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Introduction

Dear Members and Friends:

It affords me great pleasure to present the 2012 AHI Annual Report.

All of AHI's policy-based programs and initiatives that advance the best interests of the United States on issues of importance to Greek Americans are encapsulated in this report.

In 2012, AHI issued 81 press releases detailing our numerous policy activities. These activities included: the 37th Annual Hellenic Heritage Achievement and National Public Service Awards Dinner; the 11th annual "Future of Hellenism in America" conference; the 9th Annual Awards Dinner in Athens; our annual "Congressional Salute to Greek Independence Day" on Capitol Hill; our annual trips to Greece and Cyprus, including our Study Abroad Program and a continuing commitment to visit Israel; and our numerous public policy conferences and forums.

Following the 2010 debut of the documentary *Cyprus Still Divided: A U.S. Foreign Policy Failure* that aired on PBS, we embarked on an ambitious series of "Town Hall Screenings" throughout North America. In 2012, the "Town Hall Screenings" helped to elevate awareness of the Cyprus issue to greater heights with events held in nine venues, bringing the total number of screenings in major metropolitan areas to 24. At AHI's south Florida screening, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee at the time participated.

At AHI, the majority of our efforts focus on advancing U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus as in the best interests of the U.S., and to support the Greek American community. To this effect, we engaged policy makers in the administration and Congress through numerous action alerts, letters, testimony, and face-to-face meetings with a significant number of congressional staff persons in 2012. When appropriate, AHI showcased commentaries, letters, and op-ed pieces critical of Turkey's foreign policy positions as well as crafting our own op-eds and letters to the editor to mainstream and Greek American media outlets. We also continued to keep our audience informed with our Policy Statements, Capital Report, and foreign policy forums. AHI Foundation contributes to this effort with the publication of its Online Policy Journal

which addresses a cluster of national and international issues pertinent to the interests of Greece, Cyprus, and the United States

AHI hosted three major policy conferences that took an in-depth examination of the critical issues and developments affecting Greece, Cyprus and Turkey. Topics examined were Greece's economic crisis, Cyprus' EU Presidency and the evolution of Turkey's foreign policy. How Turkey interacts with the development of the U.S. foreign policy via think tanks was also examined in our Noon Forum.

Furthermore, we had a parade of visiting dignitaries from Greece and Cyprus visit Hellenic House. This included a Greek parliamentary delegation, several ministers and deputy ministers, military officials, and former Greek Olympic hero. AHI also welcomed new U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus John Koenig and new Greek Ambassador to the U.S. Christos Panagopoulos.

We accomplished all of these initiatives thanks to the dedication of AHI's Board of Directors and Policy Fellows and assistance of our staff. In 2012, we were proud to announce a new hire, Legislative Assistant Georgea Polizos.

2013: Keeping our Policy Agenda Visible amid New Government Officials

AHI will look to strengthen the programs and initiatives that were offered in 2012. We are always looking for innovative ways to improve service to our membership base, to better address our core agenda, and to cultivate opportunities to positively influence the Greek American community and U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus. We aspire to do so amid ongoing challenging economic times. We will continue to seek your support as we strive to meet our basic mission as advocates for the rule of law.

The eastern Mediterranean remains a region of crucial importance to U.S. interests, and we must advance and promote policies that embrace the rule of law in the region. Coming off a successful EU presidency, the Republic of Cyprus remains divided and now faces economic challenges. Although 2012 saw little progress with respect to religious freedom in Turkey, the plight of the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Patriarchate continues and Turkey was in fact designated a "Country of Particular Concern" nation by the U.S. Commission on International

Religious Freedom. Turkey's dubious and troublesome foreign policy direction, which includes Turkish aggression in the Aegean and bellicose threats against Israel and Cyprus as they develop oil and gas reserves within their Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), is ongoing. The FYROM name-recognition issue remains at a stalemate, and Greece's economic condition remains uncertain. All require our collective attention and action.

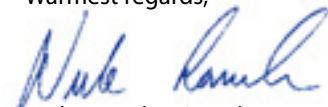
Together, we must work to educate a new Congress on our issues. The 113th Congress will remain divided and there will be new members in key committee positions. In addition, although President Barack Obama has won re-election, we will also be working with new officials and staff within his administration, including a new secretary of State, John Kerry. Therefore, we have plenty of work to do to ensure that our issues remain at the forefront of the Obama Administration's foreign policy agenda and that the policy commitments he made to the community are kept.

Finally, AHI looks to build upon the momentum generated by uplifting programs such as our study abroad initiative for college students or our outreach to the Jewish American community while exploring additional ways to encourage growth in commerce, trade, and investment between the United States and Greece and Cyprus. In particular, AHI will continue to pursue efforts with United Airlines to reestablish a direct airline route to Athens from the United States. On the policy front, AHI is excited about a partnership it will launch with the Hudson Institute in 2013.

I am deeply grateful and appreciative of the members, officers and staff for their dedication. Everyone worked together to make 2012 another productive year. Alongside our own activities in Washington, AHI's strength relies on the many significant contributions and generous support of our members. We also look to you to communicate your suggestions, share your knowledge, and provide your insights so that we can continue to fulfill the needs of our most valuable asset—our members.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,



Nick Larigakis, President

PUBLIC POLICY: AN OVERVIEW

2012 Policy Statements on Greek American Issues

The American Hellenic Institute released its 2012 Policy Statements, which present issues affecting the Greek American community as they pertain to United States relations with Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey. In essence, the statements set the course for AHI's policy direction for the year. The policy statements are distributed to high-ranking government officials and policymakers. They also serve as a guide when communicating positions to U.S. policy makers and the media. The positions are based on the best interests of the United States.

The policy statements were approved by several membership-based organizations including: American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), American Hellenic Council of California, Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), Cyprus Federation of America, Evrytarian Association of America "Velouchi," Hellenic American National Council (HANC), International Coordination Committee-Justice for Cyprus (PSEKA), Pancretan Association of America, Pan-Pontian Federation of U.S.A and Canada, Panepirotic Federation of America, and United Chios Societies of America and Canada.

Greece-Turkey Relations

AHI closely monitors Greece-Turkey relations to keep key U.S. government officials apprised of developments that affect U.S. interests in the eastern Mediterranean. AHI supports a policy that encourages a normalization of relations between the two countries and is firmly based on international law and a reversal of aggression. AHI also believes that it is in the best interest of the U.S. to support stable relations between these two countries by proactively promoting the rule of law.

In particular, AHI notes the following areas as the fundamental causes of problems between Greece and Turkey:

- Turkey's unilateral claims against sovereign Greek territory in the Aegean in violation of international law, and its refusal to refer its unilateral claims to binding international arbitration;
- Turkey's aggression against Cyprus and its continuing illegal occupation of 37.3 percent of Cyprus;
- Turkey's continuing violations of Greece's territorial waters and airspace; and
- Illegal immigration via Turkey that threatens Greek democracy.

In sum, the threat of *casus belli* still stands and a considerable number of formal complaints were made by Greece over continued violations by Turkey of the Greek airspace and territorial waters.

The Cyprus Problem

AHI supports a settlement of the Cyprus problem through negotiations based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation in a state with a single sovereignty and international personality, incorporating the norms of a constitutional democracy embracing key American principles, the EU *acquis communautaire* and EU Founding Treaty, UN resolutions on Cyprus, the pertinent decisions of the European Court of Human Rights and of other European Courts — as is the best interests of the United States.

One of AHI's primary objectives is to keep the Cyprus issue, the basis for a solution, and the ongoing violations of religious freedom and destruction of cultural heritage in Turkish-occupied Cyprus at the forefront of the policy debate in Washington. Fundamental to this approach are AHI meetings with U.S. government officials and their staffs and government representatives from Greece and Cyprus. These meetings are important tactics to help forge closer cooperation, foster greater understanding, and stimulate new ideas as all parties work toward a Cyprus resolution. Furthermore, AHI successfully worked to have Cyprus included in the 2012 Republican Party platform.

Additionally, AHI continues to push for greater public and governmental awareness of the issue. AHI accomplishes this task by submitting numerous letters to the editors of prominent print media outlets, sending letters to government officials, producing op-ed pieces, and the dissemination of action alerts. However, it was AHI's series of "Town Hall Screenings" of the one-hour documentary "Cyprus Still Divided: A U.S. Foreign Policy Failure" that has helped to keep the Cyprus issue in the public's eye. Thanks to AHI, the documentary has been screened internationally and in 24 major metropolitan areas in North America since its launch in 2010. The documentary has aired on Detroit Public Television and Maryland Public Television. Finally, AHI's commitment to Cyprus is demonstrated by two annual visits to Cyprus and the newly-added annual visitation to Israel to discuss energy finds in the eastern Mediterranean with the appropriate government and business officials. Finally, AHIF continues to introduce a younger generation of Greek Americans to Cyprus and Greece with its fourth annual Foreign Policy Study Abroad Program.

FYROM Name-Recognition

The FYROM name-recognition issue is included in the AHI Policy Statements, which call on the U.S. "to consider withdrawing its 2004 recognition of FYROM as the 'Republic of Macedonia' if FYROM refuses to cooperate in negotiations. The statements also advocate for a position that FYROM will not join NATO and the European Union until the name dispute is resolved.

Throughout 2012, AHI embarked on initiatives to raise awareness to help end the misappropriation of the name "Macedonia" by the Former Yugoslav Republic of "Macedonia" (FYROM). For example, AHI issued an action alert to elevate awareness of a congressional resolution in the House of Representatives on the issue. AHI also submitted written testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on

Foreign Operations that opposed U.S. aid to FYROM and applauded favorable language on the FYROM issue that appeared in a foreign relations reauthorization bill.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate

AHI reiterated its unequivocal position on what actions the U.S. government should take to secure religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey in the 2012 Policy Statements. AHI urges the U.S. government to use its influence with the Turkish government to safeguard the Ecumenical Patriarchate, its personnel, and its property; and to reopen the Halki Patriarchal School of Theology. AHI underscores that, "Under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, the President is obligated to oppose violations of religious freedom in any country whose government 'engages in or tolerates violations of religious freedom and promote the right to religious freedom in that country.'" Furthermore, the Act obligates the President to take one or more of 15 enumerated actions with respect to any such country.

In 2012 AHI continued to raise awareness of religious restrictions in Turkey, including in statements such as the one applauding the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) on the release of its 2012 Annual Report which designates Turkey a "Country of Particular Concern" (CPC). AHI also activated the grassroots to urge House Foreign Affairs committee members to co-sponsor a resolution calling for the reopening of Greek Orthodox Halki Patriarchal School of Theology without delay.

Public Policy in Action

Letters, Statements & Action Alerts

AHI sent six letters in 2012 to the Obama administration, Congress, the two presidential campaigns, and to non-profits and corporations to advocate on behalf of the Greek American community. AHI also issued a number of public statements presenting positions on current events and policy decisions important to the organization's membership. Moreover, action alerts notified members to respond to these issues.

Letters

- **January 10:** AHI joined with Armenian American and Kurdish American organizations asking Congress to call upon the Obama administration to investigate the use of U.S. arms in a December 28, 2011 Turkish airstrike that killed 35 Kurdish boys and young men along the Turkey-Iraq border. In their letter, the organizations requested an investigation and public report to Congress to see whether Turkey violated U.S. arms export laws by using American-supplied weaponry in the airstrike.
- **January 25:** AHI sent a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton regarding Turkey's reliability as a NATO ally. The letter requests Secretary Clinton to conduct a critical review of United States policy toward Turkey in light of national debate and discussion about the topic that resulted from the January 16, 2012 Republican Presidential Candidate Debate held in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- **March 28:** AHI and AHEPA sent a joint letter to United Continental Holdings Inc.'s President and Chief Executive Officer Jeffery A. Smisek to express disappointment with United Continental's November 2011 decision to terminate the seasonal non-stop flight from Newark (EWR) to Athens, Greece, which was a Continental route.
- **May 10:** AHI sent a letter to the Biblical Archeology Society to convey the severe effects of its travel program's entry into the Republic of Cyprus via illegal ports of entry in the Turkish-occupied area.
- **October 3:** AHI sent letters to the presidential campaigns of President Obama and Mitt Romney requesting that they each issue a campaign statement on issues of importance to the Greek American community.
- **December 19:** AHI conveyed its opposition to H.R.6649, Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2012 in a letter sent to U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and U.S. Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA), ranking member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the sponsors of the bill. The legislation includes a provision authorizing the transfer of two naval vessels (guided missile frigates) to Turkey.

Statements

- **January 18:** AHI welcomed the line of questioning on whether Turkey belongs in NATO as raised by Fox News Anchor Bret Baier during the Fox News/Wall Street Journal Republican Debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on January 16, 2012.
- **February 9:** AHI welcomed a commentary titled "Kastelorizo: Mediterranean Flashpoint?" by Daniel Pipes, president, Middle East Forum and Taube Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, which was published in The Washington Times on Feb. 9, 2012.
- **February 27:** AHI welcomed a written declaration issued by the European Parliament calling on the government of Turkey to act according to UN Security Council Resolutions and previous European Parliament Legislative Committee reports and return the Famagusta sealed-off section to its lawful inhabitants.
- **April 4:** AHI welcomed a March 22, 2012 letter that U.S. Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA), ranking member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, sent to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that draws attention to two Cyprus-related developments perpetrated by Turkey and calls for a reassessment of the United States' Cyprus policy.
- **April 11:** AHI commended the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) on the release of its 2012 Annual Report which designates Turkey a "Country of Particular Concern" (CPC).
- **May 15:** AHI issued a statement in rebuttal to U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield's (R-KY) statement on the Floor of the U.S. House of Representatives that praised the Republic of Turkey on May 9, 2012.

- **June 11:** AHI applauded passage of a congressional resolution by the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs that calls upon the Government of Turkey to facilitate the reopening of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's Theological School of Halki without condition or further delay. U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and co-chair, Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, introduced the resolution, which passed the committee with unanimous consent in June.
- **June 19:** AHI lauded a commentary titled "Time for Turkey to leave Cyprus in peace" by U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, which was published in The Washington Times on June 15, 2012.
- **July 20:** AHI issued a statement on July 20, 2012 in remembrance of the 38th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of the Republic of Cyprus in 1974. In addition to the tragic results of the Turkish invasion, which included the deaths of innocent civilians, forced removal of 170,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes, and mass destruction of Cyprus' cultural and religious heritage, AHI's statement also cited Turkey's recent threats to Cyprus' efforts to explore within its exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and Cyprus' contributions as a friend of the U.S. on issues of counterterrorism and security in the region.
- **August 13:** AHI applauded members of Congress who submitted remarks for the congressional record to mark the somber 38th anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion of the Republic of Cyprus.
- **October 16:** AHI and the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) issued a joint statement calling on the campaigns of President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney to address the policy concerns of the Greek and Armenian American communities.



Action Alerts

All chapter presidents, team leaders, members and friends were urged to take action on the following:

- **April 3:** Contact United Continental Holdings Inc.'s President and CEO Jeffery Smisek to express disappointment with the cancellation of the seasonal non-stop from Newark, N.J. to Athens, Greece and to recommend the addition of a seasonal non-stop route from Washington/Dulles to Athens.
- **April 10:** Contact President Obama and encourage the administration to maintain its correct position on FYROM NATO membership in advance of the NATO summit to be held in Chicago May 20-21, 2012.
- **April 26:** Contact their U.S. representatives to urge them to co-sponsor H.Res.627, which was introduced by U.S. Reps. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), co-chairs of the Hellenic Caucus. H.Res.627 calls on FYROM to abstain from all hostile activities and stop violating provisions of the United Nations-brokered Interim Agreement and urges the United States Government to work in partnership with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies to uphold previous NATO Summits decisions, with regard to the enlargement issue and extend an invitation to FYROM as soon as a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue has been reached within the framework of the United Nations.
- **May 11:** Contact the Biblical Archaeological Society to convey the severe effects of its travel program's entry into the Republic of Cyprus via illegal ports of entry in the Turkish-occupied area.
- **May 14:** Contact their U.S. Representatives to urge them to co-sponsor H.Res.650, a stronger congressional resolution on the FYROM name recognition issue.
- **June 5:** Contact House Foreign Affairs Committee members and urge them to co-sponsor a resolution calling for the reopening of Greek Orthodox Halki Patriarchal School of Theology without delay.
- **July 13:** Contact the Senate Foreign Relations committee in advance of the confirmation hearing for John M. Koenig, US Ambassador-designate to the Republic of Cyprus, and urge them to submit AHI's recommended questions to Mr. Koenig.
- **July 20:** Contact their U.S. representatives and urge them to oppose H.R.2362, a pro-Turkey trade/investment bill.
- **August 1:** Contact their congressional candidates to urge them to complete AHI's candidate questionnaire.

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY INITIATIVES

AHI President Attends White House Briefing, Presents Views

On March 22, prior to a reception at the White House celebrating Greek Independence Day, AHI President Nick Larigakis attended a White House briefing on U.S.-Greece relations with Administration officials to discuss important topics of concern including: an economic update, Greek-American community engagement efforts, and the White House Business Council. President Larigakis shared his views on how U.S.-Greece relations can be strengthened, including ways to assist with Greece's economic crisis.

President Larigakis suggested the United States can send a positive message by having the U.S. commerce secretary lead a delegation of American business leaders to Greece. He noted that there has not been any significant American investment in Greece for more than thirty years. President Larigakis also commented on the foreign policy challenges impacting Greece and the eastern Mediterranean region, which are core policy issues for the Greek American community that require proper resolutions. He cited NATO ally Turkey's continued occupation of the Republic of Cyprus, which is an EU nation; and the importance of securing religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Congressional Salute to Greek Independence Day



(L-R) Nick Larigakis, Congressman Michael Turner (R-OH), (center) students from the Greek School of Saint Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, (center front) Congressman Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D-NV), Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Ambassador Vassilis Kaskarelis.

AHI celebrated the 191st anniversary of Greek Independence Day by hosting its annual "Congressional Salute to Greek Independence Day," on March 21, 2012. The common democratic ideals held by Greece and the United States were reaffirmed by several members of Congress at the event which was held in cooperation with the co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, U.S. Reps. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) and Carolyn Maloney (D-NY).

Members of Congress who addressed the audience included (in order of appearance): U.S. Reps. Steve Chabot (R-OH), Niki Tsongas (D-MA), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Shelley Berkley

(D-NV), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), John Sarbanes (D-MD), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee; Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Joe Crowley (D-NY), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), and Michael Turner (R-OH).

Special guest speakers were Ambassador of Greece to the U.S. Vassilis Kaskarelis and Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the U.S. Pavlos Anastasiades.

AHI Submits FY13 Foreign Aid Testimony to House Appropriations Panel

AHI submitted testimony to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs on the Obama Administration's foreign aid proposals for FY2013 on April 24, 2012. In the best interests of the United States, AHI's testimony opposed: 1) any military assistance the administration will request for Turkey until Turkey removes its troops and illegal Turkish settlers in Cyprus; 2) aid the administration will request for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM); and 3) any reduction that might be introduced in the aid levels for the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus. In addition, the testimony strongly opposed the continued reduction of Economic Support Fund (ESF) funding for Cyprus. The FY2013 proposed level of funding is \$3.2 million. However, AHI testified that it supports continued ESF funding for Cyprus as long as it is tied exclusively to bi-communal projects of the island as mandated by U.S. law. The law states U.S. funds are to support only "measures aimed at reunification."

AHI Releases Congressional Candidate Survey Findings

On October 25, 2012 AHI released the results from its 2012 Congressional Candidate Questionnaire. The questionnaire was mailed in August to the campaign offices of candidates from the two major parties and select independent candidates who were running for congress.

AHI received 18 responses of which six candidates stated that they do not complete surveys or questionnaires. Twelve candidates did submit responses, including U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), a senior member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The overwhelming majority of the 12 respondents were in agreement with each of the 14 policy positions taken by AHI. Policy issues such as the Aegean Sea Boundary, FYROM's name-recognition, a just and viable Cyprus solution, religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and a critical review of U.S. policy toward Turkey were surveyed.

Also in October, sent letters to the presidential campaigns of President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney requesting that the two campaigns each issue a campaign statement to the Greek American community on issues of importance to the community.

Finally, AHI successfully advocated for the inclusion of Cyprus in the 2012 Republican Party platform.

Awards Dinners

AHI Hosts 37th Annual Hellenic Heritage Achievement and National Public Service Awards Dinner

AHI honored a distinguished set of awardees based upon their important career or institutional achievements and contributions to the Greek American community or community at-large. The 2012 honorees were: Kary Antholis, president, HBO Miniseries; E.J. "Mike" Elliott, CEO/chairman, GENCOR Industries; U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts; Sotirios J. Vahaviolos, Ph.D., CEO/chairman, Mistras Group, Inc.; and Ambassador Tom C. Korologos, former U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and strategic advisor, DLA Piper. Alexis Christoforou, news correspondent, CBS News, was the evening's emcee. (Please visit www.aheworld.org for the honorees' remarks.)

Opening the evening's program were AHI President Nick Larigakis and AHI Foundation

President Dr. Spiro Spireas, both of whom offered greetings. They reviewed the initiatives and programs that AHI and AHIF provide the community. AHI Board of Directors Secretary Nicholas Karambelas introduced Emcee Christoforou.

As part of the weekend's festivities AHI hosted a tour of the U.S. Capitol, in cooperation with the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, and held a dinner in the famous Cannon Caucus Room on March 9.

AHI hosted CBS News Correspondent Alexis Christoforou for a breakfast presentation on the topic "Why Americans Should Care about the European Debt Crisis?" on March 10 at the Capital Hilton. Christoforou shared her insights on this very complex yet relevant topic based upon her decades of experience as an Emmy-nominated reporter specializing in the business world.



Dr. Sotirios Vahaviolos receiving the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award.



(L-R) Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.S. Pavlos Anastasiades, Gene Rossides, AHI Founder, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas and Ambassador of Greece to the U.S. Vassilis Kaskarelis.



AHI 2012 Honorees: (L-R) Ambassador Tom Korologos, E.J. "Mike" Elliot, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, Dr. Sotirios Vahaviolos and Kary Antholis.



(L-R) James Marketos, Board Member, Jim Lagos, former Senator Paul Sarbanes, and Dr. George Tsetsekos, Dean, LeBow College of Business, Drexel University.



View of the dinner at the Cannon Caucus Room.



Alexis Christoforou, CBS News Correspondent, talking on 'Why Americans should care about the European Crisis.'

AHI Hosts Gala Affair in Athens, US Ambassador Smith Delivers Keynote Address

U.S. Ambassador Daniel B. Smith delivered the Keynote Address at the Eighth Annual AHI-Athens Hellenic Heritage Achievement and Public Service Awards Dinner where he reported that Greek-American relations are "as strong as they have ever been." The awards dinner was held May 30 at The Grande Bretagne. More than 220 AHI friends and supporters attended.

In his keynote address, Ambassador Smith stated Greece faces significant challenges; however, he expressed optimism that the path of reform taken by the Greek people will "ensure a more prosperous future." The ambassador reaffirmed the United States' support for Greece's reform efforts, cited the importance of Greece's continued partnership and cooperation to NATO, and acknowledged the important role the Greek-American community plays in support of the cooperation between the United States and Greece.



U.S. Ambassador to Greece Daniel B. Smith offering remarks during the 8th Annual AHI-Athens Hellenic Heritage Achievement and National Public Service Awards Dinner.



The honorees receiving their awards. (L-R) General Michalis Kostarakos, Ilias Malevitis, George Economou, Nick Larigakis, Angeliki Frangou and George Economou.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

AHI's "Town Hall Screenings" for Cyprus Documentary Held in 11 Major Metropolitan Areas in 2012



Dr. Nektaria Klapaki, University of Washington Hellenic Studies Program and moderator at the Seattle movie viewing, AHI President Nick Larigakis and Aspasia Bartell, MBA student from the University of Washington, Foster School of Business.

AHI continued its series of "Town Hall Screenings" of the one-hour documentary "Cyprus Still Divided: A U.S. Foreign Policy Failure." AHI originally launched the screenings in 2011. The documentary sheds light and scrutinizes U.S. foreign policy toward Cyprus surrounding the 1974 Turkish invasion. The goal is to create awareness of the documentary's significance and encourage communities to urge their PBS affiliates to air the program.

The "Town Hall Screenings" were held in the following cities in 2012: Falls Church, Va.; Miami, Fla.; Hollywood, Fla.; San Diego, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Atlantic City, N.J. at the 2012 Hermes Expo International; Plymouth, Mich.; Boston; Stamford, Conn.; Las Vegas, Nev. at the 90th AHEPA Supreme Convention; and Atlanta. At all venues, a panel discussion followed the screening.

Each event could not have been possible without the local support from a whole host of Greek and Cypriot American organizations, especially local AHEPA chapters; local Orthodox churches, government officials, and generous individuals who are leaders of their respective communities. Please reference the individual press releases about each screening for acknowledgments at www.ahiworld.org.

"Cyprus Still Divided" finally reveals the web of domestic politics, the realpolitik of Henry Kissinger, and repeated refusal of successive U.S. presidents to demand that the rule of law and fundamental human rights be upheld in Cyprus. For example, the documentary presents a recently declassified 1974 memorandum that clearly indicts Secretary of State Kissinger, who wrote, "There is no American reason why the Turks should not have one-third of Cyprus."

The documentary was produced by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker, George Veras and was made possible by the support of the American Hellenic Institute Foundation. A trailer is available for view on YouTube.

LEADERSHIP VISITS TO GREECE, CYPRUS & ISRAEL



AHI delegation with President of Greece Dr. Karolos Papoulias.

An AHI delegation successfully completed the organization's annual leadership trip to Greece and Cyprus where it held substantive meetings with high-ranking government and religious officials and business leaders with the purpose of strengthening relations and addressing issues of mutual concern. The two-week trip, which occurred May 21 to 31, 2012, also included a leg to Israel.



AHI delegation at Israel Defense Naval Base in Haifa.

During its visit to Israel from May 21 to 23, the delegation met with Ambassador Pinhas Avivi, political director, Multilateral, Global and Strategic Affairs, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Col. Dr. Eran Lerman, deputy national security advisor for foreign policy and international affairs, Israeli National Security Council; Dr. Einat Wilf (Haatzma'ut), member, Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee; Ambassador Kyriakos Loukakis, ambassador of Greece to Israel; and representatives from the Israeli Defense Ministry. A meeting with Mr. Binyamin Zomer, director, Corporate Affairs-Israel, Noble Energy Mediterranean Ltd., centered on the firm's efforts to explore for hydrocarbon reserves in the eastern Mediterranean. AHI also attended a dinner in honor of His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem at the King David Hotel on May 22 hosted by a visiting group of Archons. AHI had a separate audience with His Beatitude on May 23.

The delegation visited Cyprus from May 24 to 26, where it met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Erato

Kozakou-Marcoullis during a working luncheon session that she graciously hosted. Also attending the luncheon were Minister of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary Petros Eftyhiou, Ambassador Andreas Kakouris, director, Division of Cyprus Question and Turkey, Minister Plenipotentiary and Director-Division of Overseas and Repatriated Cypriots Argyros A. Antoniou, and Androula Laniti, director, Press and Information Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The delegation also met with Cypriot Government Spokesman Stefanos Stefanou, President of the House of Representatives Yiannakis Omirou, and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs of the House of Representatives Averof Neophytou. Also in Cyprus, Mr. Miltos Miltiadou, senior press and information officer, Press and Information Office of the Republic of Cyprus, hosted the delegation for a dinner on May 24.

An audience with President of the Hellenic Republic Karolos Papoulias and Greece's Interim Prime Minister Panagiotis Pikrammenos and extensive meetings with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were highlights of the delegation's busy itinerary in Greece from May 27 to 31. The itinerary also included the 8th Annual AHI Athens Dinner at the Grand Bretagne Hotel on May 30.



AHI delegation with Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem at the Greek Patriarchate in Jerusalem.



(L-R) Demetra Atsaloglou, Gus Andy, Leon Andris, Nick Larigakis, Yiannakis Omirou, President of the House of Representatives, Kostas Alexakis and Antonis Mandritis, Counselor-Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

AHI met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Petros Molyviatis and several directorates of the ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for various countries and regions, including: Ambassador Yannakakis (Cyprus), Ambassador Touloupas (Turkey), Mr. Kostellanos (FYROM), and Ambassador Aleiferi (North America). Present at these meetings were

ministry officials with expertise in aeronautical matters and energy. The delegation also met with Minister of Defense Fragkos Fragkoulis. The itinerary also included meetings with representatives from Greek political parties, including Alexis Tsipras, president, SYRIZA; former Minister Dimitris Avramopoulos, candidate with Nea Demokratia and Takis Skandalakis, secretary for Hellenes Abroad, Nea Demokratia.

American Ambassador to Greece Daniel B. Smith hosted the delegation at his residency on May 29.

Delegation Participants: In Greece, AHI President Nick Larigakis was accompanied by: Kostas Alexakis, member, AHI Board of Directors; AHI-California President Paul Sogotis, AHI Foundation Board Member Gus Andy, and Demetra Atsaloglou, AHI director of media relations and research analyst. AHI Board Member Dr. George P. Tsetsekos, dean, LeBow College of Business, Drexel University, attended the awards dinner and introduced U.S. Ambassador Daniel Smith as the keynote speaker. In Israel and Cyprus, AHI Board Member Leon Andris joined Larigakis, Alexakis, Andy, and Atsaloglou to comprise the delegation.

AHI President Works to Strengthen Ties with Greece, Cyprus During Annual Year-end Trip



From Left: AHI-Greece President Ilias Malevitis, AHI-Athens Chapter President George Economou, AHI President Nick Larigakis, and editor-in-chief of *The Washington Monthly* Paul Glastris.

AHI President Nick Larigakis embarked on a year-end trip to Greece and Cyprus that aimed to strengthen ties between the Greek American community and Greece and Cyprus in sectors such as government, commerce, and defense. The trip took place from November 26 to December 7, 2012.



Reception attendees with U.S. Ambassador to Greece Daniel B. Smith (center).

Extensive Meetings Held with Cypriot Ministry Officials

President Larigakis visited Cyprus November 26 to 29. Meetings with Government Spokesman Stefanos Stefanou at the Presidential Palace and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Neoklis Sylikiots highlighted the visit. In addition, a working dinner with Mr. Miltos Miltiadou, senior press and information officer, Office of Press and Information, was held.

Other meetings of importance included: His Beatitude Archbishop Chrysostomos; Mr. Marios Tsiakis, deputy secretary general, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Ambassador Euripides L. Evriviades, acting permanent secretary and political director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Deputy Chief of Mission Andrew Schofer, U.S. embassy in Nicosia; Mr. Giorgios Lillikas, presidential candidate; Dr. George Georgiou, head of Governor's Office and Communications, Central Bank; Ambassador Andreas Kakouris, director, Division of Cyprus Question and Turkey; Mr. Evangelos Savva, deputy director, Division of Cyprus Question and Turkey; and Mrs. Androula Laniti, director, Press and Information Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In Athens, AHI Hosts Presentation on U.S. Elections to Key Audiences

AHI President Larigakis visited Athens from November 30 to December 7, 2012, where a highlight was an AHI and AHI-Athens Chapter-hosted presentation and reception featuring Mr. Paul Glastris, editor-in-chief, *Washington Monthly*, who spoke on the topic, "The U.S. Election 2012: What the Results Mean for America and the World" on December 5, 2012 at the Hotel Grande Bretagne. A Q&A session with the more than 140 persons in attendance followed. On December 3, Mr. Glastris provided his presentation to members of Greece's diplomatic corps at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

President Larigakis' itinerary included a series of meetings with various sectors in Greece, including: government/public, commerce, academia and non-profit/trade association. He met with several ministers, including: Minister of Education Konstantinos Arvanitopoulos, Minister of Interior Evripidis Stylianidis, Minister of Tourism Olga Kefaloyianni, and Minister of Defense Panos P. Panagiotopoulos.

In addition to his meeting with the Defense Minister, Larigakis also met with high-level officials of the Ministry of Defense, including General of the Hellenic Army Michail Kostarakos, who is the chief of staff for the Hellenic National Defense; Lt. Gen. Konstantinos Gkinis, chief, Hellenic Army General Staff; and Brig. Gen. Alkiviadis Stefanis, director, Hellenic Army General Staff "Delta" Directorate. At the invitation of the Hellenic

National Defense chief of staff, Larigakis spent the day attending a religious ceremony on the occasion of the Feast Day of Saint Barbara at the Greek Army Artillery School at Nea Peramos. Saint Barbara is the patron saint of the artillery.

While in Athens, Larigakis held a series of meetings with officials in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Deputy Foreign Minister Konstantinos Tsiaras and Ambassador Vassilis Kaskarelis, secretary general, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Other key meetings with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs included: Ambassador Dimitrios Touloupas, director, A4 Department for Turkey; First Counselor Papameletiou, A2 Department for Cyprus; Greek Ambassador to Bulgaria Thrasyvoulos Terry Stamatopoulos and Ambassador Augustis, director, A4 Department for Southeast Europe; and Ambassador Chrysoula Aliferi, director, A7 Department for North America.

U.S. Ambassador to Greece Daniel Smith hosted President Larigakis on December 5 to discuss recent developments in relations between the United States and Greece. Along this theme, Larigakis explored current trends in commerce and trade between the United States and Greece when he attended the annual dinner of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce on December 4. Larigakis also visited Hellenic Parliament for meetings with Hon. Miltiades Varvitsiotis, chairman, Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense; and Hon. Adonis Georgiadis, chairman, Parliament Committee for Greeks of the Diaspora. Other meetings of note in Athens were held with: Mr. Alexis Tsipras, head, SYRIZA and parliamentary main opposition leader and Ambassador Georgios Ayfantis, SYRIZA diplomatic advisor; and Professor Babiniotis, Filekpediftiki Etaireia. Finally, President Larigakis held a working lunch with AHI-Athens Chapter President George Economou and AHI Member Ilias Malevetis.

MEDIA RELATIONS

In 2012 AHI issued 81 press releases that were widely distributed to mainstream, Greek American, and foreign press; the Obama Administration, Congress, and AHI members and friends. AHI and its members also regularly wrote letters to the editors of major national and community newspapers, commenting on articles that appeared in their publications. In addition, numerous AHI op-ed pieces were published in Greek American media outlets.

Letters to the Editor

The Washington Times published a letter to the editor on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 submitted by AHI. AHI's letter to the editor, "Macedonia is Hellenic Name," written by President Nick Larigakis, was submitted in response to the February 7, 2012 article "Macedonia complains Greece is 'irrational,'" by Ben Birnbaum. In the article, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's (FYROM's) Foreign Minister Nikola Poposki "complains" Greece is being "irrational" on the name recognition issue and that Greece's position is "unreasonable." Larigakis defended Greece by asserting FYROM is acting irrationally with its leadership thinking it can "usurp 2,500 years of Hellenic history and

culture." He cited examples of provocative actions taken by FYROM against Greece, including renaming its airport and naming its national highway after Alexander the Great.

The Washington Post published a letter to the editor on Monday, July 23, 2012 submitted by AHI. The letter, authored by President Nick Larigakis, was written in response to the July 8, 2012 opinion piece "Old Cyprus feud snares tour group," by Hershel Shanks, editor, Biblical Archaeology Review. Shanks's organization, the Biblical Archaeological Society, chose to enter Cyprus via an illegal port of entry when it embarked on a tour of Cyprus' religious sites despite efforts by AHI and other entities to educate the Society about the detriments of such an action. Larigakis corrected inaccuracies and noted omissions in Shanks' piece about Cyprus. Larigakis' letter placed emphasis on the importance of adhering to the rule of law when traveling to Cyprus and clearly defined the legal manner to enter the Republic of Cyprus.

AHI released a letter to the editor it submitted to the New York Times in response to an Oct. 1, 2012 article titled "Seeking Return of Art, Turkey Jolts Museums." The article reports "Thievery and looting are wrong, Turkey says, no matter when they occurred." In his letter, AHI President Nick Larigakis rebutted Turkey's claim by citing Turkey's looting of Cyprus' cultural and religious heritage following Turkey's invasion and occupation of the Republic of Cyprus, which has been documented by a Law Library of Congress report. Larigakis also described Turkey's disregard of the UNESCO Convention and Turkey's aggressive negotiation tactics that include "stunning ultimatums" to museum directors as nothing new to analysts who follow Turkey's behavior in the international community.

President Larigakis submitted a letter to the editor of The Washington Post on the topic of President Barack Obama's effort to build a special relationship with Turkey. Larigakis wrote the letter in response to a June 8, 2012 opinion piece by David Ignatius titled "Obama's friend in Turkey." The author claimed the Obama Administration can celebrate Turkey as a "beacon for the neighborhood" and touted the close relationship between President Obama and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. "Over the past year, this investment in Turkey has begun to pay some big dividends — anchoring U.S. policy in a region that sometimes seems adrift," wrote Ignatius. Larigakis rebutted Ignatius' claim that Turkey is a beacon in the region by citing Turkey's illegal occupation of the Republic of Cyprus, frequent violations of Greece's sovereignty and lack of religious freedom for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Larigakis also refuted President Obama's push for a greater role for Turkey in NATO as noted by the author by citing examples of Turkey's wayward foreign policy direction that has led to public scrutiny of Turkey's NATO membership.

AHI Op-Eds, Commentaries, and Media Placement

In 2012, three op-eds were written by AHI President Nick Larigakis that appeared in numerous Greek American publications including: Greek News, The Greek Star, Hellenic News of America, The Hellenic Voice, and The National Herald, among others. The op-eds touched on the spirit of the Athenian Oath, the economic crisis in Greece and the adversity that Greeks have historically overcome, and the presidential candidates.

Larigakis Quoted in Washington Post

The January 11, 2012 Washington Post article "Washington can be a frontline for international combatants" by Emily Wax featured a quote from President Nick Larigakis. In the article, Larigakis affirmed proximity to the U.S. government as an explanation to the importance of Washington to the lobbying efforts of ethnic and international advocacy groups.

Larigakis Interviewed in Chicago Tribune Video

A video piece compiled by Chicago Tribune Columnist John Kass titled "On America and Greece, lessons to be learned" posted April 4, 2012, featured an interview with AHI President Nick Larigakis. Kass reports on Greece's economy, its effect on the Greek people, and ponders if it is a foreshadowing of what is to come to America. In his interview, Larigakis affirmed Greece's resiliency based upon it being the standard-bearer of democratic ideals and the cradle of Western Civilization. "What is happening in Greece today pales by comparison in terms of what has transpired within the glorious history of this country for over 2,500 years," Larigakis said.

AHI Smyrna Catastrophe Commemoration Covered in the Washington Times

AHI's commemoration of the Smyrna catastrophe at the gravesite of U.S. Consul-General George Horton was covered in The Washington Times' October 30, 2012 Embassy Row column by James Morrison. Under the heading "An Envoy Remembered," the columnist wrote: "Most historians blame Turkish forces for torching the city and killing tens of thousands of Greeks and Armenians, beginning on Sept. 9, 1922, at the end of the Greco-Turkish War. Hundreds of thousands of Smyrna's residents crowded the city's waterfront, desperate for evacuation as U.S. and other allied warships lay at anchor. Some historians say the allies had orders not to interfere with the destruction of the city."

AHI Legal Counsel on National Public Radio

Nicholas G. Karambelas, Esq., legal counsel for AHI, appeared on National Public Radio's "The Diane Rehm Show" on June 18, 2012, to discuss the "Results of the Greek Elections and the Future of the Euro Zone." Susan Page guest hosted the show which aired on WAMU 88.5 FM in Washington, DC. Karambelas explained the results of the Greek election, including the lack of any one party to win a mandate to govern and offered his thoughts on the ability of the Greek political parties, led by leading vote-getter New Democracy, to form a governing coalition.

President Larigakis Interviewed on Greek News



Larigakis being interviewed by Thanassis Tsitsas, Antenna TV reporter, at Hellenic House.

Antenna TV Journalist Thanassis Tsitsas interviewed AHI President Larigakis about the November 2012 election in the United States. The interview took place September 12, 2012 in Washington.

AHIF Student's Op-Ed Published

Stephanos Karavas, a senior at Tufts University who participated on the 2012 American Hellenic Institute Foundation (AHIF) Foreign Policy Program, authored an op-ed titled "The Greek economic crisis in proper perspective," which was published in The Tufts Daily, the university's independent student newspaper on September 10, 2012.

A "Save the Date" poster for the 12th Annual Conference on "The Future of Hellenism in America." The poster features the AHIF logo at the top, which includes the letters "AHIF" flanked by two blue birds. Below the logo is the text "The American Hellenic Institute Foundation". The main title of the conference is "The Future of Hellenism in America", with "The Future of" and "Hellenism" on separate lines. The dates are listed as "Fri., Nov. 22, 2013 - Dinner" and "Sat., Nov. 23, 2013 - Conference". The location is "Miami, Florida". The background of the poster shows a stylized, blue-tinted image of the Statue of Liberty against a background of horizontal stripes.

CONFERENCES & FORUMS

Pipes Keynotes AHI Policy Forum on Turkish Policy



Keynote Speaker Daniel Pipes, President, Middle East Forum and Taube distinguished visiting fellow, Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

AHI hosted the policy forum “The Evolution of Turkey’s Policy in the Eastern Mediterranean: Implications for U.S. Interests” featuring Keynote Speaker Daniel Pipes, president, Middle East Forum and Taube Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. Pipes was joined by a panel of experts who examined the topic on February 6, 2012 at the Capital Hilton, Washington, DC.

The panel of experts featured: Dr. Harry Dinella, former U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer for Greece and AHI Fellow; Professor Van



View of the Panel (L-R): Dr. Raphael Danziger, James Jatras, Dr. Harry Dinella, Doug Bandow, & Professor Van Coufoudakis.

Coufoudakis, rector emeritus, University of Nicosia, Cyprus and former president, Modern Greek Studies Association and AHIF Fellow; Doug Bandow, senior fellow, Cato Institute; and Dr. Raphael Danziger, senior research advisor, Policy & Government Affairs, AIPAC and editor-in-chief emeritus, Near East Report. James Jatras, principal, Squire Sanders Public Advocacy and former senior foreign policy advisor, Republican leadership of the U.S. Senate, moderated the panel.

Seminar Explores Myths and Realities of Greek Economic Crisis



View of the Panel (L-R): Nick Larigakis, Dr. George P. Tsetsekos, Dr. Miranda Xafa, Nicolas Véron, and Nicholas G. Karambelas, Esq.

AHI hosted the policy seminar “The Greek Economic Crisis: Myth & Reality” featuring a panel of experts who examined

various aspects of the topic on April 25, 2012 at the Capital Hilton, Washington, DC. Ambassador Vassilis Kaskarelis, then-Ambassador of Greece to the U.S., provided closing remarks and participated in a Q&A with the audience.

The panel featured: Dr. George P. Tsetsekos, dean, LeBow College of Business, Drexel University; Dr. Miranda Xafa, CEO, E.F. Consulting, former executive board member, International Monetary Fund; Nicolas Véron, senior fellow, Bruegel, Brussels-based, and visiting fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics; and Nicholas G. Karambelas, Esq., partner, Sfikas & Karambelas and AHI legal counsel. AHI President Nick Larigakis, moderated the panel. Each of the four panelists brought their unique perspective and expertise to the seminar topic.

Policy Forum Explores Goals of Cyprus



View of the Panel (L-R) Ambassador Kurt Volker, Bill Loveless, Dr. Antonio de Lecea, Professor Van Coufoudakis and moderator Paul Glastris, editor-in-chief Washington Monthly.

EU Presidency

AHI hosted the policy forum “Cyprus and the EU Presidency: Institutional, Political, Strategic and Economic Challenges” featuring a panel of experts who examined various aspects of the topic on July 18, 2012 at the Capital Hilton, Washington, DC. Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the U.S., Pavlos Anastasiades, provided remarks and participated in a Q&A with the audience.

The panel featured Professor Van Coufoudakis, rector emeritus of the University of Nicosia and dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University-Purdue University; Dr. Antonio de Lecea, minister for Economic and Financial Issues, Delegation of the EU to the U.S.; Bill Loveless, host, Platts Energy Week; and former Ambassador to NATO Kurt Volker, managing director and senior fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations, SAIS-Johns Hopkins University and executive director, McCain Institute for International Leadership, Arizona State University. Paul Glastris, editor-in-chief, The Washington Monthly, moderated the panel.

AHI Forum Discusses Think Tank’s Report on Turkey

AHI hosted a noon forum discussion on the topic of “The Council on Foreign Relations Independent Task Force Report on Turkey” featuring Ambassador Patrick Theros (ret.), former U.S. Ambassador to Qatar and president and executive director of the U.S.-Qatar Business Council. Ambassador Theros is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. The discussion forum was held July 23, 2012 at AHI.



Eugene Rossides, Ambassador Christos Panagopoulos, and Nick Larigakis at the Hellenic House.



AHI President Larigakis is flanked by Greek Defense Attachés Sardellis (left) and Papadopoulos (right).



(L-R) Gene Rossides, US ambassador to Cyprus John Koenig, US State Department Cyprus Desk Officer Lindsay Coffey.



Cyprus Government Spokesman, Stefanos Stefanou at AHI Headquarters.

HELLENIC HOUSE VISITORS

AHI Welcomes New Greek Ambassador to U.S. to Hellenic House

Greece's new Ambassador to the United States, Christos Panagopoulos, visited AHI's Hellenic House on October 5, 2012. AHI Founder Gene Rossides joined Larigakis for the meeting. Ambassador Panagopoulos presented his credentials to President Barack Obama on September 19, 2012.

Outgoing, Incoming Greek Defense Attachés Visit AHI

The outgoing and incoming Greek defense attachés of the Embassy of Greece visited AHI's Hellenic House on September 19, 2012. After several years of service at the Defense Attaché's Office at the Embassy of Greece, Defense Attaché Col. Taxiarchis Sardellis has completed his post in Washington. Col. Sardellis' replacement, Col. Evangelos Papadopoulos, accompanied him on the visit to AHI.

Newly Confirmed American Ambassador to Cyprus Meets with AHI

The newly confirmed American Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus John Koenig visited AHI's Hellenic House on August 9, 2012 as part of his preparations before departing for his new post. The discussion included initiatives to strengthen U.S. relations with Cyprus, the Cyprus issue and the current status of settlement talks, the destruction of Cyprus' cultural and religious heritage, and the importance of increased American investment in Cyprus, especially with the discovery of hydrocarbon reserves in Cyprus' exclusive economic zone (EEZ). AHI Founder Gene Rossides, AHI Board of Directors Secretary and Counsel Nick G. Karambelas, and AHI Media Relations Director and Research Analyst Demetra Atsaloglou met with Ambassador Koenig.

Government Officials from Cyprus Visit AHI

Cyprus Government Spokesman Stefanos Stefanou and three mayors representing cities located in Turkish-occupied Cyprus visited AHI's Hellenic House on June 8, 2012 in separate meetings. The mayors were the Honorable Alexis Ghalanos, mayor of Famagusta; the Honorable Glafkos Cariolou, mayor of Kyrenia; and the Honorable Michalis Pilikos, mayor of Lefkoniko. They were accompanied by Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the U.S. Pavlos Anastasiades.

Three-time Olympic Champion Visits Hellenic House



Pyrros Dimas visit to the Hellenic House: (L-R) Nick Karambelas, Pyrros Dimas, Nick Larigakis, Demetrios Koutoulas.

Three-time Olympic Champion Pyrros Dimas visited AHI's Hellenic House on April 25, 2012. Dimas is considered one of the greatest weightlifters of all-time. In addition to being a three-time Olympic Champion, Dimas is a three-time World Champion. He won Olympic Gold at the 1992 Barcelona Games, 1996 Atlanta Games, and 2000 Sydney Games. Dimas is famous for shouting "Gia tin Ellada!" following his clean and jerk lift, dedicating his victory to Greece in 1992.

President Larigakis, Board of Directors Secretary Nick Karambelas, and Demetra Atsaloglou, director, Media Relations and Research Analyst, attended the discussion which focused on raising awareness and funds for a Greek school in Himara. Demetrios Koutoulas, president, Panepirotic Federation of America, accompanied Dimas.

Greek Parliamentary Delegation Visits AHI

A Greek Parliamentary delegation visited Hellenic House on November 2, 2012. MPs Ioannis Plakiotakis (New Democracy), a former deputy minister of Defense; Andreas Psycharis (New Democracy), a former member of the ministry of Foreign Affairs and the first Consul General of Greece to Tampa, Fla.; Georgios Varenenos (SYRIZA) and Panagiotis Rigas (PASOK) comprised the delegation, which met with President Larigakis. The parliamentary delegation visited Washington as part of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly election monitoring mission. The delegation was accompanied by Mrs. Chara Papazoudi, who is with the Department of International Relations of the Greek Parliament.

GENERAL NEWS

Foreign Affairs Chairman Attends Screening of Cyprus Documentary



(L-R): President Larigakis, U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee; Dr. George Kafkoulis chairman of the board, The Archimedean Academy; Aleco Haralambides, founding member and vice president, Archimedean Academy & AHI board member.

U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, was the guest speaker at an AHI "Town Hall Screening" of the one-hour documentary "Cyprus Still Divided: A U.S. Foreign Policy Failure" held February 10, 2012, at the Archimedean Academy Amphitheater, Miami, Fla. In remarks, Chairman Ros-Lehtinen described the "overwhelming military force" used by Turkey in the invasion of Cyprus by citing a BBC interview of Antonis Antoniou, who was five years old at the time, and she spoke of the unfortunate consequences of the invasion that resulted in thousands of Greek-Cypriots killed; sixteen hundred reported missing; and over two hundred thousand forcibly expelled from their homes and driven into exile. The congresswoman also cited the religious and cultural destruction that has occurred under Turkish occupation and the violations of religious freedom, including the interruption of Christmas Day liturgy in 2010.

AHI Book Event Commemorates Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan

AHI, in cooperation with the Embassy of Greece, hosted a book presentation and reception in commemoration of the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, March 6, 2012, on Capitol Hill. Ms. Photini Tomai, director, Service of Diplomatic & Historical Archives, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, made



(L-R) Nick Larigakis, AHI President, Ambassador Vassilis Kaskarelis, Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Photini Tomai.

a presentation about the book, "Documentary History of Greece: 1943-1951, Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan" of which she was the editor. The event was supported by U.S. Reps. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) and Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), co-chairs, Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues and sponsored by the Onassis Foundation.

AHI Honored at Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade



(L-R): AHEPA Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides, U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, AHI President Nick Larigakis.

AHI was honored at the 2012 Philadelphia Greek Independence Day Parade presented by the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of Philadelphia and the Greater Delaware Valley. It was the first time an institution has received such an honor by the Federation. The parade was held Sunday, March 18, 2012.

AHI Foundation President Dr. Spiros Spireas served as the parade's Grand Marshal, which is the highest honor afforded by the Federation. It was bestowed to Dr. Spireas in appreciation of his many works as a prominent businessperson and efforts on behalf of the Greek American community, Metropolis, and his unwavering support of Hellenic issues. AHI Founder Eugene Rossides and AHI President Larigakis were also unanimously selected Honorary Marshals. Presidents Larigakis and Dr. Spireas celebrated Greek Independence along with Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, U.S. Congressman John Sarbanes (D-MD), Mr. Georgios Iliopoulos, consul-general in New York, Hellenic Republic, and Ms. Koula Sophianou, consul-general in New York, Republic of Cyprus. Mr. Rossides was unable to attend.

AHI Celebrates Greek Independence Day at the White House

AHI celebrated Greek Independence Day at the White House on March 22, 2012. AHI President Nick Larigakis attended the ceremony officiated by President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.



AHI Foundation President Dr. Spiros Spireas celebrates with his family members.



Nick Larigakis and Lieutenant Colonel Peter S. Markakos, Director of the Marine Corps' Executive Forum.

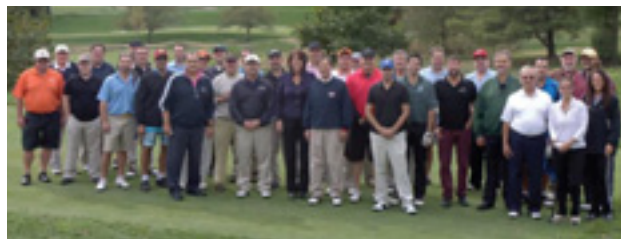
AHI President Participates at Marine Corps Executive Forum

AHI President Nick Larigakis participated at the Marine Corps Executive Forum (MCEF) on July 13, 2012. Hosted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps or his direct General Officer Representative, this one-day program allows senior business leaders from a diverse cross-section of industry to familiarize themselves with the Marine Corps' key interests and initiatives, while meeting with senior officials at the Pentagon and Quantico and examining Marine Corps operations throughout the world.

AHIF Chair of Fellows Appointed Head of Hellenic Educational Agency

AHI and American Hellenic Institute Foundation (AHIF) congratulated Dr. Van Coufoudakis, chairman, AHIF Foundation Board of Fellows, on his appointment as President of the Council of the Hellenic Quality Assessment Agency in September 2012. The HQAA/ADIP is an independent agency created in 2005 under Greek law and EU regulations that assesses the quality of Greek universities and TEI (technical institutes).

AHI Hosts 9TH Annual Golf Classic



All of the AHI Golf Tournament Participants.

AHI hosted its Ninth Annual Golf Classic at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria, Virginia, on October 15, 2012. Celebrity appearances were made by Larry Michael, Voice of the Washington Redskins, and Christine Brennan, sports columnist, USA Today, both of whom appeared at a morning panel discussion about current events and issues affecting the sporting world. The Tournament Sponsor was Calamos Investments. The first place team was comprised of: Peter Bota, Dennis Garbis, Mike Gleeson and Dave Riddle. Second place honors went to: Kay Tyler, Mimi Hoffman, Lisa Schlesinger and Janice Calomiris. The third place team included: John Courembis, Louis Courembis, Alexander Courembis and Walter Chuda. AHI is grateful to Tournament Chair Leon Andris, Golf Coordinator Adriana Sifakis, and all the golfers who participated.

AHI, AHEPA Host Luncheon for New Greek Ambassador to U.S.



Eugene Rossides, Ambassador Christos Panagopoulos, Dr. John Grossomanides and Nick Larigakis at the Hellenic House.

AHI and AHEPA came together to host a luncheon welcoming Ambassador Christos Panagopoulos, ambassador of Greece to the United States, to Washington on October 17, 2012 at Kellari Restaurant in Washington, DC.

Representing AHI with President Larigakis were: Founder Eugene Rossides, Board Member and Legal Counsel Nicholas Karambelas, Esq., Board Member Leon Andris, AHI Members Ambassador Tom Korologos, former U.S. ambassador to Belgium; Paul Glastris, editor-in-chief, Washington Monthly; Tim Maniatis, executive director, National Hellenic Society; Paul Kotrosios, president of the Hellenic American National Council; John Courembis, Peter Bota, and AHI Legislative Assistant Georgea Polizos. Many community leaders, including several clergymen from the Washington, DC area, were also in attendance.

Smyrna Catastrophe Commemorated at U.S. Envoy's Gravesite



James Marketos addressing the attendees.

AHI hosted a memorial to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Smyrna catastrophe in Asia Minor at the gravesite of U.S. Consul General George Horton, whose book *The Blight of Asia* provided a firsthand account about the destruction of Smyrna and the plight of the Greeks of Smyrna. The memorial was held October 22, 2012, at Oak Hill Cemetery, Washington, DC. The ceremony, which

included a wreath-laying, a prayer, and brief remarks about Consul General Horton in appreciation of his telling account, received coverage in *The Washington Times*.

AHI, Hellenic Society Prometheas Host Film Screening on Byzantium

The Hellenic Society Prometheas (HSP), in cooperation with AHI, hosted a screening of the documentary "Byzantium after Byzantium" on November 1, 2012 at the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral/Frosene Education Center, Washington, DC. More than 120 persons attended the event, which featured a reception following the screening. The 53-minute documentary is a production of the International Center for Hellenic Research located in Nice, France, and it was produced by Dr. Erato Paris, historian and president of the International Center for Hellenic Research, who made a presentation that evening.

AHI President Participates at Discussion between Greek, Jewish American Leaders



AHI President Nick Larigakis (far left) gathers with participants of the roundtable discussions at the conclusion of the event.

AHI President Nick Larigakis participated at a meeting between Greek American and Jewish American community leaders held at the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish American Organizations in New York City on December 12, 2012.

Also participating at the meeting from the Greek American community were representatives from AHEPA, led by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Nicholas Karacostas, and PSEKA President Philip Christopher. In addition, several representatives from the diplomatic corps addressed the participants, including: Ambassador Aryeh Mekel, ambassador of Israel to Greece, who welcomed the group by telephone from Athens; Ambassador Pavlos Anastasiades, ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the U.S.; Consul General of Greece in New York Georgios Iliopoulos, and Consul General of Israel in New York Ido Aharoni.



AHI FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

Students Complete Successful Foreign Policy Trip Abroad



Meeting with President of Greece, Karolos Papoulias.



Visit to the old Nicosia Airport, accompanied by a member of the U.N. Peacekeeping force.



President of the Republic of Cyprus, Demetris Christofias with the students at the U.S. National Day reception at the U.S. Embassy in Cyprus.

The American Hellenic Institute Foundation (AHIF) Foreign Policy Trip to Greece and Cyprus completed its fourth year as nine students from across the United States participated in the two-week program held June 13-29, 2012.

During the two-week program, the students were in and in Cyprus, June 16-21 and Athens, Greece June 22-29, just

prior to it taking the helm of the EU Presidency on July 1. They received firsthand experience about the foreign policy issues affecting Greece and Cyprus, their relations with the U.S., and the interests of the U.S. in the region. There were meetings or briefings with American embassies, officials from various ministries, including Foreign Affairs; parliament members, religious leaders, think-tank organizations, and members of academia and the private sector of both countries. In Cyprus, the group visited the Turkish-occupied area.

The nine students selected to participate were: Stephanos Karavas, Tufts University; Anna Tsiotsias, University of Pennsylvania; Maria Romas, University of Maryland; Alexis Angelo, Trinity University; Christo Galanis, Rutgers University; Evangelia Psarakis, Rutgers University; Manoli Anagnostiadis, University of Maryland; Aletha Vassilakis, University of California at San Diego; and Andrew Pernokas, Boston University.

“This trip was a highly informative one with access to individuals and opportunities that would seldom be available apart from AHIF. Most importantly, the foreign policy trip offers its participants the opportunity to have instilled in themselves the reality that they, as members of the global Hellenic community, have a stake—and thus, an obligation—in the resolution of crucial matters of policy surrounding Greece and Cyprus. It ought to be a game-changer in influencing the participants’ individual professional aspirations,” said Stephanos Karavas.

The program is open to Greek American and Cypriot American college students in good academic standing who are studying political science, international relations, history, and/or foreign affairs.

AHIF Hosts 11th Annual Future of Hellenism in America Conference



(L-R) Congressman John Sarbanes, Dr. Victor G. Polizos, Karen Stamatiades, Nick Larigakis, Sandy Papadopoulos.

AHIF hosted its Eleventh Annual Conference on the Future of Hellenism in America, keeping the discussion of the promotion and preservation of Hellenism at the forefront of the community. This year’s conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Thalia N. Carlos Hellenic Community Center, on November 16-17, 2012.



Panel I - Greek Education in America (L-R) Dr. Nickitas Demos, Presvytera Evi Kaplanis, Michelle Constantinides and Aleco Haralambides.

Featuring more than 20 prominent speakers from across the country, conference presentations analyzed key issues including the future of Greek American organizations, the political process and lobbying, religious and ethnic identity, promoting Hellenic values through business, Greek education, and perspectives from young Greek Americans. Speakers also identified how Hellenism could be promoted in the future through these various channels.

At a dinner hosted the evening before the conference on November 16, AHI President Nick Larigakis opened the conference and welcome remarks followed from Conference Chairman Sandy Papadopoulos. The dinner's Keynote Speaker was U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD). Atlanta natives Dr. Victor G. Polizos and Karen Stamatides received AHI's Hellenic Heritage and Public Service Award for the Promotion of Hellenism.

The conference covered the following topics:

- Opening and Welcome Remarks
- Greek Education in America
- The Greek American Community and the Political Process
- Luncheon Speaker
- The Cultural Dimension
- The Changing Nature of the Greek American Community
- Current Perspectives on Current Changes
- Looking to the Next Generation of Greek Americans
- Discussion: Where Do We Go From Here?

Sigmapharm Laboratories LLC sponsored the conference which was held in cooperation with the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation. Additional co-sponsors of the conference included: AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter 1, AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter 1 Educational Foundation, Lykion ton Ellinidon Atlanta, and a host of individual sponsors.

AHI Foundation Publishes Online Policy Journal

The American Hellenic Institute Foundation (AHIF) published the third volume release of its Online Policy Journal. The Online Policy Journal addresses a cluster of national and international issues pertinent to the interests of Greece, Cyprus, and the United States. Its coverage offers a mix of strategy, documentation, tactics, and analysis that aims to enrich public discourse on the issues. Professor Dan Georgakas edits the Online Policy Journal.

AHI Business Network

AHI highlights the professional accomplishments of its members through various communications vehicles to provide the Greek American community with a viable business network. For example, AHI's semiannual newsletter features the "Member Spotlight" and "Members in the

News" sections that highlight the latest "movers and shakers" in the community.

In 2012 AHI's "Member Spotlight" section featured: Theater owner Ted Pedas, attorney Anna Giabourani, businessman Nicolas Bornozis, community leaders James and Nike Lagos, and John Catsimatidis, Chairman and CEO of United Refining Company.

LEADERSHIP, AWARDS & STAFF NEWS



AHI Marks President Larigakis' 25th Year at Organization

In August, AHI President Nick Larigakis completed his 25th year at AHI, an achievement for which many AHI stakeholders are grateful.

"It was clear from the beginning that Nick was a bright, intelligent and hard-working individual who continued to develop his skills, and he quickly became an asset to the point where he became the Institute's executive director," said AHI Founder Gene Rossides. "Because of his leadership abilities, dedicated work ethic and vision, I selected Nick to be my successor as president of AHI. His rise has been extraordinary, and the Greek American community is fortunate to have him leading AHI."

AHI hired Larigakis August 1, 1987, and five years later, he became the organization's executive director. In January 2011 AHI announced his promotion to president.

AHI President Receives National AHEPA Honor



AHI President Nick Larigakis (center) receives the 2012 AHEPA Outstanding Public Advocacy Award from AHEPA Executive Director Basil Mossaidis (left) and AHEPA Supreme President Dr. John Grossomanides (right).

AHI President Nick Larigakis received a national honor from the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) before an audience of 200 prominent Greek American and community leaders on Capitol Hill, March 28, 2012. President Larigakis received the inaugural AHEPA Outstanding Public Advocacy Award at AHEPA's "Salute to Civic Responsibility" Dinner.

The AHEPA Outstanding Public Advocacy Award, which was presented by AHEPA Executive Director Basil Mossaidis, recognizes individuals who demonstrate unbridled passion in the course of advocating for a public policy issue or cause. AHEPA cited Larigakis' steadfast advocacy on Capitol Hill, in the grassroots, and in the op-ed pages of influential publications as the basis for his honor.

AHI Announces New Legislative Assistant Hire



Georgea Polizos

On September 11, 2012 AHI announced the hire of Georgea Polizos as its legislative assistant. "We are fortunate to have Georgea join our staff," said AHI President Nick Larigakis. "Georgea's international affairs policy background will be a tremendous asset to our outreach efforts to Capitol Hill."

Georgea holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Georgia and a Master of Arts in International Affairs from Florida State University, where she focused on the Balkans. Prior to beginning her graduate studies, Georgea spent two years working with Greek and Eastern European college students as the Student Life Coordinator at the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece. As a graduate student, she interned at the Greek Embassy and AHI, and with the latter, she attended the Student Foreign Policy trip in 2010. Additionally, Georgea spent a semester in London studying the European Union and ethno-national conflicts.

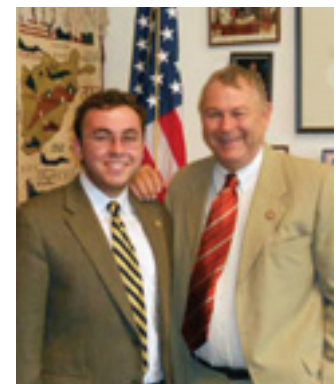
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

AHI Interns Meet with their Members of Congress, Raise Awareness of Greek American Issues



Cady Papageorgiou, Congresswoman Yvonne Clarke and Nick Larigakis.

AHI interns met with their members of Congress in July to discuss issues of importance to the Greek American community. AHI President Nick Larigakis accompanied the interns to the meetings on Capitol Hill. Intern Dimitri Dimitriou (University of California, Berkeley) visited his member of Congress, U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher



Dimitri Dimitriou with Congressman Dana Rohrabacher.

(R-CA), July 11, 2012. Dimitriou raised awareness about developments in the eastern Mediterranean pertaining to cooperative efforts between Cyprus and Israel, Egypt, and Lebanon to explore for hydrocarbon reserves within Cyprus' exclusive economic zone (EEZ). He also informed Congressman Rohrabacher about Turkey's various intimidation tactics in the eastern Mediterranean directed toward Cyprus and Israel.

AHI Intern Cady Papageorgiou (SUNY, Geneseo) met with her congresswoman, U.S. Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY), July 20, 2012. Congresswoman Clarke welcomed the opportunity to become informed on the issues especially because she was familiar with members of the Greek American community of New York. Papageorgiou raised awareness about the Cyprus issue and the latest developments regarding Cyprus with regard to the exploration of hydrocarbon reserves.

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- Underwriting credit for the year at all AHI events

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