

## **PROGRAMME**

**ATHENS, Thursday, 2 July**  
**Old Parliament House-National Historic Museum**  
**Opening 7:30 pm**

**Nikos Zias**, Professor, President of the Scientific Committee of Pylia and of the European Centre for Byzantine and Post Byzantine Monuments

**Gherardo Ortalli**, Professor of Medieval History at the University of Venice and Member of the Governing Board of the Istituto Veneto

**Gilles Grivaud**, Professor of Medieval History at the University of Rouen

**Ioannis Tzoannos**, Professor of Finance at the Athens University of Economics and Business and Secretary General of the Ministry of Mercantile Marine, Aegean and Island Policy

Chair: **Petros Themelis**, Professor of Classical Archaeology at the University of Crete and President of the Society for Messenian Archaeological Studies

**The Conference will be honoured by the attendance of**  
**Dimitris Sioufas, President of the Hellenic Parliament,**  
**Gianpaolo Scarante, Italian Ambassador in Greece and**  
**Christophe Farnaud, French Ambassador in Greece.**

## **CORONI, MESSINIA**

### **Friday, 3 July**

The Municipality of Koroni will declare the President of the Hellenic Parliament, Dimitris Sioufas, an official citizen of Koroni in the forecourt of the Holy Church of Panagia Eleistria.

Event starts at **19:30** hours.

The President of the Hellenic Parliament, Dimitris Sioufas, will inaugurate the exhibition of engravings from the collection of D. Papanikolopoulos entitled 'Koroni and Venetian Rule' which will be on display at the Maniatakeion Foundation for three days.

Event starts at **21:00** hours.

### **Saturday, 4 July**

The second part of the International Conference will be held in the forecourt of the Holy Church of Panagia Eleistria. The Conference will be opened by the President of the Hellenic Parliament, Dimitris Sioufas.

Opening **9:30 am**

Session 1. **09:30 – 11:30**

#### **Speakers:**

**G. Scarante**, Italian Ambassador to Greece

**N. Stefanou**, Economist, Secretary General of the Hellenic Parliament

**P. Themelis**, Professor of Classical Archaeology at the University of Crete and President of the Society of Messenian Archaeological Studies

**S. Mousouris**, former Assistant Secretary General of the UN

**B. Papastavrou**, President of Agrotouristiki S.A.

Chair: **Metropolitan of Messenia, His Eminence Chrysostomos**

Session 2. **11:30 – 13:00**

#### **Speakers:**

**A. Kostakis**, Professor of Medicine at the University of Athens

**E. Chalkia**, Archaeologist, Director of the 26th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities

**F. Zappi**, Executive Producer RAI TV

**N. Kontogiannis**, Archaeologist, 23rd Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities

**G. Mergos**, Professor of Economic Sciences at the University of Athens

Chair: **Dimitris Maniatakis**

At the end of the Conference proceedings, between **13:15 and 13:45** pm, the Chairman of the Foundation, Dimitris Maniatakis, will announce a competition for the establishment of a cultural park which will seek to unify the religious, archaeological and tourist areas of Koroni and will also announce the decision of the Foundation's Board of Directors to establish an Institute.

### **Sunday, 5 July**

Delegates will be taken on a tour of Ancient Messene by Petros Themelis, President of the Society for Messenian Archaeological Studies, at **10:00** am.