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ACADEMIA HOMERICA

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To the Honorable President
of Euroclassica the Members
of the E.C. and Representatives
of all the Associations
belonging to Euroclassica

Report on Academia Homerica 2020

Our honorable and dear President, members of the E.C. and representatives of all the classical Associations and colleagues, I wish first to thank you all for your excellent cooperation and support for many years, for your participation and contribution to the successful running of Euroclassica and Academia Homerica activities in Greece.

The crisis of the pandemic in the whole world has obliged us all in lockdown. In these difficult and hard times for the whole planet we all express our best sentiments to each other and we all express continuously our gratitude to those who fight daily for the health and saving the lives of people. We express our gratitude to the doctors, the nurses, the researchers and all those working in benefit of the whole humanity with love, solidarity and selfsacrifice.

I wish to underline that as it happens every year we worked hard organizing the yearly world congress of Academia Homerica in Greece (Athens – Chios – Oinousses) from 10-19 July 2020. This congress is for many years under the auspices of the Excellency of the President of the Greek Republic / Democracy. We organized it for 150 participants, with all our enthusiasm and zeal and powers, spending power and money for that purpose. Unfortunately the pandemic that burst out in the whole world obliged the governments of all the countries of the world to face this with special measures and protocols for the

health of people. The same happened in Greece, although we are in the best possible health conditions and mainly in Chios and Oinousses there is no ill because of Covid 19, thanks God. We had booked luxurious hotels in Athens and Chios, the Boarding House of the Aegean University. We received many applications and topics of lectures, from distinguished scholars and scientists, from undergraduate and postgraduate students and excellent teachers for teaching Homeric epic poems as well as Greek language, history and civilization. We had the permission from Ministry of Culture and Athletics for entering free in the Acropolis, the various Museums and Archaeological places in Athens, Chios, Oinousses, we managed the cooperation with various universities and cultural Centers, with the means of transportation (airplanes, ships, buses, etc). We managed also to face full boarding with breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as visits and tours in various important and meaningful and delightful places. Unfortunately we are now obliged to cancel the running of Academia Homerica for 2020 respecting absolutely the measures, protocols and rules of the government in favour of the health of all people in the world. Fortunately after this decision all those wishing to participate expressed their great enthusiasm to participate next summer (9-18 July 2021) as we are going to celebrate the Silver Jubilee for the 25 years of the cultural activities of Euroclassica in Greece (1997-2021) and the 25 years since the founding of Academia Homerica (December 1997-2021) and of course to mention the 30 years of Euroclassica in Europe, all together.

Ending I'd like to send you my warm and kind invitation to participate all in Academia Homerica next summer and enjoy all together the whole programme happily.

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