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### **2<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of Culture and Tourism - YPERIA 2004. Aigiali, Amorgos, Greece.**

We are pleased to announce that the 2<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of Culture and Tourism, YPERIA 2004 took place successfully from 15 to 20 of April 2004 at AEGIALIS Hotel in Aegiali – Amorgos Island in Cyclades and welcomed 40 journalist representatives from different countries and about an equal number of Greek journalists, representatives of the daily and periodical press, radio stations and ALPHA TV & TV Poland.

This year's conference was dedicated to the Olympic Games on the occasion of their return to the country where they were born and revived in Athens in 1896.

On the 15 of April, 1<sup>st</sup> day of YPERIA 2014, Mrs. Irene Giannakopoulos, President of the Cultural Association of Tholaria and hostess of the Convention "YPERIA 2004" welcomed the guests and announced the Opening of the Cultural events of the Convention.

The Convention started with a speech on "*The influence of the Olympic Games on Tourism, Culture and Sports*" by Mrs. Irene Giannakopoulos, President of the Cultural Association, followed by the greetings of Mr. Nikolaos Fostieris, Mayor of Amorgos. An exhibition by Mr. Michael Constant – a French Painter with works inspired by the Countryside and Architecture of Amorgos as well as a painting Exhibition of the Greek Bulgarian Painter Janneta Nalbanti took place. Followed the "*Olympic Idea*" by Mr. Antonis Natsios – Professor and Writer

The President of European Federation Tourist Press Mr. Antonio Conte handed to Mrs. Irene Giannakopoulos an honored plate for her contribution to the tourism progress of Amorgos and the unique organization of this year's Convention "YPERIA 2004".

Dinner was served at the "Ambrosia" Restaurant of Aegialis Hotel with the accompaniment of traditional music.

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> of April, the guests visited Lagada village in Aegiali and the old church of Panagia Epanochoriani, where are located the icons of Panagia Hozoviotissa.

At noon they went to Chora (capital of the island) to watch the traditional festival of the local sweet Pasteli preparation. They visited churches and the Castle of Chora and then they went to the Monastery of Panagia Hozoviotissa.

In the afternoon the guests watched the following speeches:

"*The Olympic Games and The Press*" by Mr. Manolis Lignos, Lawyer - Journalist & president of the "Cycladic Press" Union

"*Olympic Games & Tourist Publications*" by Mrs. Katerina Marinaki – Journalist, Editor of the newspaper "Small Cyclades"

"*Paris 1900 – The day after*" by Michel Constant – Artist from Paris.

"*History of Ancient Olympia – women champions*" by the journalist – writer Mr. Sarantos Kargakos

"*Kallipatira – The first woman joined the Olympic Games*" by Mrs. Maria Karavia – Journalist of the newspaper "Kathimerini".

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*"The relationship of business with Olympic Movement and the Organization of the Olympic Games"* by Mrs. Nelly Capsi, Journalist – Writer

Amorgos in pictures *"Architecture and The Natural Environment – The importance of their conservation"* by Mr. Antonis Vlavianos, Architect and vice President of the "Amorgians" Association

*"Olympic Games ATHENS 2004 – mega events and Greek Tourism: Another chance."* By Mr. Chris Nicolaidis, Consular – Member of Scientific Committee of the Olympic Games – Professor of the Greek Open University

Dinner was served at the "Ambrosia" Restaurant of Aegialis Hotel with the accompaniment of traditional music by local musicians Mr. Stamatis Giannakopoulos (violin) and Mr. Nikos Vazeos (lute)

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, guests were introduced to the History of Amorgos. They visited the Archeological Collection in Chora and the tour guide Mr. George Vlavianos showed them the Ancient Tower in Agia Triada in Arkesini village.

In the afternoon the Works of the Convention started with a speech from Mrs. Politou – Xarvalia Argyro, Journalist of the newspaper of Kea island "O Kiparissos" and followed with the impressive speech *"History of the Olympic Games – Olympic Torch – The Mascots of the Olympic Games"* by the Official Representative of the "Athens 2004" Committee; *"Lavrio – Olympic Port. The importance for the connection with the Cycladic Islands"* by Representative of the Lavrio Port Authorities; *"The expected effect of the Olympic Games on the Tourism Sector of the country"* by Mr. Manos Chatzimanolas – Representative of the Hellenic Tourist Organization of G. Britain & Ireland and ended with a video screening by Mrs. Tania Minogianni.

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Projection of the movie "The Big Blue" by Luc Besson, filmed on Amorgos.

On their last day, guests visited the villages of Potamos and Tholaria. They had lunch on the square in front of the church of Tholaria and had the opportunity to watch traditional dances from the local dance group. The traditional food was offered by the Restaurants of Tholaria.

In the evening a Classical Music Concert by the String Octet of the National Orchestra of Athens, under the direction of the Maestro Mr. Pandelis Despotides took place at Aegialis Hotel.

The farewell dinner was served at the "Ambrosia" Restaurant of Aegialis Hotel.

We address special thanks to Amorgos Municipality, to the Port of Lavrion Organization, to the Association of Amorgos and all the companies offering their products.

Warm thanks also to Lakki restaurant that offered a lunch for all delegates, to Mrs Artimis in Lagada and to all the restaurants in Tholaria who offered food for the buffet held in the village. (Vigla, Thalassino Oneiro, Santouraki, Xorevtis, Panorama, Mr, Nicholas Economides and Kali Kardia).

Thanks also to the musicians Stamatis Giannakopoulos and Nikos Vazaios, to the young dancers Popi Koveou, Michalis & Stephanos Gavalas and Stephanos Vekri.

Thanks to Mrs Argiro Gavala to demonstrate traditional cooking for the television broadcast station ALPHA TV.

Finally, sincere thanks to Mr. Costas Malandraki in Katapola and his wife Catherine for their hospitality to the Blue Moon.

Sincerely,

**Irene Giannakopoulos**

**President of the Cultural Association**