



MANIATAKEION IAPYMA

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Monday, January 21, 2013

Statement by Dimitris Maniatakis, President of the Maniatakeion Foundation titled "The role of universities and Technological Educational Institutes in the development of regional economy" in the Kalamata newspaper "ELEFTERIA" on January 20, 2013

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Study entitled " Local Government & Business strategy: Policies for rapid regional development and effective workforce."

The study analyzed the way in which local government can promote policies for sustainable development through regional planning, which is the "most important tool" for the modernization and strengthening of capacity and combat long-term unemployment. Necessary prerequisite for the success of the project is to strengthen the competitiveness through the cooperation of local government with the business world and with private investors. In this way it is possible to achieve growth of regional economy, which will lead to a faster recovery of the national economy.

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Decision of the Board of Directors of the Maniatakeion Foundation on the Foundation's economic participation in cooperation with the Municipality of Pylos-Nestor for the rehabilitation studies of the damages done to the castle of Koroni.

Specifically, the Board of Directors of the Foundation met in Koroni and decided to finance the underwater archaeological survey around the castle of Koroni and the corresponding cape which will be carried out by the Eforate of Underwater Antiquities.

Sunday, February 3, 2013

Participation of the Director of the Maniatakeion Foundation at the "Messinia 2013 - Year of Gastronomy" event by the Hotel Association of Messinia.

The event aimed to highlight the Messinian land to become an attractive tourist destination, linking the natural beauty and biodiversity eating habits and culinary recommendations of the local cuisine.

March 5 - 7, 2013

Participation of the Director of the Maniatakeion Foundation in the three-day event for the Messinian gastronomy in Costa Navarino.

The three-day event was organized by Captain Vassilis Foundation and the Chamber of Messinia. The purpose of the event was to highlight Messinia - given that almost 20 % of tourists are part of the culinary tourists whilst a large number of persons who choose their holiday destination because of the culinary traditions of region are increasingly growing.

Vicky Iglezou's speech entitled "Mediterranean Diet & Cuisine Messinian: history, legends and traditions" referred to UNESCO's decision on November 16, 2010 to include the Mediterranean Diet in the World treasures of humanity and to declare Koroni as Emblematic Community. Furthermore she stressed that the cultural dimension of the Mediterranean Diet is of economic value. She ended by referring to Messinia as rich in fruit "*kallikarpo*" and nutritional history and gastronomy.

March 11 – 12, 2013

Participation of the Chairman of the Maniatakeion Foundation in a two-day conference entitled "Exporting quality agricultural products" at Costa Navarino.

The purpose of the conference was to inform the overall framework for export activity, export marketing, the method of financing export companies and the quality of food by experts and experienced scientists and entrepreneurs.

Dimitris Μανιατάκης attended a round table on "The right mix for successful exports". In his speech he stated inter alia that although excellent quality products are produced in Greece, the problems faced by companies which want to acquire an export activity is the small production, the non-use of standardization procedures, the sloppiness in marketing strategy and of course Greek bureaucracy.

To overcome these difficulties one should: (a) create in each region an export promoter type C.S.C. (Citizen Service Centre) staffed by experienced executives in exports and would benefit from representatives of operators who participated in the workshop. The executives will henceforward advise companies that wish to gain extrovert orientation and (b) after one year a repetitive meeting should be held in order to check the number of small producers who have observed all that was said so as to have measurable results.

April 5 – 7, 2013

The Maniatakeion Foundation's participation in a three-day Seminar on Environmental Education CEE in Kalamata entitled "Active citizens and sustainable management *in the shade of the olive grandmother.*"

Vicki Iglezou Director of Maniatakeion Foundation, delivered a speech entitled "Mediterranean Diet: The Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity " and focused on the decision taken on November 16, 2010 by UNESCO and the cultural and development perspective of the Mediterranean Diet.

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Purchase of the Automation System Library (ABEKT) from the National Documentation Centre with the perspective of completing the automation of the library of the Foundation and making bibliographical data available. The ABEKT is based on international standards and rules which strengthen the cooperation of libraries both in content and services.

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Financing of the group of Legal Studies of the Athens University to participate in the International Moot Court Competition on the Law of Space "Manfred Lachs", which took place in Rome on May 8 -12, 2013.

The group consisted of the undergraduate students Dimitra Tsakiris, Maria Cambysi, Erasmia Paliatsea and the assistant - coaches Katerina Pitsoli and Stefania Vlachos, under the guidance of George Kyriakopoulos, lecturer of International Law.

Maria Cambysi comes from Koroni, while Erasmia Paliatsea was born and grew up in Kalamata, where she completed her primary and secondary education.

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Interview given to the newspaper "Eleftheria" Kalamata on May 18, 2013 by Dimitris Maniatakis, Chairman of the Maniatakeion Foundation, entitled "What should be done to get out of the crisis".

Monday, June 3, 2013

Participation of the Maniatakeion Foundation at the conference titled "The Greece of Bocaccio" organized by the Italian Cultural Institute in Athens in cooperation with the Department of Italian Language and Literature of the National Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Michael Cacoyannis Foundation.

The seminar focused on the aspects of the work of the founder of the Italian novella relating to Greece. The idea was Professor Andrea Nanetti's, member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation while Mr. Andreas Riziotis, member of the Advisory Committee of the Foundation translated the "Decameron".

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Meeting of representatives of the Maniatakeion Foundation, representatives of the Municipality Pylos-Nestor and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania for the promotion of the Mediterranean Diet.

The purpose of the meeting was to promote the Mediterranean Diet with targeted actions across Greece. The meeting decided to sign a Cooperation Protocol between the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, the Municipality Pylos-Nestor, the Maniatakeion Foundation, the Foundation Captain Vassilis and the A'T.E.I. of Peloponnese in order to promote the Mediterranean Diet as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and to create a development model with cultural, social,

historical, nutritional, culinary , environmental actions etc.

July 5-6, 2013

Cooperation of Maniatakeion Foundation with the Municipality of Pylos-Nestor in the organization of the Mediterranean Diet Festival in Koroni.

Schedule: *Friday, July 5, 2013, Conference entitled "Best Practices".*

Greetings: Dimitris Kafantaris, Mayor of Pylos-Nestor and Athanasios Tsaftaris, Minister of Rural Development & Food

Speeches:

Vicky Iglezou, Director of the Maniatakeion Foundation: "Mediterranean Diet & Messinian kitchen: The history and tradition were assessed by UNESCO"

Xenophon Kappas, Director of the Foundation Captain Vassili: "Foundation Captain Vassili and the sustainable agricultural production in Messinia"

Aristides Stamatakis, Head of Laboratory Soil and leaf analysis of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania: "Production of safe agricultural products"

George Kokkinos, President of the Non-profit organization Local Quality Pact of Pylos-Nestor: "Presentation of the Local Pact Quality of the Municipality Pylos-Nestor"

Saturday, July 6, 2013, Conference entitled: **"Enhancing the quality of olive oil through the PDO: the role of tasting, promotion and preservation of local products"**

Greetings:

Dimitris Kafantaris, Mayor of Pylos-Nestor,

Speeches:

Athanasios Tsaftaris, Minister of Rural Development and Food: "Politics and actions of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food"

Thanassis Mavroulis, President of the Institute for Messinian Products Designation of Origin: "The quality of the PDO olive oil. Why and for whom"

Panayiotis Dimitrakopoulos, Member of the Panel group of organoleptic ΕΣΒΙΤΕ Laboratory: "The sensory evaluation and the quality of the oil."

Dr. Vasilis Dimopoulos, Team Leader Laboratory tasting of olive oil A'TEI Kalamata: "Sommeliers characteristics of Messinian Award winner of the olive oil tasting tender"

Parallel events:

- Exhibition of local products, Town Hall Square.
- Exhibition of paintings by students of the elementary school of Koroni, "The Mediterranean Diet through the eyes of students" in the Maniatakeion Foundation.
- Piano concert by John Symko at the Maniatakeion Foundation on Friday evening.
- Proclamation of the Young Ambassador of the Mediterranean Diet for the year

2013 at "Molos Square" on Saturday evening.

- Traditional dances at Molos Square on Saturday evening.

Monday, July 15, 2013

Publication of a book entitled "John Kambysis: The work, life and the survival of his work on the internet".

The Foundation has undertaken to publish the thesis of Panagiota Konstantopoulou from Chrisokelaria, given that this version will contribute to the promotion of the knowledge of the region of Koroni, preservation of its cultural heritage and passing it down to the younger generations.

Sunday, July 28, 2013

Visit of a 15-member team of Chinese officials to the Maniatakeion Foundation in Athens.

In the context of internationalization activities the Maniatakeion Foundation scheduled a meeting with a 15 members team of experts in the maintenance of cultural heritage. Their visit to Greece was to monitor a workshop titled "Maintenance of Historical Monuments: methods and techniques" and was organized by Professor Andrea Nanetti and the Meduproject company. During the meeting the possibilities of cooperation for the realization of a workshop in Koroni entitled "Enhanced Maintenance Monuments" was discussed.

Wednesday, August 6, 2013

Financing the operations for undergrounding cables and decommissioning columns of Electricity at the Sanctuary of "Panagia Eleistria".

The work on completion of the project included the amplification of electrical installations and the transport of the cables to a central point as formerly to the beautifying the religious, historical monuments and the natural environment, comes the security of the region. After the cables were undergrounded and the pillars of PPC removed, a Pilgrimage park with religious, scientific, cultural and touristic was the outcome.

Friday, August 9, 2013

Ceremony in memory of the late folk painter and musician Panayiotis Giallelis at the Sanctuary of "Panagia Eleistria" in Koroni.

The purpose of the event was the emergence of the personality of Koroni identified with the rituals of the area.

Friday, August 23, 2013

Launching of the book "John Kambysis: The life, work and survival of his work on the internet" at Yannis Kambysis Square in Koroni.

The purpose of the event was to promote the cultural heritage of Koroni.

September 27 – 28, 2013

Meeting of the representatives of the Emblematic Communities for the Mediterranean Diet in Pollica Italy.

The purpose of the meeting was to update the joint strategic plan for the Mediterranean Diet. The Mayor of Pylos-Nestor Palace and the Director of the Maniatakeion Foundation attended the meeting on behalf of Koroni. The representatives of the Emblematic Communities signed a draft Cooperation Protocol for the Mediterranean Diet titled European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation which will be submitted for approval to the European Union and after having received the final approval, the Statute Rules of Cooperation will be drafted. With the submission of the Protocol in question, the Emblematic Communities claim funding support in order to enhance their efforts in research, science and communication level and be able to spread the culture of the Mediterranean diet. The decisions of the meeting were:

- 1) Participation of the Emblematic Communities in the Expo 2015 exhibition, with a common pavilion dedicated to the Mediterranean diet. The report on "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life" will be a unique opportunity for the dissemination of the specific characteristics of the Mediterranean diet.
- 2) Submission of a proposal to UNESCO to establish November 16 as the World Day of the Mediterranean Diet. This particular day is in a way an anniversary since on November 16, 2010 the Mediterranean diet was recorded in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and Koroni, Chefchaouen, Cilento and Soria were proclaimed as Emblematic Communities. Thus, if there is a positive response from UNESCO, every year, starting from 2014, the representatives of the Emblematic Communities will have to decide in turn which Emblematic Community is to organize the events.
- 3) Republication and promotion of Ancel Keys's book «Eat well and stay well».
- 4) Submission of a joint proposal to UNESCO in order to set up a Center for Research on the Mediterranean diet "Angelo Vassallo" a branch of the World Bank's Knowledge and Tradition".

October 15–18, 2013

Participation of the Maniatakeion Foundation at the 26th Conference organized by the Greek Society for Horticultural Science.

The Maniatakeion Foundation financially supported the Congress with the amount of EUR 200 (two hundred Euros). This sponsoring package included (a) the illustration of the logo of the Foundation's website regarding the sponsors of the Congress. (b) exhibiting the logo of the Foundation on a large poster outside of the conference rooms where the Congress would be held and (c) demonstrating the logo of the Foundation on the last page of the book that would include summaries of the Congress.

November 20 – 22, 2013

The inaugural meeting of all partners of "ST-ART APP" was held in Ravenna, Italy.

The purpose of the "ST-ART APP" program, financed by the European Commission, is to develop entrepreneurial skills in the field of Cultural Heritage. The implementation of the program involved 10 partners from 7 European countries.

Professor Andrea Nanetti, member of the Board of Directors and director Vicky Iglezou attended, representing the Maniatakeion Foundation.

Friday, November 29, 2013

Workshop entitled "Past, Present and Future of Electricity Companies" in Municipal Theatre of Kalamata.

The purpose of the workshop was to present the extremely important role of the energy sector as a strategic "pillar" for the modernization and sustainable development of the national economy and to improve the level of social prosperity. The event was under the auspices of the Municipality of Kalamata and the support of Public Power Corporations S.A.

Greetings were delivered by Dimitris Maniatakis, Chairman of the Maniatakeion Foundation and by Panagiotis Nikas, Mayor of Kalamata.

The following participants included:

Assimakis Papageorgiou, Deputy Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change,

Arthur Zervos, President and CEO of PPC S.A.

George Stamtsis, Deputy Director General at Hellenic Association of Independent Power Producers

Anthony Natsikas, President of DESFA,

George Kollias President and CEO HEDNO S.A.

Michalis Papadopoulos, NTU Professor Emeritus, former President of Hellenic Transmission System Operator

George Damascus, Director General of Human Resources PPC S.A.

The workshop ended with the opening of the photographic exhibition with the Historical Archive of the PPC S.A. on "PPC and electrification of Greece".