has been awarded to the Captain **Theocharis Tsoukalas**.

19. These award-winners served with the forces combating forest fires of the Chios Fire Brigade last July. Disregarding the dangers, they sacrificed their lives in the efforts to tame the raging fire which was burying down the pine forest of Chios.

The **Kimon and Aikaterini Farantakis Prize**, with a cash award of **1,000,000** drs, *in memory of their son Panayotis Farantakis*, who also received an Academy of Athens award posthumously for an act of self-sacrifice, has been awarded **posthumously** to the forestry expert **Ioanna Tassopoulou**, who was burnt to death on the spot, and to the forest firefighter **Stavros Karvouniaris**, who suffered third-degree burns and died ten days later.

The Academy of Athens has resolved to augment the sum of the cash award by 1,000,000 drs from its Own Funds, so that each family of the deceased receives 1,000,000 drs.

20. The human solidarity, the self-sacrifice and the social sensibility shown by all those who hastened to help to save those trapped in the rubble left by the catastrophic earthquake on 7 September 1999 in Athens, were a fine example to all.

In recognition of their major contribution at this time, the Academy of Athens has awarded a **Silver Medal** to:

a. **EMAK** (the **Special Natural Disasters Unit**) for its many-faceted and important service to society in cases of natural and other disasters.

b. It has also awarded a **Silver Medal** to the **foreign rescue units** which came to the help of the earthquake victims, and more specifically to the **French** 'Unité d'Intervention de la Sécurité Civile No. 1' and the 'Association Nationale des Équipes Cynophiles de Recherche et de Sauvetage', the **German** 'Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Landesverband Berlin e. V', the **Swiss** 'Corps Suisse d'Aide en cas de Catastrophe', the **Israeli** 'Home Front Command of Israel', the **Turkish** 'AKUT', 'SIVIL SAVUNMA GENEL MUDURLUGU' and 'ENKA' units, and to the 'Rescue Team of the Ministry for Emergencies of the **Russian** Federation', the **Hungarian** 'Special Rescue Team Foundation of Miskolc', and the 'Cyprus' Rescue Team'.

Finally, a **Silver Medal** has been awarded to the **Fire Brigade** for its splendid work as a whole and for its effective contribution to extinguishing forest fires this summer.

21. During the earthquake of 7 September, this award-winner, a former heavyweight boxing champion, twice champion of the Balkans, used his own body as a shield below the concrete roofing slab of his house, which had collapsed, and so saved the life of his three children, but with the tragic result that he lost his own life.

For this outstanding act of self-sacrifice, a **prize, posthumously**, has been awarded to **Panayotis Polykandriotis**, accompanied by a cash award of **1,000,000 drs** to his family.

22. After the earthquake of 7 September, this award-winner, the father of two, did not hesitate to risk his own life in order to save the life of the infant Georgios Dedes, who had been buried under the rubble of his home.

Making his personal and family life a second priority, he entered the ruined building and snatched the infant from the embrace of death, but during the after-shock which followed, the

concrete slab of the house fell on his head, causing very grave injuries.

For this outstanding act of social responsibility and self-sacrifice, a **prize** has been awarded to Mr **Savvas I. Savvas**.

Following the catastrophic earthquake of 7 September, the Academy of Athens has resolved to give notice of the following prizes:

A. A **prize**, with a cash award of **3,000,000** drs, for the writing of an original unpublished study on *'The earthquake of 7 September 1999. Seismological, seismotectonic, and geological observations. Assessment and conclusions'*.

B. A **prize**, with a cash award of **3,000,000** drs, for the writing of an original unpublished study on *'Earthquakes and social solidarity. The contribution of voluntary non-governmental organisations'*.

The prizes will be awarded in December 2002.

The other prizes of the Academy of Athens will be publicised in the Press and through the country's prefectures.

Thank you for attending this occasion, and for your understanding and patience.