



THE HELLENIC INSTITUTE

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Dear colleagues, students and Friends,

I am delighted to report that the 25th Anniversary Scholarship in Modern Greek History and Diaspora Studies, established at [Royal Holloway](#) last year thanks to your warm response to our fundraising campaign, has now been awarded by the History Department Postgraduate Awards Committee to Mr Georgios Argiantopoulos, who will be conducting his MPhil/PhD research on “The British occupation of Egypt in 1882 and its consequences on the Greek and Cypriot Community” over the next four academic years under the supervision of Dr Dan Stone, Professor of Modern History, and Dr Paris Papamichos Chronakis, Lecturer in Modern Greek History. On behalf of all of us I would like to congratulate Mr Argiantopoulos and wish him every success with his doctoral research. May I also express our grateful thanks once more to our Fundraising Committee, consisting of Mrs Edmée Leventis, Mrs Natasha Lemos and Mr Michael Heslop, and to our sponsors and donors, in particular The Hellenic Foundation (London), The Bodossaki Foundation (Athens), The Samourkas Foundation (New York), Mr John Briggs, Mr and Mrs Caroussis, Mr Athos Christodoulou, Mr and Mrs Michael Heslop, Mr and Mrs Gregory Kambouroglou, Mr Alexandros Kedros, Mr Tryphon Kedros, Mr and Mrs George Lemos, Sir Adam Ridley, Mrs Marinela Samourkas, Mr Dimitris Vlastos, Mr Jonathan Woolley, Mr Charles Arnold, and all of our Friends for their most generous moral and financial support towards our efforts to promote the study of Modern Hellenism and Greek Diaspora.

This year you are warmly invited to the Eleventh Annual Memorial to our teacher and former Director, [Julian Chrysostomides](#) (1928-2008). As part of this event, Great Vespers and a Memorial Service officiated by our parish priest Father Asterios and a Memorial Speech by Professor Evangelos Chrysos, will be held in [Royal Holloway College Chapel](#), Egham, Surrey on Saturday 12th October 2019, 4.00-5.30pm. We are also pleased to invite you to our Eighteenth Annual Hellenic Lecture “The Power of Logos: Classical Greek Rhetoric and the Modern World” by Professor Michael Edwards. In 2016, the then President of the United States, Barack Obama, delivered a speech at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Athens, in which he praised Greece’s contribution to humanity through the ages. In the course of his speech Obama spoke, among other things, about the concept, ideals and importance of democracy, and the belief in equality before the law for all. In his lecture Professor Edwards will discuss these themes, illustrating them by comparisons of ancient texts with modern examples drawn from American, British and Greek political contexts. The Lecture will take place in [Moore Building Auditorium](#), Royal Holloway, Egham, Surrey on Thursday 5th March 2020 at 6.15pm, to be followed by drinks. We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends to these events.

Last October we celebrated the closing of our 25th Anniversary with the premiere of the specially commissioned choral piece “[Odyssey](#)”, composed by our College alumna and Friend of the Hellenic Institute, [Lydia Kakabadse](#), and performed by The Choir of Royal Holloway in the College Chapel. You will be pleased to know that Lydia’s “Odyssey”, recorded by The Choir of Royal Holloway, has been included in her new CD album “Ithaka” to be released by Divine Art on 15th November 2019. CDs can be ordered via the Hellenic Institute (Ch.Dendrinis@rhul.ac.uk) at a special discount price of £6 for members and Friends of the Institute. A sample track of the Byzantine movement, which includes the Akathistos hymn and the Kontakion on the Nativity of Christ, is accessible [here](#). The track has been described as “stunning” and “wonderful”!

On behalf of The Hellenic Institute please accept our profound thanks for your continued support and our warmest wishes for a fruitful new academic year.

Charalambos Dendrinis
Director, The Hellenic Institute