REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE IN 1993

I. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. Research Programmes

In 1993, the Institute for Balkan Studies has been engaged in research significant both within Greece and abroad. This research involved individual and collective studies done by the Institute’s research-associates, as well as by external ones, assigned to carry out studies within their particular field. The Institute is conducting the following research programmes:

1. A three-year research programme on Thrace from antiquity to modern times, with the participation of professors from Greek and foreign universities, Institute researchers and researchers from the Academy of Athens. Twenty-two researchers are participating in the programme: the Institute has already begun publishing their findings as monographs. The particular works that have already been published are: X. KOTZAGEORGI - A. PANAGIOTOPoulos, Νεότερη και Σύγχρονη Ιστορία της Θράκης. Βιβλιογραφικός Οδηγός, Thessaloniki 1993 (IMΧΑ 253) and E. ZEGKINES, Οι Μουσουλμάνοι Αθίγγανοι της Θράκης, Thessaloniki 1994 (IMΧΑ 255).

2. Research and studies on the history of Northern Greece, with particular emphasis placed on the history of Macedonia both throughout history and in modern times, and on the expansionist policies of its neighbours to the north. Thus far, within the framework of this programme, archival material from Western Europe and from the U.S.A. have been researched, and initial findings in the following fields have been published: a. Resur.gent. Irredentism. Documents on Skopje “Macedonian” Nationalist Aspirations (1934-1992), ed. by B. Kondis, K. Kentrotis, S. Sfetas, Y. D. Stefanidis, Thessaloniki 1993 (IMΧΑ 251). b. Η επεκτατική πολιτική των Σκοπίων. Συλλογή εγγράφων (1934-1992), ed. by B. Kondis, K. Kentrotis, S. Sfetas, Y. Stefanidis, Thessaloniki 1993 (IMΧΑ 254).
3. A research programme on the Greeks of Albania from the establishment of the state of Albania until today. Five researchers are participating in the programme; a collection of archival material from Greece, Albania, Italy, Great Britain, the U.S.A. and France is included, the greater part of which has been completed. Already being prepared for printing is a collection of documents from foreign archives dealing with the Greek minority in Albania during the period of 1921-1993: *The Greek Minority in Albania: A Documentary Record, 1921-1993*. In addition, the Institute for Balkan Studies is conducting research on the Chams issue during the period of 1923-1945, based on primary sources from Greek and foreign archives.

4. Institute associates have, upon approval from and in collaboration with the General Secretariat of Greeks Abroad, already begun a research programme on Greek Communities in Bulgaria, which deals with their history throughout the last two centuries. The programme is due to last one and a half years, at which time it is estimated that the research findings will be published.

5. Finally, the Institute for Balkan Studies is also carrying out a research programme pertaining to the Bulgarian occupation of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace (1941-1944), based on archival material from Great Britain, the U.S.A., and Greek state archives in Thessaloniki and Athens.

2. Activities of our consultants and scholar-associates

The President of the Institute, Prof. Antonios-Aimilios N. Tachiaos:

On August 30-September 3, 1993, in Bratislava, Slovakia, he took part in the International Congress of Slavic Studies and the meeting of the International Committee of Slavists.

On April 4, 1993, he gave a lecture to a crowded audience, organized in Florina by the Association of Monasteriotes, on: “The Role of Greek Diaspora in the World of the Slavs”.

The Director of the Institute, Prof. Basil Kondis:

On May 12-13, he took part in the congress on: “Greek -Turkish Relations: Trends and Perspectives”, organized in Athens by the ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy), with a communication on: “The Role of Turkey in Albania”.

On May 21-24, he participated in the congress on: “Hellenism Today. Crisis and Overcoming”, organized in Athens by the Co-ordinating Center
of Hellenism, with a communication on: “The Genesis of the Northern Epirus Question: The Historical Dimension”.

Finally, on September 22-27, he took part in the congress on: “Eastern Orthodoxy in a Post-Communist World”, organized in Porto Carras by the ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy), in collaboration with the Vryonis Center and the Institute, with a communication on: “The Church of Albania: A Historical Perspective”.

He published the following works:

The Debuty-Director of the Institute and Director of the School of Balkan Languages, Constantine Papoulidis:
He took part in the International Congress on the Holy Mountain, organized in Thessaloniki by the Society of Macedonian Studies (29/10-1/11/1993), with a communication on: “The Governor of the Holy Mountain”.

He published the following works:
2. Αγιορειτικά - Συλλογή μελετών αγιορειτικών θεμάτων της μεταβυζαντινής και νεότερης εποχής, Karyai/Hagion Oros 1993, p. 280.

The introduction of the article was published as: “Oi ελληνικές μεταφράσεις του έργου ‘Σύνοψις’ του αρχιμ. Συνοκοντίου Τσιζέλια”, Protaton 43 (1993) 154-158.


9. Book reviews:
   a. P. Byzoukides, Η διαμαρτυρία των Βορείων Ηπειρωτών...
   b. N. Polîtes, Γνωστοί ποιηταί δημοτικών ασμάτων...

The research-associate Ms Georgia Ioannidou-Bitsiadou:

The research-associate Mr Kyriakos D. Kentrotis:
On March 30, he gave a lecture at the Open University of the Municipality of Euosmos on: “Post-Communist Bulgaria and the Macedonian Question”.
On April 26, he gave a lecture at the Open University of the Municipality of Florina on: “The Macedonian Question in the Post-Communist Bulgaria”.
On May 4, he participated in a round table conference at the Institute of International Economic Relations of Athens with a communication on: “The Course of Post-Communist Bulgaria”.
On August 3-6, he gave a course of lectures at the International Summer School held by the Institute on: “Contemporary Balkans; Itineracy on South-Eastern Europe”.
On September 14-19, in Fribourg, Switzerland, he took part in a congress on minorities in the Balkans with a communication on: “Myths and Realities about the Minorities in Greece: The Case of the Muslim Chams of Epirus”.
He published the following studies:


The research-associate Mr Spyros Sfetas:

He participated in the inter-balkan conference on Balkan nationalisms, organized by the Center for Political Sciences of the University of Sofia (May 13-15, 1993, in Veliko Tārnovo), with a communication on: “Typologie der Balkan-Nationalismen im 19./20. Jahrhundert und in der post-kommunistischen Zeit”.

He published the following studies:


4. Book reviews:


The research associate Ms Xanthippe Kotzageorgi:

She took part in the second international balkanological seminar in Blagoevgrad (February 20 - March 3), organized by the “Neofit Rilski” University, with a communication on: “British Travellers in the Early Nineteenth Century on Greece and the Greeks”.

She participated in a congress organized in Burgas, Bulgaria (October 27-November 2), with a communication on: “The Greek Community of Burgas in the 19th Century. Education and Culture”.

She published the following studies;


The external research-associate Ms Eleftheria Manda:
From September 13 to October 5 and October 11-25, in Athens, she completed a research work at the Historical Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dealing with the Greek minority in Albania, the Chams of Thesprotia and the Greek-Albanian relations during the period of 1936-1943.

II. HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

The Institute for Balkan Studies has a significant collection of archival material, both originals and copies. During the course of 1993, this collection was enriched by the acquisition from the State Archives of Great Britain of 65 microfilms on the relations between Greece and Bulgaria, respectively Yugoslavia, in the forties, as well as issues dealing with the “Albanian Question” during the inter-war period.

III. LIBRARY

In 1993 the Library of the Institute has been visited by all persons mentioned in chapter “VII. Visits”, who have been informed about its activities. This list includes scholars, university students, journalists, member of the diplomatic corps and others. The Library has been used by ca 2,000 researchers, Greeks and foreigners, whose interest is focused on the Balkans.

The Library’s collection was enriched by ca 900 new monographs, out of which 180 derived from exchanges between the Institute and relevant institutions, 520 from donations and 200 from purchases. It has also begun receiving new series of periodicals, especially from the South-East European countries, as, after the recent changes in the Balkans, many of the current periodicals have seized publication and have been replaced by new ones.
IV. LECTURES-CONFERENCES

On May 3, 1993, Mr. Stephen F. Larrabee, Prof. of International Relations and Member of the Rand Institute, gave a lecture on: “Security Problems in the Balkans in the nineties”. The lecture, organized jointly by the Institute and the U.S. Information Agency, was held in the lecture hall of the Institute.

On September 22-27, the Institute, in collaboration with the Vryonis Center and the ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy), organized in Porto Carras an international conference on: “Eastern Orthodoxy in a Post-Communist World”.

V. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. The School of Balkan Languages

The School of Balkan Languages of the Institute (founded in 1963) continues its educational activities.

During the academic year 1992-93 there were 19 classes with 310 ordinary and 15 extraordinary students and a teaching staff of 14, teaching all Balkan languages plus Russian.

At Easter, 40 students and graduates of the School went on a pilgrimage to Imbros and Tenedos.

During the academic year 1993-94 there were 22 classes with 359 regular students and 14 auditors and a teaching staff of 14. Of the 359 regular students, 13 were studying the Albanian, 108 the Russian, 85 the Turkish, 71 the Bulgarian, 30 the Romanian and 52 the Serbian language.

2. International Summer School

On August 1-29, 1993, the Institute for Balkan Studies held its 21th International Summer School on Greek language, history and culture for foreign scholars and students.

This programme, which aims to promote Modern Greek Studies internationally, was attended by 114 foreigners from 26 countries in Europe, North and South America, Australia and Asia, most of whom had scholarships from the Ministries of Culture and Education.
3. EU Programme

From October 21 to December 16, 1993, the Institute for Balkan Studies organized a subsidized professional training programme of high specialization for unemployed graduates of the Faculty of Arts and Theology on: “Use of Balkan Languages for the Utilization of Sources”. Sixteen graduates participated in this 210 hour programme.

VI. PUBLICATIONS

During the course of 1993 the following works were published:

13. Χ. Kotzageorgi - Α. Panagiopoulou, Νέατορη και σύγχρονη


Reprints


O. TAFRALI, Thessalonique au quatorzième siècle, Θεσσαλονίκη 1993,
From May 21 to June 6, the Institute for Balkan Studies, participated for the 8th year with its own pavilion in the 12th Pan-hellenic Book-Festival, organized by the Association of Publishers of Northern Greece.

During 1993 there have been sent by the Institute to several scientific institutions, libraries, associations and schools, both domestic and abroad, 23,000 copies of its publications.

VII. VISITS

During the course of 1993 the Institute was visited by:

1. Mr Katris and 20 students from the Australian Institute of Macedonian Studies, on January 11, 1993, who attended a course of lectures and have been informed on various subjects.

2. The consul-general of Germany Dr Hans Julius Boldt, on February 4, 1993, who had a long discussion on various actual subjects with the Director of the Institute Prof. B. Kondis.

3. The ambassador of Finland Mr Ralf Friberg, on February 12, 1993, who discussed with the Director of the Institute, Prof. B. Kondis, about a closer co-operation on the scientific field.

4. Greek journalists, on March 3, 1993, who have been informed about the new publication by Prof. I. Hassiotis Modern and Contemporary Macedonia.

5. Prof. Dr Gábor Jamza, Chairman of the Center for European Studies in Budapest, on March 10, 1993, who met the Director of the Institute, Prof. B. Kondis, and has been informed on various subjects.

6. The French Ambassador Mr Jean Cadet, accompanied by the consul Mr J.-M. Godillon and the honorary consul Mr A. Konstantinides, on April 9, 1993. The visitors had a long discussion with the President of the Institute Prof. Antonios-Aimilios N. Tachiaos, the Director Prof. B. Kondis and the Deputy-Director Mr C. Papoulidis.

The Danish journalist Mr Søren Østergaard Sørensen, who has been informed on various actual subjects in a long discussion with the Director.

The Publisher of "Eurobalkania" Mr D. Poulakos. The visitor, accompanied by Mr A. Ioannidis and Ms M. Tsengelidou, had a meeting with the Director of the Institute, Prof. B. Kondis.

7. A delegation of foreign journalists, headed by Dr Andreas Hoessli,
on April 15, 1993, who have been informed about our national issues.

8. The English journalist Mr James Douglas Henry, on May 5, 1993, who met the Director, Prof B. Kondis, and has been informed on subjects concerning the “Macedonian Question”.

9. The German journalists Mr Arthur Landwehr and Ms Joanna Kourela, on May 10, 1993. The visitors met the Director of the Institute, Prof. B. Kondis, and have been informed on subjects concerning the situation in the Balkans.

10. The Portuguese journalist Ms Maria do Rosario Homer, on May 11, 1993, who has been informed about the activities of the Institute.

11. A group of teachers from schools in Germany affiliated with the multi-branch Lyceum of Berrhoa, in the context of the Erasmus programme (cultural exchanges), on May 18, 1993. The visitors have been informed on various subjects by the research-associate of the Institute Mr S. Sfetas.

12. The Polish journalist Mr Piotr Jendroszczyk, on June 16, 1993, who has been informed by the research-associate of the Institute, Mr S. Sfetas, about the crisis in Yugoslavia and the “Macedonian Question”.

13. The consul-general of Cyprus Mr St. Epameinondas, on June 24, 1993, who has been informed by the Director, Prof. B. Kondis, on the activities of the Institute.

14. The Member of the European Parliament, Mr A. Alabanos, on July 9, 1993, who met the Deputy-Director, Mr C. Papoulidis, and discussed about the publications of the Institute.

15. The Australian journalist Mr P. T. Singam, on July 27, 1993, who has been informed on various subjects by the research-associates of the Institute Mr K. Kentrotis and Mr S. Sfetas.

16. The vice-consul of Turkey Mr Ibrahim M. Yagli, on August 2, 1993, who had a long discussion with the Director, Prof. B. Kondis, about the International Summer School held by the Institute every year.

17. Mr Martin Fallon from the “Student Project for the Amity among Nations”, on August 5, 1993. The visitor discussed with the Director, Prof. B. Kondis and has been informed on subjects concerning the crisis in Yugoslavia.

18. Scholars from the International Summer School held by the Institute, in August 1993, to be informed on subjects concerning Greece.

19. Mr Konrad Clewing from the journal “Südost-Forschungen”, on September 6, 1993, who has been informed by the Director, Prof. B. Kondis, on actual subjects.

20. Mr Carsten Holbraad from the Centre for International Studies of
the London School of Economics, on October 13, 1993. The visitor has been informed by Mr K. Kentrotis and Mr S. Sfetas on various subjects.

21. Mr David A. Bustamante, Country Affairs Officer of the U.S. Information Agency, on November 10, 1993, who discussed with the Director, Prof. B. Kondis, about the activities of the Institute.

22. A delegation of Serbian scientists from the University of Kragujevac "Svetozar Marković", on November 18, 1993. The delegation was accompanied by Prof. L. Skalides and Ms Demetriadou from the University of Macedonia. The head of delegation Prof. Radoslav Senić, as well as Ms Gordana Radović discussed with the Director, Prof. B. Kondis, about a closer co-operation on the scientific field.

23. Prof. Werner Seibt from the Austrian Academy of Sciences, on December 6, 1993, who discussed with the Deputy-Director of the Institute, Mr C. Papoulidis, and has been informed about the activities of the Institute.

24. A delegation of ten Albanian economists, on December 10, 1993. The visitors, accompanied by Ms Z. Mearite from the University of Macedonia and Ms D. Loukidou, met the Director of the Institute Prof. B. Kondis, and have been informed on various subjects, as well as about the activities of the Institute.

B. Kondis