



6th International Symposium of Kytheraismos Sydney 7-9 November 2014

PROGRAMME



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FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2014

Morning Session

- 8.30am to 9.30am **Arrivals - Registration**
10am **Official Party arrives**
Representative of the Prime Minister of Australia The Honourable Mr. Tony Abbott MP
Ambassador of Greece to Australia **HE Mr. Haralambos Dafaranos**
Australian Ambassador to Greece **HE Mr. John Griffin**
Overseas & Local Dignitaries
- 10.05am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
10.20am **Sanctification by Reverend Father Scoutas**
10.30am **Welcome Speech by the Chairman Professor Elias Marsellos**
10.45am **Welcome Speech by representative of the Prime Minister and official opening of the Symposium**
- 11.00am **Welcome Speech by the Ambassador of Greece, H.E. Mr. Haralambos Dafaranos**
11.15am **Welcome Speech by Australian Ambassador to Greece, H.E. Mr. John Griffin**
- 11.30am Brunch meet & greet**

Afternoon Session

- 12.30pm **Ambassador of Greece H.E. Mr Haralambos Dafaranos:**
Kytheraismos as a part of the global Hellenic Diaspora and its relevance today in the preservation of the Hellenic image and the prominence of the Philhellenic people
- 12.45pm **1st Plenary Session**
Chairs: Elias Marsellos, John Comino, George Kanarakis
Elias Marsellos: General introduction to the Symposium
1.00pm **Vic Kepreotis: The Kytherian Australian community welcomes**
1.15pm *the rest of the Kytherian world*
- 1.30pm **Dr Maria Zarimis – University of New South Wales:**
The μαντινάδες (mantinades) and μοιρολόγια (dirges) of Kythera – a cultural evolution
- 1.45pm **Theo Poulos: History of the Karavitiko Symposium Sydney 1967 to present**
2.00pm **Anthea Matis: The story of the Kytherians of Canberra**
2.15pm **Kalie Zervos - Amalia Samios: Tracing your Kytherian roots**
2.30pm Q&A
2.40pm **Afternoon Tea**

Late Afternoon Session

- 3.00pm **2nd Plenary Session**
Chairs: Vic Kepreotis, Peter Prineas, Grace Masselos
3.05pm **Toula Varipatis-Koula Tzannes: Kytherian Kitchen**
3.20pm **Maria Hill: The role of the Australians WWII in Greece**
3.35pm **George Vardas: Where the blue really begins: Kythera and the world of the Ionian Islands**
3.50pm **Manolis Charos: Depicting Kythera**
4.05pm **Yiannis Mavromatis: Agios Theodoros and new hospital of Kythera.**
Similarities and coincidences
- 4.20pm **Peter Vamvakaris: The history of the Kytherian Association of Queensland with ideas for its possible regeneration**
- 4.35pm **Nikolas Glytsos- Intergenerational costs and benefits of Kytherian Migration in Australia**
4.50pm to 5.00pm General Discussion / Q&A
5.00pm to 5.15pm Announcements

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Morning Session

9.00am – 9.50am Arrivals-Registration

10.00am **Outline of day's Programme & announcements**

10.10am **3rd Plenary Session**

Chairs: George Vardas, Emmanuel Cassimatis

10.15am **Mike Sweet:** *Australian war effort in and around Kythera, with reference to Crete. The Story of how an Australian Aboriginal Reg Saunders was stranded on Crete, and was sheltered and saved by a Cretan family. How a generation later the children of Reg Saunders, met up with the children of Vassiliki. This audio-visual presentation chronicles the reunion of these two families*

10.30am **Paul Mathers:** *The Sydney Café*

10.45am **Peter Magiros:** *The Sporting Stadium at Livathi. Current additions to the Stadium. Why it is important for the Diaspora Kytherians to assist the island?*

11.00am **George Kanarakis:** *Two Notable Kytherian Voices in the Literary Landscape of Australia: Anargyros Fatseas and James Galanis*

11.15am – 11.25am **Q&A**

11.25am Morning Tea

Mid-Morning Session

11.45am **4th Plenary Session**

Chairs: George Poulos, George Kanarakis

12.00pm **Emmanuel Cassimatis:** *Ownership and development in Kythera 2014*

12.15pm **Angelo Notaras :** *A future vision for the KAA. Ideas and strategies.*

12.30pm **Melina Mallos:** *"Catch the cat", the first bilingual English and Greek picture book*

12.45pm **George Poulos and Cynthia Cavalenes–Jarvis (Introduction):** *The first public lending Library on Kythera in its 3000 year history (Kondelianika)*

1.00pm – 1.10pm **Q&A**

1.10pm Lunch

Afternoon Session

2.10pm **5th Plenary Session**

Chairs: Vic Kepreotis, Grace Masselos, George Poulos

2.15pm **Effie Tsolakidou – Elias Marsellos:** *Inter-Scientific programs for non-European countries (an Australian project)*

2.30pm **Vikki Vrettos Fraioli and Cynthia Cavalenes–Jarvis:**

The Kytherian Society of California (KSOCA)

2.45pm **Anthony Conomos :** *"Kythera living" your future in Kythera*

3.00pm **Karen Halabi:** *A travel writer's expedition to Kythera. Impressions that the island of Kythera made upon her. Kythera's future as a travel destination*

3.15pm **Anna Cominos:** *Walking in Ancestral Lands. Following on from "12 months on Kythera" talk delivered by Anna Cominos on Kythera*

3.30pm **John Minchin:** *Perseverance, technology and good luck – The search for my Kytherian roots*

3.45pm – 3.55pm **Q&A**

3.55pm Afternoon Tea.

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER (cont)

Late Afternoon Session

- 4.15pm **6th Plenary Session**
Chairs: George Vardas, Nina Conomos, Maria Londy
- 4.20pm **Peter Prineas – Curator Roxy Museum:** *The Roxy Greek Museum at Bingara NSW Australia*
- 4.35pm **Irene Pantazidou:** *Digitisation Notarian and political authorities in the Historic archive of Kythera*
- 4.50 pm **Grace Masselos:** *The Ruminations of a Daughter of a Kytherian Milk Bar Owner - Am I Greek or Australian?*
- 5.05pm **Elias Marsellos:** *A significant Kytherian region in ancient Attica (A political, cultural and economic local administration in the 800's BC)*
- 5.20pm **John Fardoulis:** *The Mentor excavation in Kythera and the Return to Antikythera project (Antikythera Mechanism)*
- 5.35pm **Polytimi Moulou:** *Kytherian traditional dressing: diachronic, historical and technical course and development*
- 5.50pm **General Discussion / Q & A**
- 6.10pm to 6.15pm **Announcements**
- 7.00pm OFFICIAL DINNER DANCE**
Westside Lounge Function Centre Marrickville

SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

- 9.00am to 11.00am Church Service at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church.
Gardeners Road, Kingsford
- 11.00am Morning Tea**
- 11.30am **6th Plenary Session**
Chairs: Elias Marsellos, John Comino, Kathy Samios
- 11.35am *The World of the Kytherians in Action, by Elias Marsellos*
a) *The Kytheraismos Idea for our Intercommunication*
b) *The Institute's of Kytheraismos next steps*
- 11.55am **Sydney: Cultural Capital of Kytheraismos for the period 2014 - 2016**
- 12.00am **Outcomes of Symposium**
- 12.30pm **Awards presented by Professor Elias Marsellos**
- 1.10pm to 2.30pm **CLOSING SPEECHES**

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The world of the Kytherians

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Thematic units of the Symposium

1. The Kytherians of the Antipodes (down under)

- a) Kytherians of Australia – Kytherian migration and endeavour
 - Sydney: The metropolis of the Kytherians abroad (cultural capital of Kytheraismos for the period 2014-2016)
 - Kytherian Australian community welcomes the rest of the Kytherian world
 - Historical events about the Kytherian Australians
- b) Human mapping of the Kytherians in Australia
 - Distribution of Kytherians in Australia (anthropogeography)
 - The first attempts, who, where and how many they are
 - Kytherian Australians professions and other activities (thematic maps)
 - Media and the Arts
 - Local associations
 - Old age care
 - Youth activities of the Kytherian Association of Australia
 - Other activities

2. The social, cultural, political and economic role of the Kytherians of Australia and the rest of the world

- a) The dynamic presence of the Australian community, their political power, their relationship with the Australian and the Hellenic society
 - Achievements in the Australian society
 - Contemporary activities
- b) Working for the world Kytherian community
 - Ecumenical Kytherians of diaspora (who, where, why)
 - Helping with their achievements the wider society

3. The relationship of the Kytherians abroad and the mother land (Kythera)

- a) The attractiveness of the motherland (Kythera)
 - The Kytherian Australians of Kythera
 - Kytherian Australian community: A Kytherian microcosm of Australia or an Australian global village of Kythera?
- b) Kytherian investment activities creating a great economic presence in the world
 - Kytherian Australian villages in Kythera
 - Joint actions, public and private business (sympraxis)
 - Joint venture activities for the private land in Kythera
 - Tourist enterprises
- c) Professional interests of a multi-cultural area
 - Having Greek passport
 - Europeanization (European citizenship)
 - Voting in Kythera, Greece and European Union
 - Working in Greece, in Europe, in Australia and living in Kythera (using new technologies)

d) Educational interests of the next generations

- Study visits in Kythera
- Students bilateral agreements
- Practical training in Kythera

4. Kytherian culture and research

a) Digging our past in Kythera and outside it

- Unknown Kytherian civilization
- Historic and archaeological discoveries
- Special studies and research on Kythera and the Kytherians

b) Working on our Kytherian tradition and roots

- Kytherian Genealogy Research
- Oral history archive
- Kytherian tradition and cultural heritage

5. The diffusion of the Kytheraismos concept to the Kytherians and Philokytherians of the whole planet

a) The Kytheraismos idea for our inter-communication (Where do we go from here?)

- The role of the social media
- The global dimension of the common Kytherian activities
- The pilot projects for the Kytherians all over the world

b) The Institute's of Kytheraismos next steps (as an Institution or as a tool to make it happen)

- The Kytheraismos archive in Kythera and its branches over the whole planet
- Institute's joint efforts with other cultural institutions, charities or other local associations
- The world of the Kytherians in action