

REPORT

ON THE ACTA OF THE ACADEMY OF ATHENS DURING THE YEAR 1992*

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As every year, the Academy of Athens here presents, in brief, the acta of the year which is ending.

During the year 1992, 21 papers were read, dealing with science and arts subjects, by the Academicians Ioannis Xanthakis, Kaisar Alexopoulos, Periklis Theocaris, Loukas Moussoulos, Michail Sakellariou, Angelos Galanopoulos, Angelos Vlachos, Grigorios Skalkeas, Constantine Romaios, Petros Vasileiadis, Constantine Despotopoulos and the Corresponding Members Dimitrios Delivanis, Efstathios Bourodimos, Dimitrios Seferis and Omiros Mantis.

Seven books were introduced and 39 talks delivered.

During the past year, the following gala sessions were held:

1. To commemorate the anniversary of *25 March 1821*, the Academy's President, **Michail Sakellariou**, spoke on the topic of: '*The Dynamics of the National Uprising*'.

2. To commemorate the anniversary of *28 October 1940*, the Academician **Ioannis Yeorgakis** spoke of the topic of: '*All-hallowed Day*'.

* Read at the gala meeting of 29th December, 1992.

During the year 1992, nominations were invited for the following new chairs:

A. In the Class of Natural Sciences

1. One full chair, under the title: Applied Sciences (Information Sciences - Electronics). 2. One full chair in the branch of Physics (Theoretical Physics). 3. One full chair, under the title: 'Natural Sciences' (Biochemistry - Molecular Biology). 4. One chair for a Corresponding Member, to be chosen from Greek scientists in this country, in the branch of Medicine (Microbiology).

B. In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts

1. One full chair in the branch of Literature. 2. One full chair in the branch of Painting.

C. In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences

1. One full chair in Public Law (Constitutional Law). 2. One full chair in the branch of Theology. 3. One full chair in the branch of Systematic Theology.

Furthermore, the following members were elected to the Academy:

F u l l M e m b e r s

In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences Professor **Ioannis Pesmazoglou** to the chair for which nominations were invited under the title 'Economic Theories and Practice of Economic and Monetary Unions' and Professor **Aristovoulos Manesis** to the chair for which nominations were invited in Public Law (Constitutional Law).

F o r e i g n A s s o c i a t e s

In the Class of Natural Sciences. The distinguished heart

surgeon Michael Ellis DeBakey, Professor at Baylor University (Houston, Texas) in the United States.

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts. The Director for Antiquities of Cyprus, **Vassos Karageorghis**, Corresponding Member of the Academy since 1973 and one of the internationally best-known archaeologists of our time.

C O R R E S P O N D I N G M E M B E R S

In the Class of Natural Sciences. **Grigorios Nikolis**, Professor at the University of Brussels, in the branch of Physics. **Victor Sergeevich Vavilov**, Professor at Lomonosov University, Moscow. **Ioannis Papapanayotou**, Emeritus Professor of Microbiology in the Department of Medicine of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki.

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts. **Georgios Galavaris**, professor of the History of Art at McGill University, Canada. **Gilbert Dagron**, Byzantinologist, Professor at the Collège de France, and **Spyros Vryonis**, Professor of History and Director of the Alexander Onassis Centre for Greek Studies, New York.

In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences. The former Prime Minister of Australia, Professor **Edward Gough Whitlam**, a philhellene and Greek scholar, for his efforts in humane causes and his fervent and active upholding of human rights, **François Terré**, Professor of Civil Law, of the Sociology of Law, and of General Theory of Law at the University of Paris.

Ioannis Koumoulidis, Professor at the Ball State University, Indiana, USA.

During the last year, the Academy of Athens suffered the following bereavements:

A. From among its Full Members:

In the Class of Natural Sciences **Petros Vasileiadis.**

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts **Constantine Romaios.**

Its Foreign Associate **Bruno Lavagnini**, a distinguished Byzantinologist and Modern Greek scholar, with many years of service to the cause of scholarship. Bruno Lavagnini was a valued friend of Greece.

In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences **Ioannis Karmiris.**

From among its Corresponding Members:

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts **Manolis Andronikos**, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Thessaloniki. The work of Manolis Andronikos in education, in his writings and in his excavations places him among the foremost researchers and archaeologists of our time. His finds, of the very greatest importance, in the royal tombs of Vergina, where Andronikos had been working since 1952, have become known world-wide.

Oscar Theodor Broneer, Professor of Archaeology in the United States and at the American School in Athens. Broneer's special interest was in Greek Archaeology and he was a staunch philhellene.

In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences. **Fokionas Frantzeskakis**, a distinguished academic who made a substantial contribution to promoting the science of Law and particularly that of Private International Law.

PETROS VASILEIADIS was born in Cairo in 1907. In 1930 he was awarded his doctorate by the School of Medicine of the University of Louvain, Belgium. In 1935, he was appointed assistant Professor at the University.

He practised laboratory medicine in various countries of

Central Africa and subsequently in Greece, particularly at the Greek Institut Pasteur. He also held various posts in hospital and state research centres and was elected a member of the Health Council in Egypt. He served as Director of the Microbiology Institute of Tropical Medicine and as Director of the Centre for Study and Diagnosis of Pathogenic Enterobacteria in Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo. In 1960, he returned to Athens and continued his research in collaboration with the Institut Pasteur, of which he was appointed Director in 1974. He was Professor of Microbiology and Immunobiology at the Athens Public Health School, Professor of Hygiene and Epidemiology at the University of Athens and consultant to the World Health Organisation. In 1979, he was elected a Full Member of the Athens Academy in the chair for which nominations were invited at that time under the title 'Laboratory Medicine'.

CONSTANTINE ROMAIOS was born in 1913 at Panista in the province of Gytheio. After attending high school in Gytheio, he studied in the Faculty of Arts of the University of Athens, where he graduated in 1935 with a first-class degree. Two years later, he received the Athens Linguistic Society's first prize for his work *Collection of Place-names of the North Eastern Mani* and was appointed to the Academy as a compiler of the *Historical Dictionary*. At this Centre, and later at the Academy's *Folklore Archive*, Romaios served until 1970. He was then awarded a scholarship by the British Council and spent two years at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. This was followed by a year at Harvard, on an American state scholarship, as an academic associate in *Ancient Greek Religion*. In 1976 he was elected full professor in the chair of *Folklore* at the University of Athens and in 1980 a Full Member of the Athens Academy. Constantine Romaios's work in teaching and research was of considerable

importance, as were his writings, which included many treatises and books.

IOANNIS KARMIRIS was born at Brallos in Phthiotida in 1903. He studied Theology at the Universities of Athens, Bonn and Berlin and served for 15 years as a high school teacher. He was also General Director for Religious Affairs at the Ministry of Education and served on many committees of the Church of Greece, representing the Church at various conferences. In 1936 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the School of Theology of the University of Athens; in 1937 he became assistant professor and in 1939, untenured professor of Dogmatic Christian Ethics. In 1942 he was appointed full professor of the same subject and taught at the School until 1969, when he became an emeritus professor. He also taught at many universities in Europe and America and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the St Vladimir School of Theology, New York (1986), and the Theology Faculty of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki (1973). In 1974 he was elected a Full Member of the Athens Academy in the chair of Theology. His contribution, in terms of his extensive scholarly work and his more general activities, to all areas of theology and the country's ecclesiastical life, was memorable. Moreover, throughout his long life he upheld the highest of standards and was an exemplary Christian.

In the year 1992, the following official receptions were held:

A. F o r F u l l M e m b e r s :

a) Professor **Chrysanthos Christou**

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **M. Hadjidakis**. Chrysanthos Christou delivered an address on the subject: *Greek art today: its enquiries, statements and dissemination*.

b) Professor **Spyros Iakovidis**

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, who also introduced the speaker. **Spyros Iakovidis** delivered an address on the subject: *Mycenean civilisation: a historical outline*.

c) Professor **Ioannis Pesmazoglou**

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Xenophon Zolotas**. Ioannis Pesmazoglou delivered an address on the subject: *The road towards European Union and Greece's part in this*.

Professor Dr **Richard von Weizsäcker**, President of the Republic of Germany, Honorary Member. The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**. Dr Richard von Weizsäcker then delivered an address.

F O R F O R E I G N A S S O C I A T E S :

In the Class of Natural Sciences

Professor **Michael Ellis DeBakey**. The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician Grigorios Skalkeas. Michael DeBakey delivered an address on the subject: *The History of Cardiovascular Surgery*.

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts

Professor **Vassos Karageorghis**. The meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician Spyros Iakovidis. **Vassos Karageorghis** delivered an address on the subject: *Macedonian elements in the Hellenistic civilisation of Cyprus*.

B. For Corresponding Members

a) Professor **Nikolaos Alexandropoulos**

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **K. Alexopoulos**. Nikolaos Alexandropoulos delivered an address on the subject: *The phases of electromagnetic waves: an unexploited field of knowledge*.

b) Professor **Ioannis Skandalakis** (USA)

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Grigorios Scalkeas**. Ioannis Skandalakis delivered an address on the subject: *Great moments in the history of Anatomy and Surgery*.

c) Professor **Panayotis Iatridis** (USA)

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Georgios Merikas**. Ioannis Iatridis delivered an address on the subject: *New trends in medical training*.

The Athens Academy also held a reception for the distinguished Soviet archaeologist Professor **Viktor Sarianidis**, who delivered an address on the subject: *Royal tombs in Afghanistan: new finds*. Professor Sarianidis, as Head of the Soviet Archaeological Mission in the last years before the civil war in that country, was fortunate enough to excavate the tumulus at Tillia Tépé on the border between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union near the River Oxus (Amou Daria) and brought to light five undisturbed tombs, full of gold grave-offerings, belonging to four princesses and a prince. Some 3,000 pieces of gold jewellery prove clearly the influence on the region of Greek jewellery-making, which had survived many centuries after the disappearance of

the Greek elements in the population. Given that the area excavated is near the Greek city of Aī Hanoum, which was excavated in the 1960s by the French archaeologist Paul Bernard, this is an important link in the chain of archaeological finds from Greek cities in the Oxus region — in what is now Turkestan — many of which have been excavated and are still being excavated by Russian archaeologists. These are making an important contribution to the history of the Greeks of Central Asia — a history which stems from the influence of the Ionian and Macedonian populations which established themselves there both before and after the Christian era.

In the Class of Letters and Fine Arts

Marcello Gigante

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Agapitos Tsopanakis**. **Marcello Gigante** delivered an address on the subject: *The 'Athena mourning' in the Acropolis Museum*.

Francisco Rodriguez Adrados

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Agapitos Tsopanakis**. **Francisco Rodriguez Adrados** delivered an address on the subject: *Greek studies in Spain*.

Enrica Follieri

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Manoussos Manoussakas**. **Enrica Follieri** delivered an address on the subject: *Life is like a feast. The history of a simile from Antiquity to the Middle Ages*.

Bruno Gentili

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Agapitos Tsopanakis**. **Bruno Gentili** delivered an address on the subject: : *Mito e poesia nella Grecia antica*.

Georgios Galavaris

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **M. Hadjidakis**. **Georgios Galavaris** delivered an address on the subject: *The role of the Byzantine illustrated manuscript in the Divine Liturgy*.

Vincenzo Rotolo

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Manoussos Manoussakas**. **Vincenzo Rotolo** delivered an address on the subject: *The concept of style in the discussions of Greek men of letters in the 18th and 19th centuries*.

In the Class of Moral and Political Sciences.

The Most Reverend **Damaskinos Papandreou**, Metropolitan of Switzerland.

The Meeting opened with a greeting from the President, **Michail Sakellariou**, and the speaker was introduced by Academician **Evangelos Moutsopoulos**. The Most Reverend Metropolitan **Damaskinos** delivered an address on the subject: *The contemporary mission of Orthodoxy*.

During the past year, the Academy celebrated the following anniversaries:

1. Academician **C. Despotopoulos** delivered an address to an extra-ordinary session on the occasion of the *70th anniversary of the disaster suffered by the Greeks of Asia Minor*.

2. A gala session was held by the Athens Academy, the Ministry of Culture and the French School of Archaeology to mark the centenary of the French archaeological excavations at Delphi.

The following academic memorial meetings were also held:

For Academician *Georgios Tenekidis*. The speakers were Academicians **Georgios Vlachos** and **Nikolaos Valtikos**.

For Academician *Othon Pylarinos*. The speakers was Academician **Nikolaos Artemiadis**.

For Academician *Ilias Mariolopoulos*. The speaker was Academician **Angelos Galanopoulos**.

For Academician *Georgios Tsatsas*. The speaker was Academician **Pavlos Sakellaridis**.

For Academician *Pantelis Prevelakis*. The speakers were Academicians **Petros Haris** and **Chrysanthos Christou**.

Activities of the Academy

The UNESCO Committee on the History of Mankind commissioned the Academy of Athens to organise the meeting of the joint editors of the sixth volume of the History of Mankind, which covers the period from 1815 to 1914. The meeting was held in Athens from 26 to 28 March 1992 and was attended by Academicians Michail Sakellariou and Chrysanthos Christou and Professors Vassilis Sfyroeras, Thanasis Veremis and Petros Kitromilidis.

In June, the President of the Academy represented the Academy at the 66th Convention of the International Union of Academies.

Also in June, the third Panhellenic conference on Mechanics was held at the Athens Academy, in collaboration with the National Committee for Pure and Applied Mechanics, a member of the

ICSU, under the chairmanship of Academician Periklis Theocaris. The conference, which was the occasion for the presentation of important research work from all the country's universities, also heard papers read by distinguished foreign researchers from the United States, Europe, Asia, Japan, etc.

The Athens Academy also held a meeting for scholars on the subject of research on ancient Macedonia. This meeting took place in April 1992 and had as its aim mutual briefing of Greek researchers who are working on ancient Macedonia for the purposes of the studies which they are preparing. Researchers from all over Greece contributed papers of great interest.

The Academy of Athens has decided to carry out research into the Greek communities of Hungary between the 17th and 19th centuries. This research is supported by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs to the extent of the sum of 15 million drachmas. Academician Michail Sakellariou and a research team of scholars went to various cities in Hungary in July to gain an acquaintance on the spot with the conditions for this research project and to prepare the ground for the research missions to Hungarian cities which were once the home of flourishing Greek communities.

The Athens Academy was also responsible for the holding of an international conference under the auspices of UNESCO on the subject of Athenian democracy and culture in November, which was attended by important figures from America and Europe. The Academy was represented by Academicians Michail Sakellariou, Georgios Vlachos and Constantine Despotopoulos, who delivered papers.

In the month of October, at Rhodes, an international symposium organised by the Athens Academy was held under the chairmanship of Academician Constantine Despotopoulos. The subject of the symposium was Rhodes 408 BC to 8 AD. This

symposium was the Academy's contribution to the celebration of the 24 centuries of the city's life, from the year 408 BC to the present. During the course of the symposium, Greek and foreign scholars presented papers of importance on phases of the city's history and features of its culture. Emphasis was placed most of all on the way in which it has served humanity by the dissemination of the Greek spirit to Rome and from there to the rest of Europe.

Additionally, Academicians Agapitos Tsopanakis, Manoussos Manoussakas, Nikolaos Konomis, Pavlos Sakellaridis and the General Secretary of the Academy, Periklis Theocaris, took part in the symposium. Special mention should also be made of the valuable papers read by researchers who are members of the Academy's Research Centres.

The Academy has from time to time been honoured by visits from delegations or individual members of other academies, including those of the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, the United States, Britain and Russia. During the year which has past, the Athens Academy has resumed the efforts which it has made in the past to establish collaboration with other sister academies, such as the Academia Sinica of China, and those of Romania, Hungary, Poland, and Serbia.

Finally, in order to advance the research work of its Members and of its Research Centres, the Academy of Athens held the first meeting, for purposes of briefing, between the Members concerned and officials of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology of the appropriate Ministry, in order to study future collaboration of the Academy in the country's research programmes and their support by the European Community.

As a result of this meeting, the first research programme in collaboration with the European Community achieved the parti-

cipation both of the Academy and the country's Centre for Renewable Sources of Energy. The contribution of the parties concerned is in the favourable proportion of 30 for the Community to 2.5 for the Academy and 5 for the Centre for Renewable Sources of Energy (in million drachmas). This research will lead to a major international gathering at the Academy during the course of 1993, with the participation, for the first time, of the most distinguished figures in Europe working in the field of research on the development of solar, aeolian, geothermic, hydroelectric and other such clean sources of energy.

A c t i v i t i e s o f M e m b e r s o f t h e A c a d e m y

1. Academician **Xenophon Zolotas** took part in the General Assembly of the International Monetary Fund and of the World Bank in Washington.

2. Academician **Ioannis Xanthakis** shared in the organisation of and chaired the 1st Panhellenic Astronomy Conference in Athens.

3. Academician **Angelos Angelopoulos** took part in meetings of the University of Europe and a seminar of the Orthodox Centre in Geneva on the ecological problem.

4. Academician **Georgios Merikas** gave a series of lectures in different parts of Greece on matters concerning medical and social problems of interest to this country.

5. Academician **Georgios Vlachos** took part in the 4th Conference of the French Political Science Association, of which he is a founder-member. In his capacity as a member of the Committee for the Macedonian Struggle, he visited Brussels, representing the Academy, and gave an account of the problem caused by the Republic of Skopje before members of the European Parliament.

6. Academician **Constantine Despotopoulos** represented the Academy at the 3rd Symposium on Plato in Bristol, U.K.

7. Academician **Evangelos Moutsopoulos** represented the Academy at the annual conference of the International Institute of Philosophy. He was also elected General Secretary and Academic Director of the Antonio Jannone International Centre for Greek Philosophy in Rome.

8. Academician **Nikolaos Matsaniotis** respresented the Academy at the annual congress of the Académie Française de Médecine, together with the other delegates from the European Community.

9. Academician **Nikolaos Valtikos** was appointed by the Secretary General of the United Nations President of the United Nations Committee for the determination of the borders between Iraq and Kuwait.

10. Academician **Constantine Tountas** was appointed Vice President of the Onassis Heart Surgery Centre.

The Academy of Athens has accepted and instituted the following prizes and donations:

1. From **Vassiliki Vekri**, who left to the Academy in her will the whole of her immovable property, with a view to its sale and the investment of the price realised in shares of the National Bank, the dividend on which is to be made available for the provision of scholarships and prizes.

2. From **Panos Galanos**, from Kios in Asia Minor, who placed at the disposal of the Academy the sum of 10,000,000 drachmas, with a view to the awarding of a scholarship from the income on this sum to a Greek woman pianist so that she can study abroad.

3. From the **Costas and Eleni Ouranis Foundation**, which made a gift of the sum of 5,000,000 drachmas. In order to meet the needs of the Academy of Athens.

4. From the '**Leon Lemos**' **Foundation**, which, continuing its practice of endowing prizes through the Athens Academy for a, preferably young, person who has managed to overcome the difficulties caused by some disability, has provided for a new prize, of the sum of 1,000,000 drachmas, for this purpose.

5. From the **National Insurance Company**, which has instituted a prize of the sum of 1,000,000 drachmas for the author of a work on the subject of: *The history of private insurance in Greece*.

6. From the **Bank of Macedonia and Thrace**, which has instituted a prize in memory of Manolis Andronikos, to be awarded each year to the most important archaeological excavation activity or scholarly paper or treatise in connection with excavations in the region of Macedonia and Thrace.

7. From the **Samourkeio Foundation**, which gave the sum of 600,000 drachmas to supplement the same sum already donated by the Foundation, with a view to the offering of a prize of 1,200,000 drachmas for a person or group of persons who have contributed in Greece to the protection of nature and the natural environment or the improvement of the quality of life.

8. From the **Central Union of Municipalities and Communes of Greece**, which has instituted a prize of 500,000 drachmas for the author of a study on the subject: The contribution of local government to the country's adjustment to the European Communities.

9. From **Lily Drakou**, who instituted a prize of 500,000 drachmas in memory of her husband, Alekos Drakos, to be awarded

for a published work written by a journalist who is a member of the Union of Athens Daily Newspaper Journalists, consisting of a historical study or essay.

10. From **Lily Prevelaki**, who declared that she is donating the following to the Academy in memory of her husband, Eleftherios Prevelakis, Director of the Centre for Research into Modern Greek History of the Academy from 1963 to 1980 and academic associate of the Centre: a. Books: 1,200 volumes. b. Files from her husband's archives, with originals of his studies, notes on historical research, etc.

11. From **Efi Kassimati**, who declared that she is donating to the Academy the rest of the library of her late husband, Academician Grigorios Kassimatis, which has not been given to various institutions. Grigorios Kassimatis, it will be recalled, while he was still living, donated his books on sociology to the Centre for Research into Greek Society. These books form the nucleus of the Centre's library.

12. From **Hellenic Sugar Manufacturers SA**, who made available a sum of 500,000 drachmas to supplement that already donated, with a view to the offering of a prize of 1,000,000 drachmas for a work on the Greekness of Macedonia.

R e s e a r c h C e n t r e s

The activities of the Academy's Research Centres and Bureaux during the year 1992 were much the same as in previous years, although by Law 1894/1990, devised by the Academy under the Presidency of Georgios Vlachos and passed unanimously by the Greek Parliament, all the research staff of the Centres have been evaluated and placed on seniority scales corresponding to those of the staff of the country's university-level institutions.

In this way, all the research staff have been evaluated by the appropriate committees and have been appointed to university posts, so that they can now devote themselves single-mindedly to their research duties.

It is our hope that in the near future the progress expected to result from this development in the research activities of the Centres will become apparent.

For the first time, the Athens Academy has this year submitted a proposal for the support and equipment of its Centres from the country's public investments budget, which will help towards the more effective provision of mechanical aids for the Centres. Up to now, the Academy has been supplied with equipment only through the limited means which it has at its disposal. All the Centres, apart from the Centre for Greek Folklore Research, have been equipped with a linked system of the most modern generation of computers and are so satisfactorily served in this regard that the Academy could be said to be the country's best-equipped scholarly institution in terms of information systems.

Details of the research work of the Centres for the year 1992 will be included in the Proceeding of the Academy, in which the present report of the Academy's *Acta* will be printed, so that these may be consulted by those wishing to have fuller information. Nevertheless, particular mention should be made in the *Acta* of the Centre for the Compilation of the Historical Dictionary of the Modern Greek Language.

The Academy of Athens, in collaboration with the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, submitted a proposal of a programme of 900 million drachmas to the European Community for the organisation by means of computers of the procedure for carrying out research on the Historical Dictionary. Nevertheless, and in spite of the warm support of the Prime Minister,

this programme was rejected by those responsible, as being of secondary importance. It is our hope that with the new Delors II package, to which our institutions are preparing themselves to apply, we shall receive the necessary support in the near future.

In spite of all these adversities, the Centre has made significant progress, and, in collaboration with Professor I. Kazazis of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, has prepared all the necessary procedures for the immediate and very rapid implementation of the relevant programmes as soon as the electronic equipment is acquired.

In this way, computerisation of the archive of the Historical Dictionary — that is, the catalogue of place-names, the list of entries and the matrix of the entries — has been prepared for. Use has been made of the manuscripts on Macedonia which the Centre has in its care. The success of this initiative exceeded all expectations and it is planned that it should continue straightaway with Epirus, Thrace and the islands and later with the other large areas of the Greek and Greek-speaking world, by completion of the evaluation cards. The selected material has been reduced to a fair copy, transferred on to cards in alphabetical order and amalgamated with the existing material. A radical review of the Table of Place-names, which accompanies each volume of the Dictionary, has been judged absolutely necessary, and a full and final table of place-names has been drawn up, on the basis of which the Dictionary's store of words will be entered in future. The structure of the list of entries has taken shape and the method of writing the entries in the Dictionary by computer has been finalised by the creation of the corresponding computer data base. Finally, the matrix for the drafting of the entries has been produced, thus allowing the researcher who is the user now to compose the entries in the Dictionary for

the subsequent volumes on his own individual computer, the use of the central one being unnecessary. In this way, the individual work of each research unit will acquire its independence and will be facilitated. It is estimated that even if the State does not once more come to the assistance of this enterprise of the Academy, which is of national significance, the Academy itself, by means of its limited funds of 50 million drachmas, is in a position to go ahead in the near future at a much faster pace than has been the case heretofore.

As to the Academy's major Centre for Medical and Biological Research, subsidised by the European Community with the considerable sum of four billion drachmas, the setting up of which was announced during the past year, it can be stated that the preliminary study, in terms of buildings, and the allotting of the space for its research centres are at the stage of completion, and that within the first half of 1993 a public invitation to tender will be announced for the complete construction plan and the contract will be awarded. Those who wish to acquire some idea of the size and potential of the complex can examine the model of the building on display in the vestibule of the Academy.

It is expected that all the research centres of the 1st Class of Natural and Applied Sciences will be housed in this complex — in the additional building of the Medical and Biological Centre, which can be easily seen in the model. The offices for research of the Class of Science already set up are now temporarily establishing themselves, as of January 1993, in the Alivizatos Bequest building at No. 5 Mitropoleos St., following the completion of repairs.

After many decades of being 'temporarily' housed on the lower floor of the Academy's central building and after repeated and co-ordinated representations on the part of the Academy, the General Archives of the State have now left for a fresh

temporary location and thus it has been possible to make plans for the expansion of the Academy's Library, which up to now has been squeezed into an extremely limited space. Now the whole of the first floor of the Academy building is available for the development of the Library, and the premises are being repaired and restored to the original form which they had when the building was put up at the end of the last century. It is expected that the Library will be organised in accordance with up-to-date systems for the development and functioning of libraries by its equipment with the best possible machinery for the reading, reproduction and classification of books, periodicals and other printed matter.

The Library of the Academy was assembled from gifts from its members and from other benefactors, the most important of whom were the following: Mavrocordatos, Emmanouil Roïdis, Karatheodori, Skylitsis, Vlachoyannis, Manoussis, Aristofron, Sideridis, and Arvanitidis.

Apart from this, the Library has been enriched by the exchanges which take place with other academies throughout the world of proceedings and publications and by a constant and increasing supply through purchase of all the books and periodicals necessary for the Academy.

The inauguration of this new period for the Academy's Library, which, by a decision of the Senate is to bear the name of the great man of letters Ioannis Sykoutris, one of its first directors, is to take place in the Spring of 1993.

Among the gifts of the Amilkas Alivizatos Bequest was a collection of ancient objects and works of art ranging from the Cycladic to the Hellenistic, and a collection of Byzantine and post-Byzantine icons. This bequest was for many years on display in the great eastern hall of the Academy. Since, however, it was considered that the conditions for the presentation and

preservation of the collection were not ideal, the Academy reached an agreement with the Goulandris Museum, to which it has been handed over for preservation, temporary safekeeping and for the exhibition of that part of the collection drawn from ancient Greece, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant law, and by an instrument of delivery and receipt, through the State Archaeological Service. The Goulandris Museum has already undertaken the ideal conservation of the ancient objects, although not of the Byzantine icons, and the preparations for their display in a room devoted exclusively to the exhibiting of the works of art from the collection, which have thus been preserved and protected in accordance with the strict rules of the Museum and are being made available to the public in the most appropriate manner. The inauguration of the room in this new wing of the Goulandris Museum has been planned for the end of January 1993 and the President of the Republic has been invited to perform the official opening.

During the past year, the *Plenum* of the Academy resolved to award the following distinctions, on the proposals of the relevant *Classes*:

A. On the *recommendation of the Class of Natural Sciences*:

A1) The *Academy's Silver Medal* to the **Athens Eye Hospital** on the completion of 150 years' provision of health treatment for the Greek people in the area of eye diseases.

A2) An *Eleni and Theodoros Sinaniotis Prize* in memory of their mother, Zoi Tzavella, with a cash award of 700,000 drachmas, posthumously to the heroic pilot officer **Nikolaos Sialmas**, who sacrificed his life in an attempt to intercept a Turkish fighter aircraft.

A3) An *Epameinondas Papastratos Prize*, with a cash award

of 1,000,000 drachmas, instituted "as an award to the community or municipality which during the years 1989 - 1992 brought about the greatest improvements in the areas of health, cleanliness, drainage, and refuse removal and, in general, contributed to good appearance and cleanliness" to the **Municipality of Almyros** (Magnesia).

A4) *A Georgios Panopoulos Prize*, with a cash award of 600,000 drachmas, "as an award for one or more original completed works on Chemistry" for the seven such works submitted by a team from the University of Patra on the subject of *Non-Faradaic electro-chemical conversion of catalytic action*. The research team consists of Professor **K. Vayenas** and Messrs **S. Ladas** and **S. Bebelis** and their associates.

A5) *An Epameinondas Papastratos Prize* for an original unpublished work on the subject: *The importance of water as an environmental factor for health*, to **Ioannis Papadakis**, **Athina Mavridou**, and **Maria Lambiri**.

A6) *A Constantine Ktenas Prize*, with a cash award of 600,000 drachmas, from the Efthymia Mertsari Bequest "for the writing of an original work of mineralogical content" to **E. Boskos** for his work entitled: *High-pressure metamorphism in gneisses and pelitic schists in the East Rhodope zone (N. Greece)*.

A7) *A. Constantine Ktenas Prize*, with a cash award of 600,000 drachmas, from the Efthymia Mertsari Bequest "for the writing of an original work to advance geological knowledge of Greece" to **Vasileios Karakitsios** for his work entitled: *Opening and inversion tectonics of the Ionian Basin in Epirus (NW Greece)*.

A8) *A Glyfada Rotary Club Prize*, with a cash award of 300,000 drachmas, increased by the Senate to 500,000 drachmas, "awarded to individuals or groups for acts contributing to the

saving and preserving of the environment” to the **Hellenic Centre for the Treatment of Wild Animals and Birds**, unique of its kind in Greece, which is established on the island of Aegina.

A9) A *Aristeidis F. Pallas Prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, “for the best work dealing with areas of Mathematical Analysis” to **Stamatios Koumantos** for his study on the subject: *A class of equivalent measures*.

A10) A prize to Emeritus Professor **Grigorios Pontifikas** and his associates Messrs Athanasios Gouliamos, Agamemnon Kalovidouris and A. Antoniou for their book: *Introduction to representational methods*.

A11) A prize to **Alexandros Stavropoulos** for his two-volume book on the subject: *Life at molecule level*.

A12) *Commendations* to **Stergios Paloukis** and, posthumously, to **Odysseas Dinopoulos** for their book ‘*The Kiwi Fruit Plant*’, and to **Eleni Zachariou-Mamalinga** for her book entitled: *The fishes of Symi-Dodecanese*.

B. On the *recommendation of the Class of Letters and Fine Arts*:

B1) The *Academy’s Silver Medal* to the **Cyprus Teacher Training Academy** for 33 years’ of uninterrupted operation and service to the Greeks of Cyprus.

B2) The *Academy’s Silver Medal* posthumously to the late **Anastasios G. Leventis** as founder of the A. G. Leventis Foundation, which during the lifetime of its founder, gave generous financial support to the academic institutions in Greece, Cyprus and abroad, to assist them in their work, and to **Constantine Leventis**, who has succeeded his uncle Anastasios at the Foundation and continues his work.

B3) The *Eléni and Panos Psiménos Prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, for a monograph dealing with a subject drawn from the field of scholarship covering ancient Greece to the book by **Norman G. Ashton** and **Evangelos Pantazoglou** entitled: *Sifnos-ancient towers BC*.

B4) The *Carolos and Lily Arliotis Prize*, in memory of their parents, Constantine and Pighi Arliotis and Aristotelis and Maria Vlachopoulos, with a cash award of 400,000 drachmas, for an unpublished study dealing with an issue from the history of the Greeks from the Fall of Constantinople to the Greek War of Independence (1453-1821) to **Dimitrios Apostolopoulos** for his study of the subject: *The 'Sacred Codex' of the Patriarchate of Constantinople in the second half of the 15th century: The only known fragments*.

B5) The *Spyros Motsenigos Prize*, with a cash award of 250,000 drachmas, instituted by his wife, Litsa Papa-Motsenigou, and awarded to a young distinguished Greek musical performer, to the musician **Elena Papandreou** (solo guitar).

B6) A prize to **University Publications of Crete** for the publication of two records of Greek traditional music devoted to the Cretans of the Macedonian Struggle who sacrificed their lives the freedom of Macedonia and entitled: *Songs and tunes of Macedonia*, and to the fine singer **Xanthippi Karathanasi** and the group of musicians which accompanies her.

B7) A prize to the **Princeton University Press** for the publication of the book by Kurt Weitzmann and G. Galavaris entitled: *The Monastery of St Catherine at Mount Sinai. The illuminated Greek manuscripts*.

B8) A prize to the writer **Constantine Staïkos** for his work entitled: *A chart of Greek typography. The publishing activities of the Greeks and their contribution to the intellectual renaissance of the West*.

B9) *A prize* for the two-volume work of **Emmanouil Kasdaglis** entitled: *Yannis Kefallinos-engraver and Correspondence-texts of Yannis Kefallinos*.

B10) *A prize* for the three-volume work of **Christos S. Soldatos** entitled: *The educational and intellectual movement of the Greeks of Asia Minor*.

B11) *A prize* with a cash award of 300,000 drachmas to **Antonios Sofos** for his three-volume work entitled: *The folklore of Kasos*.

B12) *A prize* to **Dimitrios I. Polemis** for his book entitled: *The Sailing-ships of Andros*.

B13) *A prize* to **Georgios P. Pechlivanidis** for his book entitled: *Atteleia and its people*.

B14) *A prize* to the pianist **Maria Hairogeorgou-Sigara** in recognition of a distinguished career in music.

B15) *A prize* to the couple **Ioannis Savvopoulos** and **Irene Kougea-Savvopoulou** for setting up and financing the Stemnitsa Folklore Museum (Gortynia).

B16) *A prize* to **Anna Theofylaktou** for her social and charitable work and for her painstaking collection over a long period of rare photographs of the Pontus region covering the period from the end of the last century to the exchange of populations and after the War.

B17) *A prize* to **Nikos Georgiadis** for his praiseworthy cultural activities in Sparta and in Laconia more generally.

B18) *A prize* to **Athina Rosomilou**, founder and President of the 'Athena' Society of Antiquarians for her work over 35 consecutive years in familiarising the members of the Society and the people of Athens generally with ancient Greek art and its monuments.

Commendations :

a. to **Nikolaos Vasilatos** for his book entitled: *Castles of the Land of Greece*.

b. to **Ioannis M. Hadjifotis** for his book entitled: *Alexandria*.

c. to **Georgios I. Panayotakis** for his book entitled: *Crete: History - Images*.

d. to the teachers **Panayotis Tselios** and his wife **Smaragdi** for commendable work, over and above the requirements of their official duties, for society as a whole.

C. On the recommendation of the *special committee* of the *Costas and Eleni Ouranis Foundation*:

C1) A *Costas and Eleni Ouranis Foundation prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, for narrative prose to **Ismini Kapantai** for her historical novel of *Epirots and Turks*.

C2) A *Costas and Eleni Ouranis Foundation prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, for poetry to **Stelios Geranis** for his collection of poetry entitled: *I have rediscovered poetry*.

C3) A *Costas and Eleni Ouranis Foundation prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, for an essay (critical study) to **Evangelos Athanasopoulos** for his monograph entitled: *The myths of the life and work of G. Viziynos*.

D. On the recommendation of the *Class of Moral and Political Sciences*:

D1) The *Silver Medal of the Athens Academy* to **Constantine Kallias**, an outstanding figure in the world of politics and of the intellect.

D2) A *Leon Lemos Foundation prize*, with a cash award of 1,000,000 drachmas, awarded to, for preference, a young person who has demonstrated the ability to overcome the difficulties caused by a handicap, to the 24-year old third-year student of

the Faculty of Law of the University of Athens **Irene Kourouvani**, who, though suffering from severe curvature of the joints in the lower limbs, has succeeded in overcoming the problems of her handicap, in, on the one hand, studying at the University and, on the other, engaging, with the greatest success, in sport and dancing.

D3) A *Merope Economou prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, awarded for a beneficial, self-sacrificial or virtuous act, by *ex officio* award, to the Director of the 'Strofi' Open Therapeutic Community, **Georgios Bardanis**, for his work in the area of rescuing our young people from drug dependence.

D4) A *War Museum prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, awarded for an unpublished study on the subject: *The problem of the determination of the continental shelf* to **Evangelos Syrigos**.

D5) A *Bank of Greece prize*, with a cash award of 500,000 drachmas, awarded for an unpublished study on the subject: *The contribution of banks to the financial development of Greece*, to **Pavlos Koutsoyannis**.

D6) Two *Georgios Skouras prizes*, in memory of his son, Costas G. Skouras, journalist, with a cash award of 400,000 drachmas each, awarded to two journalists distinguished by their standards and impartiality in the exercise of their profession, in conjunction with an objective presentation of the problems of Greece at home and abroad: a. **to the Union of Daily Newspaper Journalists of Macedonia and Thrace**; b. **to the Union of Daily Newspaper Journalists of the Peloponnese, Epirus and the Islands**, since this award to these Unions is in recognition of the work of all their members.

D7) A *Constantine Kriezis prize*, with a cash award of 300,000 drachmas, to the following teachers, selected by the drawing

of lots: **Stergios Karakostas**, teacher in the Sintiki region and Head of the 4th Bureau for Primary Education of the Prefecture of Serres, and **Philippos Atlasis**, teacher at the 5th Primary School of Axioupoli, Kilkis, for their outstanding performance of their educational tasks.

D8) A *prize* to the **Pan-Macedonian Union of America and Canada** for the whole of the important work which it carries out in the interests of society and the nation.

D9) A *prize* to the 'Poseidon' **Benevolent Society of Karpathos of New York** for its activities in the interests of the nation, society and charity, and for its financial support for publications dealing with history and folklore.

D10) A *prize* to the **Union of Foreign Press Correspondents of Greece** for 76 years of uninterrupted effort in the presentation at the international level of Greece's rights.

D11) A *prize* to the Cypriot teachers **Yannoula Vasileiou**, **Despo Kolatsi** and **Eleni Foka** to their self-effacing devotion to the task of providing uninterrupted teaching and organisation for the Greek children in the Greek schools under occupation in Karpasia.

D12) A *prize* to **Ioannis Polychronopoulos** for his contribution, by the provision of considerable capital, to the restoration of the building of the Greek School in Odessa, which is of great historical and national importance, and to the combating of pollution of the Greek seas, in collaboration with the Ministry of Merchant Marine, by making available the specially equipped vessel of the Technical Protection of the Environment company, of which he is Chairman.

D13) A *prize* to the couple **Loukas and Ioustini Papakostas** for their gift to the Municipality of Amfikleia of 80 million drach-

mas, with the view to the erection in their birthplace, Amfikleia, of a Cultural Centre.

D14) A *commendation*, with a cash award of 400,000 drachmas, to the schoolboy **Yannakis Haralambous** for his high standards.

Commendations:

a. to **Ioannis Zafeiropoulos** for his unpublished work on the subject: *The problem of the dertermination of the continental shelf*.

b. to the **Charitable Sisterhood of Ladies of Thessaloniki** for 119 years of activities beneficial to the nation and society.

c. to **Athanasios Anastasopoulos** for the study submitted by him for the Petrola Hellas Co. prize, in which some interesting ideas are put forward on the problem of the country's development and the achievement of the development of agriculture and industry in poor countries.

d. to the **Antiquarians' Excursion Society** for 64 consecutive years spent in efforts to disseminate the ancient Greek spirit by organising excursions and visits to archaeological sites.

e. to **Antonios Petroglou**, Editor of the periodical *The Social Security Law Review*, which has for 35 years provided a valuable service to the correct implementation and development of the law on social security.

f. to the Insurance Director of the Lawyer's Fund, **Petros Sparanghis**, for 20 years of organising and directing in a disinterested manner summer camps for the Korydallos Training Institutions for Male Juveniles (formerly 'Reformatories') and for the support which he has given these boys in their various problems.

g. to **Sasa Moschou-Sakorrafou** for her book *A History of the Greek Feminist Movement*.

The Academy of Athens has pleasure in announcing the institution of new prizes, details of which will be given in the Press.

To conclude, the Academy of Athens would like to avail itself of this opportunity to thank all its donors and those who have instituted competitions, who have been of the greatest help to the Academy in its work, to congratulate all those who have received its prizes, and to thank all who have taken part in today's gala session. The constant flow of new donations and new competitions is triumphant proof of the great interest which the people of Greece take in the Academy and of the trust which they repose in it.