



NEWSLETTER

February 2010

AHDR Elects New Board

AHDR elected a new Board of Directors at its General Constitutional Assembly on 11 February 2010. We are delighted to welcome the members of the new Board: Alev Tuğberk, Chara Makriyianni, Charis Psaltis, Derviş Çomunoğlu, Fezile Işık, Kyriakos Pachoulides, Lukas Perikleous, Meltem Onurkan Samani, Rena Choplarou, and Stavroula Philippou. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our previous Board members all the best in their future endeavors.

Film Screenings Continue in March

AHDR invites you the next series of film screenings, featuring films that showcase the history of the struggle for civil rights. Along with showing one of the earliest films of the feminist movement, there will be a special focus on the role played by music, such as jazz and blues, in the civil rights movement. Following the screening of each film, there will be discussions led by Dr. Peter Rutkoff, Professor of American Studies at Kenyon College and AHDR Board Member Rena Choplarou. Screenings will take place at the J. William Fulbright Centre. This event is organized as part of the AHDR MIDE project and is supported by the Cyprus Fulbright Commission.

11 March, 18.30 - Salt of the Earth
17 March, 19.30 - Eyes on the Prize
18 March, 19.30 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
23 March, 18.30 - Deep Blues
24 March, 18.30 - Bird

History Connections Accepting Applications for July 2010

Please visit our website for information about applying to History Connections, a summer institute in Ohio, USA, on American history. Four Cypriot educators are invited to take part in the program.

Message from Dr. Chara Makriyianni, AHDR Board Member

Dear History Education Fans,

Welcome to the new AHDR Newsletter. We have just come off a very busy January – reflecting on the AHDR achievements, revisiting goals, enriching action plans has been a challenging yet rewarding process. So much has happened at AHDR since our last issues, so sit back, relax and enjoy our February newsletter: New Board, film screenings on the history of the struggle for civil rights, grant and study visit opportunities, highlights from the AHDR publications collection, presentation of research findings, Home for Cooperation developments, and information on upcoming as well as past events.

We welcome information about what is happening with history education in your “part of the world”. If you have read a remarkable book on some aspect of history teaching, or watched an inspirational movie, or took part in a great educational activity, write us a review. If you have any remarks on the newsletter, or wish to let us know about other events, suggest topics for short articles or wish to share ideas, please send those in too.

Cooperation is the process of acting together on the basis of mutual respect.

Warmest regards, Chara

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BREAKING GROUND FOR INTER-COMMUNAL RELATIONS WITH THE HOME FOR COOPERATION

“Food Unites all Cypriots”

AHDR’s contribution to revitalizing the Green Line was celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Home for Cooperation on 6 February 2010.

As many as 100 participants joined in the celebrations that marked the beginning of construction works to the Home for Cooperation. The “Groundbreaking Fiesta” which took place in front of the Home for Cooperation, opposite the Ledra Palace Hotel in the UN buffer zone and was celebrated with a street festival in the traditional Cyprus style with grilled meat, zivania and music.



The AHDR first began working on this unique and pioneering effort three years ago. The Home for Cooperation represents the first time a structure in the Buffer Zone, which will be restored and brought back to life in an effort led by civil society.

The Home for Cooperation, expected to open in early 2011, will be a shared center for inter-communal interaction concentrating on education and intercultural dialogue, hosting a library and archive, conference and exhibition spaces, and offices.



RENA CHOPLAROU’S ARTICLES ON HISTORY EDUCATION FEATURED IN THE PRESS

AHDR Board member Rena Choplarou has written two important articles regarding the issue of history teaching, both of which have recently been published in Politis newspaper.

Defensive and Reformative Voices on the Pedagogy of Peace, Coexistence and History Teaching, examines the two schools of thought regarding recent discussions concerning educational reform in the Greek Cypriot part of Cyprus.

History with a capital “H” or histories with small “h”, is Choplarou’s account and personal reflection of an international conference she and other AHDR Board members attended in Athens in November 2009 entitled: “The image of the other in post conflict societies. Learning different histories as a means of building trust.”

To read both these articles in full please visit the AHDR’s website at: <http://www.cyprus-tube.com/historical-dialogue/>

DERVIŞ ÇOMUNOĞLU REPRESENTS AHDR AT 1ST KTÖS INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Turkish Cypriot Teachers Trade Union KTÖS organized a conference on 9-10 February 2010 titled “**The Role of the State in Education**”. Topics covered included: basic education rights i.e. education to all, labor rights, performance criteria measurements, revising textbooks in multicultural contexts, including parent associations’ in decision making processes. An 8-point declaration was approved during the conference, which will be published shortly. Board member Derviş Çomunoğlu represented AHDR at the meeting.

KYRENIA IN HISTORY STUDY TOUR

Participants see Kyrenia through new eyes!

20 participants took part in a study tour of Kyrenia organised by the POST Research Institute with the support AHDR on 30 January 2010.

The tour was a unique opportunity to engage teachers, educators, researchers and history lovers from across Cyprus with the amazing cultural and historical sites of Kyrenia in a multi-perspective atmosphere, enabling participants to see the city from another perspective.



The tour was organised under the auspices of POST’s latest one-year project, *Education for Peace III*, funded by the European Union. The Nicosia Cultural Treasure tour was held on 21 November 2009, and two additional tours will be organised to Limassol-Famagusta and Larnaca within the next few months. For further information please contact: info@postri.org.

CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT TEAM January 2010 Newsletter

AHDR would like to thank the European Union Civil Society Support Team (CSST) for highlighting the work of the Association in its recent newsletter. To view the newsletter and learn more about the valuable efforts of the CSST to strengthen civil society in Cyprus, please visit www.siviltoplum.eu.

Multiperspectivity and Intercultural Dialogue in Education (MIDE) is supported by the United Nations Development Programme – Action for Cooperation and Trust (UNDP-ACT). The European Commission partially supports one of AHDR’s latest research projects on Representations of History.



MIDE PROJECT NEWS

Please contact AHDR Board Member Dr Chara Markiyianni and/or AHDR Advisor Rana Zincir Celal for further information about the MIDE Project.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AHDR LIBRARY

We are pleased to announce that a 426 page book titled ***Traditional Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot Weddings*** is now available in our library. The book is written by two Turkish Cypriot folk-arts and ethnology researchers Mahmut İslamoğlu and Şevket Öznur and is available in Turkish and English. In covering both traditional Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot wedding, it describes preparations for weddings; wedding nights; traditional food, costumes and music associated with local wedding celebrations of the time.

Another book of interest is ***Cypriot Costumes in the National Historical Museum: The World of Cyprus at the Dawn of the 20th Century***, written by G. Giorgis, I. Mazarakis-Ainian, E. Rizopoulou-Egoumenidou, D. Gangadi and O. Fakatselli. It presents in detail 19th and 20th century Cypriot costumes from both communities, along with texts about the socio-political life of the island.

Both works can be used by educators as supplementary educational materials, in conjunction with lesson plans that have been developed as part of a series of workshops organized by the Council of Europe in cooperation with AHDR and Teacher Trade Unions on ***"Women in Cyprus – as reflected in Wedding Traditions of 19th and 20th Century"*** and ***"Women's Role and Weddings in Cyprus."***

We invite you to use these books and lesson plans. Please visit our library where MIDE friends can provide you with free volumes of AHDR and Council of Europe publications.

RESEARCH

One of the research studies, co-financed by UNDP-ACT and the EU Commission, is the ***Oral History Accounts Collection***. This study focuses on 4 villages, 2 formerly mixed and 2 mono-communal villages neighbouring the 2 mixed villages. The study aims to investigate the representations of past, present and future of 30 inhabitants of these 4 villages. The collection of these oral accounts through interviews and questionnaires has been completed, revealing exciting insights to the life of people in mixed villages and the way in which inhabitants of the mixed villages related to neighbouring mono-communal villages. Interviewing both Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot inhabitants of the same or neighbouring villages proved an interesting way to compare the perceptions of people from the two communities on events that shaped their lives. Men and women over 65 who lived in the villages during 1955-1964 or 1955-1974 participated in the study. The findings of the research, which will be shared in the form of reports and utilized in supplementary educational materials, will help to promote better understanding of inter-communal dynamics, including the factors which help or hinder relations. It will also shed light on the realities of co-habitation in the past, which can often be neglected or mishandled in accounts of the past.

PARTNER EVENTS



"Historians and Conflict Resolution: The Challenge of Advocacy to Scholarship"

15 March 2010, 19.00 @ CCMC

PRIO Cyprus Centre will be hosting a seminar with Elazar Barkan, Professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and founder and former director of the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation.



2-DAY TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP

19 and 20 March 2010

As part of the Education for Peace III project sponsored by the European Commission, POST Research Institute, with the support of the AHDR, will be holding a 2-day interactive teacher training workshop with experts Zvi Bekerman (Israel), Jamie Byrom (UK) and Peter Rutkoff (US).

For further information and/or to receive an application form, please contact: info@postri.org.



TRAINING COURSES Cyprus Community Media Centre (CCMC)

CCMC is offering an array of training courses in Spring 2010. Training covers a range of topics from Audio Production to Social Networking. The training sessions are open to NGOs and people working on reconciliation / multicultural initiatives. For further information please contact: sarah@cypruscommunitymedia.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COUNCIL OF EUROPE RETURNS TO CYPRUS IN APRIL 2010



“Developing intercultural communication skills when learning history in a multicultural context: pupils’ assessment in focus”

Friday 16 and Saturday 17 April 2010 sees the return of the Council of Europe workshops to Nicosia.

Friday 16 March will consist of various presentations from key note international and local speakers, including Ms Tatiana Minkina-Milko (Deputy Head of the History Education Division, Council of Europe), AHDR and Teacher Trade Union representatives, as well as international Education Consultants.

Saturday 17 March will consist of three parallel workshops lead by Cypriot trainers and animated by international experts John Hammer (UK), Catherine Thompson (UK) and Chris Rowe (UK).

Each workshop session will be organised in an interactive way and will have a specific pedagogical focus reflected in the programme.

For further information regarding any of these upcoming events, or if you would like to be included in our mailing list, please contact: ahdr.mide@gmail.com

EUROCLIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE A Bridge Too Far? Teaching Common European History, Themes, Perspectives and Levels

22-28 March 2010: The Annual Conference will take place on 22-28 March 2010 in the vicinity of the city of Nijmegen in the Eastern part of the Netherlands. The full and intensive Programme consists of lectures and round table discussions dedicated to the Canon of 50 Windows to Dutch History and Culture, interactive workshops offering room to share learning in methods and innovative practices, study visits and on-site learning in the vicinity of Nijmegen where participants will explore a set of common topics in European History: Roman Times, Christianity and Islam, Industrial Revolution, Second World War and Cold War Period.

For more information: Maria Kazamiaki, EUROCLIO Secretariat, maria@euroclio.nl.

For the latest EUROCLIO News: <http://www.euroclio.eu>

PUBLICATIONS

HISTORY EDUCATION IN DIVIDED CYPRUS - NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE IN GREEK AND TURKISH

Yiannis Papadakis’ report, **History Education in Divided Cyprus: A Comparison of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Schoolbooks on the “History of Cyprus”**, is now available electronically in Greek and Turkish.

To download a copy, please visit the following links:

Greek: <http://www.prio.no/upload/Report-History%20Education%20Grk-web.pdf>

Turkish: http://www.prio.no/upload/Report-History%20Education%20Trk_WEB.pdf

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

ENGAGE – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

“ENGAGE do your part for peace” is a joint project of the NGO Support Centre and The Management Centre, which is funded by the UNDP-ACT.

The ENGAGE project has made available 100,000 Euro for the small grants programme, to ensure the capacity of civil society is strengthened. The grant is open to CSO’s, CSO networks and other civil society initiatives. Applications of between 2,000 and 10,000 Euros will be reviewed.

Eligible applicants may submit an application throughout the duration of the project starting 22 January 2010 until March 2011, providing there are still funds available.

The application form and other relevant documents can be obtained from the NGO Support Centre (www.ngo-sc.org) and The Management Centre (www.mc-med.eu).

CYPRUS FULBRIGHT COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BACHELORS AND MASTERS DEGREES

The Fulbright Commission announces the tests currently required for the undergraduate (bachelor’s) and graduate (master’s) scholarships for study in the United States. For details on scholarship eligibility criteria and testing, including dates and registration procedures, please visit our website: www.fulbright.org.cy

HOME FOR COOPERATION CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGINS!

Monday 8 February 2010 saw the construction crews begin their first day of work on the Home for Cooperation!

The occasion was marked by a street festival celebration on Saturday 6 February which was great success with around 100 people enjoying the grilled meats, zivania and music on offer.

Construction work is due to last a year and by early 2011 the doors of the newly restored Home for Cooperation will be open!

The idea behind the Educational and Research Centre resulted from the efforts of the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research to create a shared space, an inter-communal, multi-functional Educational Centre in the UN buffer zone of Cyprus with Conference, Museum and Exhibition rooms, a Centre for Archives, a Research and Education centre for children and educators, a Library and a workplace for researchers and organisations with a shared vision of cooperation.

The Home for Cooperation project is approved under the EEA (European Economic Area) Financial Mechanisms by the donors Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein that will contribute most of the overall costs. It is supported by individuals, organisations, local authorities in Cyprus and abroad, embassies and UNFICYP and has received significant donations by Switzerland and Sweden. Contributions were also made by friends and members of the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, historical and intellectual societies and organisations, academics

and civil society in Cyprus, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, United Kingdom, and United States of America.

If you would like to contribute in some way, donations can be made directly to the bank account, specifically opened for the funding of the Home for Cooperation project with:

Société Générale Bank

Account number: 32-38068-0081-01-8 EUR

IBAN: CY81 0120 0032 0380 6800 8101 8978

SWIFT Code: SOGECY.2N

To keep up to date with the latest developments of the renovations of this important building, be sure to watch this space!



RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

THANKS to all those who have renewed their AHDR membership and also thank you for sending your updated contact details, which will help us greatly to strengthen our communication.

Should you wish to renew your membership, simply visit our website at <http://www.hisdialresearch.org/membership.htm> and email us your completed form at hisdialresearch@yahoo.com.

If you have changed your contact details, please, remember to send us your updated details and new email address to enable us to provide you with all the news on time.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome your ideas, thoughts, lesson plans, photographs, drawings, research findings, articles, news, links and suggestions at:
hisdialresearch@yahoo.com

We thank you for your continued support!