



# HELLENISTIC ALEXANDRIA

CELEBRATING 24 CENTURIES

December 13-15, 2017 | Acropolis Museum, Athens Greece

**Under the auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos**

## PROGRAMME

### WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 13, 2017

**18.15** *Departure from the hotel*  
**18:30** *Arrival at the Acropolis Museum*

#### **Opening Ceremony at the Acropolis Museum**

Welcome Addresses by:

- 19.00** Mrs. Marianna V. Vardinoyannis, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO  
President of the "Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation"
- 19.10** Honourable Dr. Mostafa El Feki, Director, The Library of Alexandria
- 19.20** Professor Essam ElKordi, President, Alexandria University
- 19.30** Professor Dimitrios Pandermalis, President of the Acropolis Museum
- 19.40** Professor Christos Zerefos, Academy of Athens
- 19.50** Guest of Honor & Speaker: H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic, Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos

**20.15** Closure with music and voice from Kavafis poesy  
by Stefanos Korkolis (piano) and Maria Manousaki (soprano)

**20.30** *Departure from the Acropolis Museum*  
**20:45** *Arrival at the hotel*

## THURSDAY | DECEMBER 14, 2017

**09:00** *Departure from the hotel*  
**09:15** *Arrival at the Acropolis Museum*

**09.30** Registration

### ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE & ART (1)

**Conveners:** *M. Hatzopoulos, P. Kousoulis*

- 10.00** **Alexandria, the city of Alexander the Great**  
Jean-Yves Empereur, Director of Research, French National Research Center (CNRS)
- 10.20** **Recent discoveries in the Chora of Alexandria**  
Marie-Dominique Nenna, Director of Research, French National Research Center (CNRS), Director of Centre d'Études Alexandrines, Egypt
- 10.40** **1998-2017: Twenty years of underwater archaeological and geophysical surveys in Alexandria by the Greek Mission**  
Harry Tzalas, Founder and President of the Hellenic Institute for Ancient and Medieval Alexandrian Studies, Athens
- 11.00** **The navy of Ptolemaic Alexandria**  
Emad Khalil, Professor, Maritime Archaeology, Alexandria University, Egypt
- Round Table Presentations and Questions and Answers
- 11.20** Discussion
- 11.30** Coffee Break

### ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE & ART (2)

**Conveners:** *S. Hamouda, M. Kenawi*

- 12.00** **Crumbs from the table or archaeological traces of Hellenistic Alexandria - a view from the Kom el-Dikka excavations**  
Grzegorz Majcherek, Head of the Polish Mission excavating Kom el Dikka
- 12.20** **Macedonian elements in Hellenistic Alexandria**  
Dr. Angeliki Kottaridi, Archaeologist, Director of Ephorate for Antiquities of Imathia, Greece
- 12.40** **The presence of the early Greek community in Alexandria: Boubasteion sanctuary**  
Mervat Seif El-Din, Professor, Former Director of the Graeco Roman Museum, Alexandria, Egypt
- 13.00** **The Early Greek presence in Alexandria's Hinterland**  
Mohamed Kenawi, Acting Director, Alexandria Center for Hellenistic Studies, Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- 13.20** **Enhancing the old: Aphrodite Golia in Alexandria**  
Marianne Bergmann, Former Director, Archäologisches Institut, University of Göttingen, Germany
- Round Table Presentations and Questions and Answers
- 13.40** Discussion

**14.00** *Speakers' & Conveners' Lunch at the Restaurant of the Acropolis Museum*

**ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE & ART (3)**

**Conveners:** *M. Awad, C. Carras*

- 15.00** **Gigantic and structurally sound. Building the lighthouse on the island of Pharos**  
Paolo Vitti, Professor, University of Roma Tre, Archaeologist and architect, Member of the Scientific Council of Europa Nostra, Italy
- 15.20** **Believing in the Beyond in Alexandria of Ptolemaic and Imperial Times. The study of some funerary paintings**  
Anne-Marie Guimier-Sorbets, Professor of Greek Archaeology and Art History, University of Paris Ouest, France
- 15.40** **Graeco-Egyptian Elements in the Architectural Mouldings of Hellenistic Alexandria**  
Mona Haggag, Professor of Archaeology, Alexandria University, President of the Archaeological Society in Alexandria, Egypt
- 16.00** **Alexandrians in Ptolemaic Epigraphy. A case study based on the 'Corpus of Ptolemaic Inscriptions' project, Oxford University**  
Kyriakos Savvopoulos, Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents, Oxford University
- Round Table Presentations and Questions and Answers
- 16.20** Discussion
- 16.30** Coffee Break

**ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, LITERATURE & ART (4)**

**Conveners:** *F. Ashraf, S. Moussa*

- 17.00** **Royal Catasterisms: Arsinoe II and Berenice II translated to the heavens in Aratus and Callimachus**  
Dee L. Clayman, Professor of Classics, City University of New York
- 17.20** **The Hellenistic drama in the framework of Alexandrian culture**  
Georgia Xanthaki-Karamanou, Professor, University of the Peloponnese
- 17.40** **From Macedonia to Ptolemaic Alexandria: The Cult of Dionysos Pseudanor**  
Emmanuel Voutiras, Professor, School of History & Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- 18.00** **Philosophy in Hellenistic Alexandria and its sequence**  
Pericles Vallianos, Professor of Political Science, University of Athens
- Round Table Presentations and Questions and Answers
- 18.20** Discussion
- 18.30** End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Conference
- 18.30** *Departure from the Acropolis Museum*  
**18:45** *Arrival at the hotel*
- 20:00** *Cocktail Reception*

## FRIDAY | DECEMBER 15, 2017

**08.30** *Departure from the hotel*  
**08.45** *Arrival at the Acropolis Museum*

**09.00** Registration

### SCIENCE, MEDICINE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Conveners:** *P. Vitti, Chr. Zerefos*

- 09.30** **A brief introduction to the Hellenistic Alexandrian Technology**  
Theodosios Tassios, Professor Emeritus, NTUA, Honorary President of the Hellenic Society of Philosophy, and President of the Society for the Study of Ancient Greek Technology
- 09.45** **Antikythera Mechanism as evidence for Hellenistic technology excellence**  
Xenophon Moussas, Professor in Space Physics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 10.00** **Filon and Heron combined to one automaton**  
Manolis Korres, Professor of Architecture, National Technical University of Athens
- 10.15** **Alexandrian Medicine and its Influence in the West and the East**  
Georgios Chrousos, Professor, Chairman of the First Department of Pediatrics at the Athens University Medical School
- 10.30** **"Space, Time and Motion according to John Philoponus: A prelude for Galileo, DeCartes and Newton"**  
Emmanuel Floratos, Professor Emeritus at Physics, University of Athens, Member of the European Academy of Science (EURASC-Executive Committee)
- 10.45** **The Hellenistic mathematician Archimedes and his renaissance admirer Kepler**  
Eberhard Knobloch, Academician, Prof. Em. for the History of Science and Technology, Berlin University of Technology
- 11.00** **Hellenistic theories of gravitation**  
Lucio Russo, Professor of Mathematics, University of Rome Tor Vergata
- Round Table Presentations and Questions and Answers
- 11.15** Discussion
- 11.30** Coffee Break

## ENVIRONMENT

**Conveners:** *M. Korres, C. Synolakis*

- 12.00 Environmental optics in Hellenistic Alexandria and the case of Pharos**  
Xenophon Moussas, Professor in Space Physics, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens  
Paolo Vitti, Archaeologist and architect, Rome, Italy  
Stylios Zerefos, Hellenic Open University, Greece
- 12.15 Extreme geophysical phenomena in Alexandria**  
Christos Zerefos, Costas Synolakis, Academy of Athens
- 12.30 Paleoclimatic conditions during the Hellenistic period in the Eastern Mediterranean**  
Juerg Luterbacher, Professor, Department of Geography, Climatology, Climate Dynamics and Climate Change, Justus Liebig University of Giessen, Germany
- 12.45 What do paleo climate models tell us about the Hellenistic period in the Eastern Mediterranean?**  
Elena Xoplaki, Professor, Department of Geography, Climatology, Climate Dynamics and Climate Change, Justus Liebig University of Giessen, Germany
- Round Table Presentations and Questions and Answers
- 13.00** Discussion
- 13.15 *Speakers' & Conveners' Lunch at the Restaurant of the Acropolis Museum***

## CULTURAL HERITAGE AND LEGAL ISSUES

**Convener:** *C. Repapis, Chr. Zerefos*

- 14.15 The destruction of Libraries in the course of history and the international law on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict**  
Artemis Papatou, Legal advisor at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, former chairperson of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of Cultural property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Greece
- 14.30 Is the possession of the Parthenon Marbles lawful according to the contemporary English law?**  
Christos Mylonopoulos, Professor of Criminal Law, University of Athens, President of the European and International Criminal Law Institute
- Round Table Presentations and Questions and Answers
- 14.45** Discussion
- 15.00 From Alexandria to Venice: Remembrances of Alexandria in the cultural treasures of Venice**  
Chryssa Maltezou, former Director, Hellenic Institute of Byzantine and Postbyzantine Studies in Venice, Italy, Academy of Athens
- 15.15 Egyptian and Aigyptiote literature as a bridge between two cultures**  
Shaker Moussa, Lecturer of Modern Greek Philology & Comparative Literature, Al-Azhar University, Faculty of Languages & Translation, Cairo, Egypt
- 15.30** Closing Remarks
- 15.45** End of the Conference
- 15.45 *Departure from the Acropolis Museum***  
**16:00 *Arrival at the hotel***