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ACADEMIA HOMERICA

**REPORT ON THE YEARLY WORLD CONGRESS
OF ACADEMIA HOMERICA (ATHENS – CHIOS – OINOUSSES)
FROM 8 UNTIL 17 JULY 2022**

We announce you with great pleasure that it has taken place for 25 years the yearly congress of Euroclassica – Academia Homerica, successfully. About 150 participants attended the lectures, the lessons, all the activities, the visits to the Acropolis, Museums, Archaeological places etc. The participants were mainly members of the Academies, Professors of Universities, undergraduate and postgraduate students of Universities, candidates doctors, researchers, teachers from all the levels of education and other persons wishing to attend this conference. The participants from Greece, England, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Luxemburg, Syria, China, Switzerland had excellent chances to enjoy the whole programme, which was really fantastic.

In Athens they all stayed at the Hotel Achilleion in the centre of Athens, enjoyed a dinner at Bairaktaris famous restaurant, Monastiraki, near the Acropolis and the other day enjoyed lunch in the hotel and in the ship whatever was offered to them by the secretarship of Academia Homerica with exemplary hospitality.

In Athens participants visited the Acropolis, the New Museum of the Acropolis, the Archaeological Museum and attended exemplary guiding.

All the participants travelled to Chios by the ship and they all happy arrived in Chios, Homer's birthplace and they all stayed in the hotel and some in the Boarding House of the Aegean University. They were welcome with Homeric hospitality. The opening of the congress took place in the "Homereion Cultural Center" in a climate of enthusiasm zeal, happiness, in a friendly atmosphere, with the salutations of the eminent and distinguished personalities and excellent lectures. The University of the Aegean offered lunch and the same day started regularly the programme with lectures and all the participants enjoyed a dinner at Kardamyla offered by the ship-owner, Mrs Angeliki Fragou.

On Monday 11th July all the participants travelled to the island of Oinousses, where for the first time in 1997 and 1998 started the running of the congresses of Euroclassica and Academia Homerica. The whole programme at Oinousses was attractive with visits to the Holy Monastery of the Annunciation of Virgin Mother, and Naval Museum, The Highest Captains' School and many lectures and lessons and an excellent lunch offered by the before Mayor of Oinousses, ship-owner, Mr. Evagelos Agelakos. Honours were given by Academia Homerica to our benefactors and the authorities and this day was really with a full excellent programme. In the same rhythm followed all the other days. A scientific presentation regarding Daskalopetra (Homer's School) and the Library "KORAIS" was very interesting thanks to the outstanding scholar, Dr. Athina Zacharou – Loutrari. All the participants also visited Daskalopetra and enjoyed a dinner there. We must mention that during this afternoon we devoted a part of the programme in the memory of the Spanish member of the Academy, Professor Francisco Rodriguez Adrados. Four members of his family were present, invited for this purpose from Spain. On Wednesday the participants attended lessons and in the afternoon we devoted some time in the memory of Mati (Matrona) Ayla Egon, a great Benefactor, whose parents were the founders of the Homereion Cultural Center, where the conferences took place. We must mention also the presence of the authorities and the Mayor of Chios who gave honorary diplomas to eminent participants and of course Academia Homerica offered honours to the authorities as it happened the same in the Oinousses island. On Thursday July 14th was a day with many surprises. Visit to the famous Library "KORAIS" and guiding and also visit to the New Museum of Masticha, lectures and lessons in the FOUNDATION "MARIA TSAKOS" and a performance of a historical theatrical play referring to the celebration for the 200 years from the Revolution and the Catastrophy on the island of Chios, as well as for the celebration of the 100 years since the Catastrophy of Minor Asia. On Friday 15th.

We enjoyed lectures and lessons at the "Homereion Cultural Center" and the participants visited the Naval and the Archaeological Museum of Chios. In the afternoon lectures and lessons as usually and with an exceptional chance and a fantastic dinner. The Dean of the Philosophy School of the Athens University, with a famous Academia singer of Byzantine music gave a performance in the Holy Cathedral of Chios and then followed a special dinner. The performance took place

from a chorus of Byzantine music singers under the direction of the Director of the Highest Ecclesiastical School of Herakleion and the Dean of the Philosophy School of the Athens University. An excellent dinner was followed.

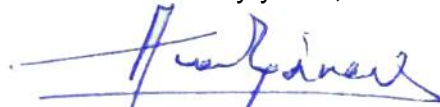
On Saturday 16th the participants visited the historical Monastery of St. Minas and its Museum, the famous Byzantine Monastery of “NEA MONI”, the historical villages Anavatos and Argonyma. A guiding was excellent for all. In the afternoon lectures and lessons took place in “Homereion” and on Sunday 17th, in an atmosphere of enthusiasm took place the closing of the congress. The audience enjoyed the oral competition of the participants who attended lessons of Homeric studies as well as of greek language, literature, history and civilization. The salutations were emotional with the promise to meet all the participants again in July 2023.

Certificates of attendance and excellent editions were given to all the participants. Honours, medals, diplomas were given also as awards for excellent contribution to the success of the congress and to the study of Homeric epic poems, classics, greek education, language, literature in their diachronic process. Finally all the participants had the chance to enjoy a unique lunch offered by the Foundation “Maria Tsakou”.

A very successful congress of Academia Homerica celebrating the Silver Jubilee of its congresses and activities and those of Euroclassica ended triumphantly and happily.

In an atmosphere of enthusiasm and emotion all the participants promised meeting next year from 7 until 16 of July 2023.

Honorably yours,



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