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2. he Hellenic Folklore Research Centre of the Acadenty of Athens, which until 1966 was known as The Folklore Archive, was established in 1918 originally as an independent institution. Its aim was ${ }^{\text {to }}$ to collect, preserve and publish the memorials and records of the life and language of the Greek people." This work was considered to be of such national importance. however, that in 1926 the then Folklore Archive was placed under the aegis of the Academy of Athens.

The Hellenic Folklore Research Centre is a repository of folk culture and expresses the national consciousness and cultural identity of Hellenism. Besides promoring and facilitating research, it functions as a platform for the debate of theoretical and methodological issues, thereby reflecting manifold social reality and, in particular, the academic identity of Greek folklore studies.

The archive of the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre contains a rich collection of holdings, which have been collected and added to since the late 19th century. It contains a great deal of folklore material in written form. both published and unpublished. It also holds musical recordings, photographs and film and video material that pertain to every aspect of folk culture regarding the material and spiritual life of the Greek people.

Today the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre is better placed than ever to promote its permanent, fundamental aims and to respond to contemporary needs that arise as a result of changes in academic thinking over time. Such changes include contemporary academic trends that favour rapprochement and communication among the academic disciplines of folklore, ethnology and social anthropology. Thanks to assistance afforded by various European Union programmes over the past decade, the Centre is also better placed than ever to preserve and digitise its collection of valuable material. Its physical surroundings have also been considerably upgraded, as it is now housed in an elegant Neoclassical building in the centre of Athens, the gift of the Foundation Lilian Voudouri.

Athens, April 2006

## The Secretary General

NICOLAOS MATSANIOTIS

















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Documents addressed to Nicolaos Politis

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The Law of 1920 which amended the 1918 Law regarding the foundation of the Folklore Archive

ЄESTABLISHMENT AND INSTITUTIONA FRAMEWORK

he Folklore Archive, inspired and founded by Nicolaos Politis, was established in 1918 (Law 1304, Greek Government Gazette $\left.A^{\prime}, n .85 / 18-04-1918\right)$. Politis was Professor of Greek Archaeology and Mythology at the University of Athens and father of the discipline of folklore in Greece. Stilpon Kyriakidis was the first Director of the Archive.

In 1926, when the Academy of Athens was established, the Folklore Archive, the Commission for the Historical Dictionary of the Greek Language, the National Music Collection. founded in 1914, and some other scholarly commissions, were placed under the aegis of the Academy.

In 1944 the Senate of the Academy of Athens approved the first Regulations for the Operation of the Folklore Archive, which were compiled by Georgios Megas, who was Director of the Archive since 1936.

In 1966, while Georgios Spyridakis was Director, the Folklore Archive was renamed the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre (Law 4545/1966). In 1967, the Senate of the Academy of Athens approved of a new set of Operation Regulations.

In accordance with the Law on Research (Law 1894/1990), the personnel of the Centre, formally referred to as compilers, were renamed Research Staff and assigned positions on the basis of committee review. Since 1996, thanks to the assistance afforded by European Community programmes, the Centre has been modernising its operation and digitalising its rich archival material.


#### Abstract

"The Folklore Archive, by means of an organized and permanent service, under the enlightened supervision of specialists, will collect the treasures of inestimable value of our national heritage, thereby preserving them from rapidly encroaching extinction, and ensure their publication. Thus it wift provide scholarly research with a character derived from the Greek spirit. This spirit, although variously tested through struggte, enslavement and liberation, has relained its original form and unity".


[Parliament of Grecce, Law 1304 "On the establishment of a Folklore Archive", Greek Govermment Gazette A: n. 85/18-04-1918]
-These various archives were placed under the Academy of Athens as a result of the decision to establish a supreme intellectual institution, among the aims of which was "the foremost national need to enlighten and guide public services, to study and regulate issues relating to our national tanguage l...... . to collect and study the customs and values, the dialects and the treasury of language, the proverbs, the myths and traditions, the folk music and poetry and generally, the life and folklore of the Gresk people; it should also forge new means of ensuring the safety and glory of the Srate, encourage and nourish the spiritual virtues of the nation, create and promote contem. porary Greek scholarshtip; and in general, it should serve and promote the great morat and material interests of this land".
[Law 4398/29, Greek Govemment Gazettic A', n. 308/18-03-1926]



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Extract from the Minutes of the first mecting of the Supervisory Committee of the Folklore Centre (22 May 1918)



Various record cards with archive material

©1 accord with its Regulations the aim of the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre is as follows: Firstly, to collect and publish folklore material of every kind. Its aims are in accord with those pursued by similar scholarly institutions in other countries, as formulated in the decree of the Folklore Conference held in Lund in 1935 (see Zeitschrift für Volkskunde, Bd/6, p.314). These aims are:

- To collect all published texts on folk culture, to extract any relevant information and to compile bibliographies.
- To enrich unpublished material drawn from oral tradition through fieldwork conducted by its research staff, through the institution of competitions, through the circulation of questionnaires to institutions or individuals, etc.
- To preserve in their original form or in copy the texts of the Folklore Collections of the Centre.
- To classify into separate archives the folklore material which has been extracted so that it is accessible to researchers by subject.
- To publish the Annual of the Centre. This publishes studies written by researchers working at the Centre. The Centre also publishes independent scholarly publications in the form of books, maps, records, DVDs, etc.



## c/RCHIVES - COLLECTIONS

2. he Centre possesses archive material and Collections which are for the most part unpublished. In order to protect the Archive, access to its material, for genuine scholarly purposes, can be granted only after approval has been given by the Supervisory Committee of the Centre.
Manuscript Archive: This Archive consists of 8,000 mostly unpublished manuscripts containing information on a variety of folklore material. They derive from fieldwork carried out by the Centre's Research Staff Members, by external associates of the Centre and by members of the public with a personal interest in Greek folklore. The oldest manuscripts of the Folklore Archive consist of the Politis material, which are numbered independently from 1 3149. Some of these items date from the early years of the 19c. The addition of manuscripts to the Archive and their processing are part of the archival work of the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre. Through the implementation of a system of specialized databases as part of the Centre's participation in European programmes, the conversion to computerreadable form of all the Archive manuscripts is currently proceeding apace.

[^0]Music compiler Stavros Karakassis


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Spyridon D. Peristeris, music compiler

The National Music Collection: A Music Section was created as part of the Folklore Archive, which in 1927 absorbed the National Music Collection. The National Music Collection was founded in 1914 (Law 432), "to preserve and collect the songs, dances and musical instruments of the Greek people."

In 1939 the Archive acquired recording equipment. Due to the stormy political events of the time and despite the then Director's, Georgios Megas' efforts to employ this equipment "for the recording of folk music", it was not until 1950 that it finally began to operate, when the Folklore Archive acquired a music Research Staff Member, with the result that the Centre possesses recordings dating from 1952. Today the Archive contains about 30,000 reels and cassettes, of mainly musical material. As part of a series of special projects, the entire recorded material is being gradually copied in digital form in the specially equipped studio of the Menelaos Pallantios Centre.

In 2005, as a result of a donation by Eleni Dalas, the Centre acquired a collection of musical recordings in eighty cylinders and the "panharmonium", a type of harmonium capable of reproducing the microtones of traditional ecclesiastical music, once belonging to Constantinos Psachos.



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## The National Record Collection: The

 National Record Collection was established in the Folklore Centre in 1966 in accordance with Law 4545. In the National Record Collection records of folk and popular music are deposited by record companies. Today the Collection possesses about 13,000 records and CDs in duplicate and is continuously acquiring new material provided by music companies and individuals.Subsequent upon Law 4545/1966, anybody producing recordings of musical material in the form of records. CDs or DVDs, is obliged to deposit two copies of the work in question in the National Record Collection, which is part of the State Archives.

The Cinema Archive: In 1962, the then Director Georgios Spyridakis founded the Cinematographic Section for Folk Culture Topics. This was subsequently added to by Research Staff Member Georgios Aikaterinidis. The Archive possesses 82 films, of about $8,500 \mathrm{~m}$. of folklore material recorded on 16 mm fulm.

Since the 1980's, Research Staff Members have been using video cameras during fieldwork and at present are also using digital cameras. As part of its ongoing programme of reorganisation and modernisation, the Folklore Centre has embarked on converting its cinematographic material to digital form, thus making it more easily accessible. A start has been made with the 16 mm films in the collection. Greek television has often made use of cinematographic material held in the Centre in its programmes.

The Museum Collection: The Museum Collection of Folklore Objects was established in 1939 and today has about 1,000 exhibits. The Collection consists of such objects as agricultural tools, utensils, clothes, ceramic objects and musical instruments. It has recently acquired new holdings, including the "panharmonium ${ }^{-}$once belonging to Constantinos Psachos and objects of folkloric interest belonging to the Hellenic Folklore Society. Some of these are displayed in the Municipality of Athens Centre for Folk Art and Tradition, housed in the former residence of Angeliki Chatzimichall.

The objects in the Museum Collection have been recorded in a database. The Archive is responsible for their conservation and various objects are displayed in turn in a permanent exhibition in the premises of the Centre. A catalogue of the contents of this Collection is also currently being compiled.


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The "panharmoniam" once belonging to C. Psachos

The Photographic Archive: The Centre has a rich photographic collection, of about 10,000 photographic prints and numerous negatives. These photographs constitute part of the manuscripts produced by Research Staff Members during the course of their fieldwork. The Photographic Archive is gradually acquiring more holdings, thanks to Research Staff Members' fieldtrips and important donations, such as the donation of 1.600 photographs by Helen Fay Stamatis. The electronic classification of these photographs in special picture files is but one of the special projects being currently carried out by the Archive, a process that naturally contributes to the fullest possible development of the Archive.




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a he Folklore Library of the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre was founded in ite very earliest years of the Folklore Archive.t was further organized after World War II as acquisitions wes generally dictates the research minute and needs of the Centre's Researdh Staff Members.

The library is a specialized schodr nort-lending liban and is used chichly the Research Suff Members of the Centre. It is, hown also used by scholars, postgraduate students and athe researchers who $t$ wish to consuitit contains about 20,000 titles, and which are rare folklore and ater publications of tia 19 c and the early 20c.

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[^1]Fieldwork and Recording of Folk Life and Culture: In the century since Nicolaos Politis, the founder of Greek folklore, embarked on the recording of the folk life and culture of Greece, a body of valuable manuscripts has gradually evolved.

The Politis Material was the first manuscript collection of the Centre. This body of manuscripts is being continually added to in various ways, including regular or ad hoc fleldwork trips undertaken by Research Staff Members, the institution of annual competitions involving the collection of folklore material and the contribution of data by interested laypersons and professionals.

The Research Staff Members of the period, few though they were, fulfilled their various tasks. Without technical assistance, they recorded regional Greek folk culture through interviews, recordings. photographs, film, manual recording and participant observation, often under conditions of financial and material duress.


Classification and Creation of the Ordered Material Archive: After the information was extracted from the raw material recorded by fieldworkers, it was ondered and filed in accordance with the principles of questionnaires as laid out in the works by G. A. Megas, Zitimata Hellenikis Laographias [Matters of Greek Folklore] vol. I-3 and by S.D.Imellos and A. Polymerou-Kamilakis, Paradosiakos Ilikos Vios tou Hellenikou Laou: Erotimatologio [Traditional Material Culture of the Greek People: Questionaire], thus forming the Ordered Material Archive of the Centre. The digitisation in the form of computer-readable databases of this Archive is proceeding, as part of various, mainly European Community programmes.

> In 1953, the Academy of Athens instituted an annual competition for the collection of original folklore material, in order to expand the archive material of the Folklore Centre. The material deposited during the course of this competition in the Archive is judged by a committee made up of Research Staff of the Centre and a prize is awarded accordingly, with or without a monetary awand.


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2.Paris, 21 March 2003

3. Barcelona, 26 June 2003
4. Venice, 14 November 2003
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7. Venice, 25 June 2004
8. Karpathos, 10 July 2004
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10. Girona, 20 October 2004
11. Athens, 22 October 2004


- The Centre organized a four-day international scholarly Conference, entitled, O N. G. Politis kai to Kentron Erevnis tis Hellenikis Laografias (N. G. Politis and the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre), 4-7 December 2003. Proceedings of the Conference are forthcoming.
- In collaboration with the Centre for the Research and Promotion of Cretan Culture of the Municipality of Neapolis, Lasithi, Crete, the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre organized a conference the subject of which was "O Kritikos Laikos Politismos kai oi Lasithiotes Laographi" (Cretan Folk Culture and Lasithiot Folklorists). The conference was held over the period 19-21 August 2005 at Neapolis. Distinguished folklorists from the prefecture of Lasithi helped to make up the excellent research staff of the Hellenic Folklore Research Centre. Among these were Georgios Spyridakis, Director of the Centre and Professor of Folklore, Maria Lioudaki, compiler and researcher at the Centre and Georgios Amargianakis, ethnomusicologist at the Centre and Professor of Ethnomusicology. Proceedings of the Conference are forthcoming.

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The poster advertising the exhibition "In Praise of the Olive" in Volos



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## Elaias Enkomion (In Praise of the Olive)

Q he exhibition In Praise of the Olive is one of the most important recent initiatives on the part of the Centre. The exhibition presents all aspects of the place of the olive in Greek life cultural, athletic, religious, artistic, symbolic and dietary. It underlines the national dimension thherent in the olive and its links with the landscape and inhabitants of Greece over thousands of years. The exhibition was organized as part of the celebration of the Olympic Games in 2004 and was housed in the central building of the Academy of Athens from 16 June to 30 September 2004. It enjoyed notable success and attracted favourable comment from both press, Greek and foreign, and public and some 15,000 visited it.

The exhibition employed various approaches to examine various aspects of the olive over the passage of time. These approaches include history, archaeology, geography, folklore, agricultural science and the arts. It consisted of six sections, namely

- Myths and the archacology of the olive
- The olive and athletic life
- The symbolism of the olive
- The landscape of the olive
- The olive and olive oil in health and diet and
- The olive in contemporary life and art

Each section was accompanied by lively academic texts in both Greek and English and contained many exhibits. These included antiquities, traditional and contemporary objects, many photographs and visual works by contemporary artists. New technology and a


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contemporary approach were employed in the presentation of this material.

The exhibition was held in the Peristeri exhibition centre (KYBE) from 2 February to 30 April 2005. under the aegis of the Municipality of Peristeri.


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Lekythoi from the exthibition "In Praise of the Olive" belonging to the G. Tsolozides Collection

Athens. It was officially opened by Ms. F. PalliPetralia, then Deputy Minister of Culture in the presence of Mr. E. Roukounas, then President of the Academy of Athens, and many others.

## e he Exhibition Itinerary

- 11October 2005-28 February 2006: G. Katsigras Public Gallery, Larissa.
- 14 April-31 May 2006: Panthessalian Stadium, Volos, in collaboration with the Prefectural Authority of Magnesia and the General Secretary for the Olympic Utilisation.
- 15 July- 15 August 2006: Rethymno, Crete.
- 14 September-14 October 2006: United Nations Security Council Building, New York.
- 8-16 December 2006: European Parliament Building, Brussels.
- On the occasion of the Olympic Games of 2008 the exhibition will be displayed in Beijing.
The extibition is supervised by Ms. Louisa Karapidakis, a Permanent Associate of the Centre and Dr. Aikaterini PolymerouKamilakis is responsible for the academic aspects of the exhibition.



## छxHibitions And छvents

The Akritans of Europe<br>Q $n$ exhibition entitled The Acritans of Europe was organized during the period 16-30 April 2004 at the Byzantine and Christian Museum of Athens as part of the Acrinet project. It was also taken to Ioannina in May 2004, in collaboration with the Etaireia Epirotikon Meleton (Society for the Study of Epiros), to

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Karpathos, in collaboration with the Municipality of Karpathos, and to Thessaloniki, to the Museum of Byzantine Culture. The exhibition travelled to the museum at Cluny in France in May 2004 and was on display in the Musée des Civilisations de l' Europe et de la Mediterranee in Marseilles, between March and June 2005. The exhibition was supervised by Louisa Karapidakis. From May 28th 2006 the exhibition will be permanently housed in the Muscum for the Acritans of Europe, in the border village of Palaiochora in the Municipality of Pelekanos in the region of Hania.

The European Acritan tradition preserves folk legends surrounding the lives of the heroic warriors and guardians of the borders of various states of medieval Europe, the border areas of which suffered wars and changed hands frequently. In medieval times, warriors who lived and fought in the border zones (akra in Greek). were of a distinct type, in that they rode horses and modelled themselves on the hero-warrior of legend. This archetype reflected the ideologies and martial values of the period and originates in the lengthy heroic martial tradition of the peoples of Europe.

The exhibition The Acritans of Europe explores a number of issues. Among these are the birth of acritic poetry in the border of the Byzantine Empire, the concept of the boundary/border, folk songs and epics dating from the 11th and 12th century A.D. with Digenes as their central hero, the geographical background, that is the representation of the scene where the epics are played out, the various versions of Digenes during the stages of his life and career and finally, the survival and development of acritic poetry and the ways in which it has influenced more recent forms of art.
 2006 the Centre organized a two-day showing of international ethnographic films. The event was organized by the Centre researcher and anthropologist. Dr. Evangelos Karamanes. The films were chosen by Dr. Athena Penglidou.



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View of the exterior of the Centre showing part of the pedestrianised Ipitou Street
a he Centre owes its new premises to a generous donation by the Foundation Lilian Voudouri．Themeliodomi S．A．met a large part of the expenses for the renovation of the building and S \＆B Industrial Minerals S．A．met the expenses involved in the organization of the exhibition area and in the formal opening of the Centre．Many of the Centre＇s activities，including publications，exhibitions and conferences，have also been fünancially supported by various public and private bodies，such as the Greek Ministries of Education，Culture and Agriculture and the General Secretariat for the Olympic Games， among others．


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Celiling decoration in a room in the Centre neoclassical bultding

# GOLLABORATION WITH OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS 

2. he Centre collaborates with other nsearch and academic institutions in Greece and abroad. Since its inception, the Centre has contributed to the teaching of folklore at the Universities of Athens Thessaloniki and later loarnina, in the persons of Stilpon Kyriakidis, Georgios Megas, Demetrios Petropoulos, Georgios Spyridakis, Costas Romaios, Denetrios Oikonomidis, Stephanos Imellos and Demertios Loukatos, all former research staff of the Centre. It has also played an important role in the establishment and membership of scholarly societies such as the Hellenic Folklore Society, the Society for the Greek Language, the Greek Society for Ethnology and other such bodies.

The Centre places its material and the academic expertise of its research staff at the disposal of nesearchers, Greek and nonGreek, doctoral candidates, and postgraduate students. It also accepts undergraduates from various universities and other tertiary institutions who wish to do their practicum at the Centre. thus helping them acquire work experience in a research environment. It has received undergraduate students from various departments of the Pantelon University of Political and Social Sciences, the Deparment of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly, the Department of Social Anthropology and History of the University of the Aegean, the Department of Popular and Traditional Music of the Technological Educational Institute (TEI) of Arta, the Department of Conservation of the TEI. of Athens and other university departments.
The Centre collaborates with cultural and academic institutions in the organization of exhibitions and cultural activities and in the publishing of books. It is happy to offer its academic expertise and is very happy to assist any worth while initiatives in the provinces of Greece. Such initiatives in the past have included collaboration with the following institutions and bodies:
-The Peloponnesian Folklore Foundation:

Collaboration here resulted in the publication of Dhemotika Tragoudia tis Skyrou/ Folk Songs of Skyros, Greece: An Ethnomusicological Publication by musicologist Sotirios Tsianis (in Greek and English, 2003) and of volume 14 of the journal Ethnografica.

- The Greek Olive Museum at Kapsaliana, near Rethymno in Crete, as part of the RAPHAEL programme.
- The Musee de l' Olivier at Nyons in France, the Instituto d Estudios Sociales Avanzados (IESA) in Barcelona, Spain, the Municipality of Arcadi in the province of Rethymno and the architect, Myron Toupoyiannis: This project entitled "The Greek Olive Museum" at Kapsaliana, near Arcadi in the province of Rethymno, Crete -1997-1999", took place as part of the RAPHAEL programme. As part of the same programme, the Folklore Centre organized a conference on the topic of Olive and Olive Oil from Antiquity to the Present ${ }^{\circ}$, Athens, 1-2 October 1999 and a symposium entitled, "The Olive and Olive Oil in Space and Time", over 2426 November 2000, at Preveza, in conjunction with the Aktia Nikopolis Foundation. The Centre also made a short fulm entitled Elaia Kallistefanos/ The Olive of the Lovely Crown, which it presented to Athens 2004, the body in charge of the 2004 Athens Olympics. The film was awanded a prize for its script by the Athens 2004 Committee and the magazine Archaeology and Arts. The script was written by Nikoletta Gouli and the music by G. Kouroupos. It had its public premiere in March 2003.
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# GOLLABORATION WITH OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS 

- The Bread Muscum, Amphikleia, Phthiotis (1998-2003): with the academic support of the Folklore Centre, the Cultural Association -Dadiotiki Estia" has created the Bread Museum devoted to the history of bread, which covers all aspects from the cultivation of cereals to the variety of different types of bread to be found in the eastern part of central Greece. On 23 November 2002, the Museum was opened, in the presence of representatives of the Academy of Athens, the Provincial Prefect of Phthiotis, the Mayor of Amphikleia and representatives of various cultural bodies.
- The Museum of Agricultural Implements and Traditional Technologies at Velestino, Thessaly.
- The Hellenic Organization of Small Medium Sized Enterprises and Handicraft SA. (EOMMEX): Collaboration took place over the creation of an electronic catalogue of active traditional handicraft workshops in Greece, as part of the Operational Progranme of Industry. Action line 428.
- The Institute for Language and Speech Processing: This joint venture was part of the European Community programme Sappho.
- As part of the Acrinet/Culture 2000 programme, the Centre worked in conjunction with the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, via the Museum of Greek Popular Musical Instruments, the Universite de Paris I, Pantheon, Sorbonne, the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas of Barcelona, the Istituto Ellenico di Studi Bizantini e Postbizantini of Venice, the
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Agricultural tools. Collection of the Museum of Agricultural Implements and Traditional Technologies at Velestino, Thessaly

University of St. Clement of Ochrid in Sofia, Bulgaria, PRISMA Centre for Development Studies and the Municipality of Pelekanos, Hania, Crete. As part of the same programme, an exhibition was mounted at the Byzantine and Christian Museum of Athens over 16-30 April 2004 on The Acritans of Europe (wwwacrinet net). The exhibition has been held in other cities and regions of Greece, including Ioannina, Karpathos, Thessaloniki, and of the rest of Europe.

- General Secretariat for the Olympic Games: The Centre worked in conjunction with the Secretariat, to produce the exhibition In Praise of the Olive, on the occasion of the Athens Olympic Games and to produce the volume Ode to the Olive Tree.
- The G. Katsigras Public Gallery, Larissa, for the hosting of the exhibition "In Praise of the Olive."
- The Prefectural Authority of Magnesia: The Centre collaborated with the Prefectural Authority of Magnesia to mount the exhibition In Praise of the Olive at Volos, Thessaly.





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## Nicolaos Matsaniotis

Secretary General, Academy of Athens
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Aikaterini Polymerou-Kamilakis
Director, Hellenic Folklore Research Centre


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