



## THE HELLENIC INSTITUTE

31 January 2019

Dear Friends,

Last year we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a number of special events promoting the work of the Hellenic Institute and the Centre for Greek Diaspora Studies, which gave us the opportunity to widen our circle of Friends and supporters. The celebrations closed with the premiere of the specially commissioned choral piece "Odyssey", composed by our College alumna and Friend of the Hellenic Institute Lydia Kakabadse. The "Odyssey" was performed by The Choir of Royal Holloway on 27 October 2018. Those who were unable to attend will be pleased to know that Lydia's "Odyssey" is included in her new CD album "Ithaka", expected to be released by Divine Art later this year. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Julian Chrysostomides (1928-2008) on the occasion of the tenth Anniversary of her passing away.

Thanks to your warm response our fundraising campaign towards the Scholarship in Modern Greek History and Diaspora Studies has been successful. I am pleased to report that we have now been able to meet our target raising £82,000, and the College will be advertising the Scholarship in the next months. May I express once more our grateful thanks to our Fundraising Committee and all of our Friends and donors for their most generous moral and financial support.

I am saddened to report the departure from the College of Dr George Vassiadis. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to him for establishing the study of Modern Greek History at Royal Holloway and for our fruitful cooperation. A three-year Lectureship in Modern Greek History was advertised by the College last December. Five out of twenty-three candidates who applied for the post from Greece, Cyprus, France, Turkey, Australia and USA were shortlisted and subsequently interviewed on 18 January 2019. The post was offered to Dr Paris Papamichos Chronakis, who specialises in the history of the Greek Jewish community and diaspora. On behalf of all of us, I would like to congratulate him and wish him every success in his new post.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the Seventeenth Annual Hellenic Lecture "Christianity and Greek Paideia" by Professor Richard Price to be held in the Moore Building Auditorium, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey TW20 0EX on 7 March 2019 at 6.15pm. If you wish to reserve places please contact me at: [Ch.Dendrinis@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Ch.Dendrinis@rhul.ac.uk).

Through your donations we have been able to offer grants to our students who need support. We should be grateful if you would renew your annual subscription to the Friends of The Hellenic Institute for 2019 by contributing the modest sum of £15. Any additional donation, for which gift aid is available, would be most welcome and deeply appreciated. On behalf of The Hellenic Institute please accept our deepest thanks for your continued support and our warmest wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year.

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Director, The Hellenic Institute

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