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Call for Cooperation!!

The AHDR have pleasure in announcing opportunities to join the Home for Cooperation (H4C)
Opening in May 2011

1. Office Space – partnership opportunities for organizations to become resident-partners at the Home for Cooperation
2. Canteen – a unique opportunity for interested parties to operate a canteen on the ground floor of the building

For more information about procedures and criteria, please visit:

<http://www.cyprustube.com/historical-dialogue/>

Deadline: 11 March 2011

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Message from Chara Makriyianni, Association for Historical Dialogue and Research

February has been very busy here at the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research. Not only have the AHDR Board members and AHDR-MIDE Consultants been active with responding to the feedback received by members, friends and partners, but they have also been carrying out various tasks at different levels, such as successful completion of education workshops and new publications, production of teaching material, research, enrichment of library and archives, promotion of synergies at a local and international level and outreach. New members and associates across the divide, as well as local and international partners have also been contributing to creative ideas for innovative projects.

Meanwhile, suggestions received by other NGOs and partners regarding the May inauguration festivities of the Home for Cooperation (H4C) have been gratefully received and used accordingly in the drafting of the programme of activities. Requests from organizations to become resident-partners at the H4C Office Space are also warmly welcomed, as they signify the beginning of a new phase for the H4C characterised by synergies of local ownership to promote Cypriot-driven initiatives.

Keep sending the AHDR your comments, suggestions and ideas – dialogue and cooperation are the way forward.

AHDR RESEARCH STUDIES

The past year has been a busy one for the AHDR-MIDE Research Department. We have collected extensive data from history educators across the existing divide regarding their perceptions, beliefs and practices. We have also collected valuable data from inhabitants of formerly mixed villages in Cyprus, in order to investigate what life was like in these villages and how it shaped their inhabitants' perceptions and beliefs. Moreover, as part of our 3 wave longitudinal study, we have collected data from the general population of Cyprus (in 2 waves) regarding issues related to their representations of history and intergroup relations. Having now finished the collection of data from the first two aforementioned research projects, we have now turned our attention to analysing the data and reporting our results. The first report to be published will be the report on the perceptions, beliefs and practices of history educators. The report on the past, present and future of formerly mixed villages in Cyprus will soon follow, while the 3rd wave of our longitudinal study will be finalised in Spring 2011. All reports will be published in English, Greek and Turkish so that our results and conclusions can be easily accessible to everyone.

AHDR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Since their initial meeting on 16 October 2010, the AHDR's Educational Associates have made great progress. Following an inspiring meeting with Denis Shemilt on 24 October 2010, in which Associates were provided with ideas on design principles for teaching and learning; the Associates began producing the first draft of their lesson plans in relation to their specific subject areas: **Home for Cooperation (H4C), Missing Persons, Mixed Villages, Cyprus Artefacts and Ottoman Period in Cyprus, Traditional Games & Oral History.**

The groups met regularly over the course of several months to discuss their progress and work towards the final product.

The writing of materials is currently being finalised. All publications will be published in spring 2011 in 3 languages (English, Greek and Turkish). The final materials will be disseminated to schools, teachers and organizations, etc and will also be displayed during the inauguration of Home for Cooperation between 6 and 9 May 2010.

The AHDR is also proud and excited about the launch of another upcoming publication entitled **"A look at our past - A set of supplementary learning materials for learning and teaching history in schools in Cyprus"**, just one of the many important outcomes of the long cooperation with the **Council of Europe**, as well as trainers and teachers from across the divide. The trilingual educational pack comprising of nine topics is the result of several teacher training workshops, which were held between 2006 and 2010 and jointly organized by AHDR and Council of Europe. This publication is in the very last stages of being finalized and will soon be sent for publication!!

AHDR ON RADIO MAYIS

Alev Tugberk hosted two very interesting radio programmes in February. 8 February saw guest educator Guven Uludag speak in depth about the education system in the northern part of the island, as well as focusing on the changes that have occurred to textbooks in Turkish Cypriot schools. On 22 February, Maria Hadjipavlou - (Associate Prof at University of Cyprus and President of Hands Across the Divide) sat in the guest seat and discussed the gender advisory project.

Upcoming Schedule for March:

- **Tuesday 8 March @ 15.00**
- **Tuesday 22 March @ 15.00**

Stay tuned on 96.00 FM and 101.03 FM and on www.radiomayis.com!!!

You can now also watch programmes live at: www.livestream.com/mayistv

UNDP RETREAT MEETING

AHDR-MIDE Education Director, Alev Tugberk, Project Adviser, Rana Zincir Celal and Project Officer, Tulin Aker, recently participated in the UNDP-ACT Partner Meeting on 4 – 5 February 2011 at Forest Park Hotel, Troodos.

The purpose of this meeting was to initiate a planning process for future cooperation beyond the current phase of UNDP-ACT. Preliminary preparatory work was undertaken in the weeks ahead of the retreat, which were shared and used as a basis from which to build upon. During the 2 day retreat, each specific project group developed ideas for future projects, as well as possible collaboration. This was shared and discussed with other partners, who offered suggestions and input on the future of each organisation.

Along with AHDR-MIDE, project partners Interdependence, Youth Activism, Cultural Heritage Preservation Circle Preservation/Participatory Development, Cyprus Community Media Centre (CCMC), ENGAGE and Cyprus 2015 participated in the retreat.



Group photo at the retreat!!

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.



TEACHING THE SENSITIVE ISSUE OF MISSING PERSONS

AHDR's New Initiative with The Elders and the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)

One of the most sensitive and poignant issues of Cyprus's recent past, the missing persons, is the focus of a documentary film recently launched by The Elders in Nicosia on the 8 February. ***Cyprus: Digging the Past in Search of the Future***, traces four Turkish and Greek Cypriot teenagers on their journey with Elders **Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lakhdar Brahimi and Jimmy Carter**, as they learn about the work of the Committee for the Missing Persons (CMP).

The Elders <http://www.theelders.org/>, AHDR, and ICTJ have joined forces to explore how the film can be used to broaden awareness about the past, foster critical thinking and enable healthy dialogue about the implications for the future. The result of this partnership will be an educational pack on the issue of the missing persons that uses the documentary film and other materials as key sources; draws on the experience of other countries that have suffered similar tragedies and uses the methodology of history teaching to approach the issue from an educational standpoint.

This approach was first presented during a workshop organized by the partners on the 9 February, where a pilot classroom activity was explored by a group of educators and young people from the Cyprus Friendship Program. Elders Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Gro Brundtland participated first hand in an exercise about trying to understand the motives of families of the victims and how they might have changed over time. Both of the Elders remarked on the atmosphere of mutual respect and healthy dialogue that prevailed during the workshop, showing just how much is possible when Cypriots are willing to work together.



Elders Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Gro Brundtland with participants at the workshop on 9 February 2011.

As workshop leader Lukas Perikleous explained, the missing persons issue is a fine example of how the past-present and future are interlinked: something that happened in the past continues to concern people in the present and will most probably guide choices in the future. With the educational pack expected to come out in summer 2011, AHDR and its partner hope to promote better understanding about not only how this issue has affected Cyprus and other countries, but also how a more rigorous and thoughtful approach to looking at history can help inform choices and actions that will be undertaken in the future.

Watch the documentary "Cyprus: Digging the Past in Search of the Future":

<http://www.theelders.org/cyprus/blogs/elders/cyprus-digging-past-search-future>

Read an article on the Elders' website that captures the essence of what the documentary is about:

<http://www.theelders.org/cyprus/blogs/elders/acknowledging-each-others-pain-celebrating-togetherness>

AHDR' PROGRESS PARTY!

The AHDR held a "Progress Party" on Sunday 6 February 2011, to mark the one-year anniversary of the construction work on the **Home for Cooperation (H4C)**. The H4C, which is expected to open early this year, will be a shared centre for inter-communal interaction concentrating on education and intercultural dialogue, hosting a library and archive, conference and exhibition spaces, and offices.

Festivities were held at the Cyprus Community Media Center (CCMC) from 13.00 – 17.00 and included a traditional Cypriot barbeque, with over 100 people attending and joining in the fun. The day was made possible thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers consisting of friends and members of the Association.



Enjoying the festivities!

The AHDR first began working on this unique and pioneering effort four years ago. The H4C will be the first structure to be based in the Buffer Zone, which will be restored and brought back to life in an effort led by civil society. The inauguration of the Home will take place from 6 – 9 May 2011, with celebrations involving a range of activities for all to enjoy.

HOME FOR COOPERATION (H4C)

68 DAYS LEFT!

The AHDR-MIDE Team and AHDR Board members had the pleasure of welcoming Ágústa Ýr Thorbergsdóttir, Sivge Soldal Bjorstad and Marie Osnes from the Financial Mechanism Office of EEA (European Economic Area) Norway grants on 1 February 2011. Following a tour of the Home to see the tremendous progress thus far, the group met for a day of discussion and exchanging of ideas on the future of the H4C. They also exchanged ideas for the inauguration of the H4C and ways in which the Home can be a sustainable landmark in the buffer zone, contributing to relations between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot community, as well as a centre for academics from across the world. The AHDR would like to express their gratitude to the Norway grants team for their continued support.

The AHDR and the **CCMC**, with the support of the **UNDP-ACT**, have commissioned a number of video blogs to record its progression from a derelict house in no man's land to a new centre of learning and dialogue open to all. View the latest Video blog sequencing the progress of the H4C entitled "**Opening Premise**" on the AHDR website: <http://www.cyprus-tube.com/historical-dialogue>

The film crew have also documented training seminars on teaching conflict and Multiperspectivity and filmed various events held by AHDR in the buffer zone, titled: "**Old Places, New Faces: A History of Home**", "**History on the Grill**" and "**Teaching to Learn**", which can be accessed on the AHDR website.

Upon completion, which is expected in early spring 2011, the Home for Cooperation (H4C) will be the first ever shared space within Cyprus, to engage in historical inquiry, advance contemporary understanding, dialogue and peace building. Along with being a landmark building located within a significant site, in the buffer zone, the H4C with its programs, will serve as a tangible and encouraging symbol of the far reaching benefits of intercultural dialogue, peace building and understanding in Cyprus and globally. The idea behind the Educational and Research Centre resulted from the efforts of the AHDR 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, Education centre for children and educators, a Library and a workplace for researchers and organizations with a shared vision of

Support the H4C

Your support is critical to the completion of the Home for Cooperation. To help you help us, we encourage you to make a direct contribution to the H4C 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

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.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals who have made a donation to the H4C – your generosity and support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to sharing the creation of this remarkable space in the Buffer zone with you.



INTERNATIONAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

THE PATRIOTISM OF THE EXPATRIATES
Diasporas and national consciousness between
Europe, the Mediterranean and beyond in the long
19th century

University of Nicosia, Cyprus & Queen Mary,
University of London, with the support of AHDR

25 and 26 February 2011: The aim of the conference was to explore the role that intellectual and revolutionary diasporas played in creating, disseminating and negotiating ideas, and in producing shared values, principles and discursive patterns among patriots of different national origins during the 19th century.

It sought to investigate how ideas are shaped, how they circulate, and the contribution that diasporas themselves gave to the main ideological currents advocating change in the post-revolutionary world. More at:

http://www.unic.ac.cy/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=6234

AHDR SHARE IN THE PEACEBUILDING EXPERIENCE

AHDR Vice President **Fezile Isik** is representing the AHDR on the **Eurasia Programme's** visit to the **South Caucasus** from 28 February 2011.

The programme entitled "**Sharing of Peace Building Experience**" specifically focuses on the experience of **Cyprus** and **Northern Ireland** and examines lessons learned, as well as ways in which they could be useful for those affected by the **Nagorno-Karabakh conflict**. See the next edition of the AHDR newsletter for details on the programme.

EUROCLIO INVITATION TO AHDR MEMBERS

The EUROCLIO 18th Annual Meeting is approaching and EUROCLIO warmly invite representatives of AHDR and Research to participate!

The Annual Conference will take place at the Krzyzowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe (<http://www.krzyzowa.org.pl/>), in Poland on 8-10 April 2011. The theme will be focused on "*Cross Border History: On-site Learning at the Heart of Europe*". The Conference Programme will include high quality lectures on "*Transborder cooperation on history education*", engaging workshops and on-site learning opportunities in the Krzyzowa estate and the city of Wroclaw.

For all the latest news from **EUROCLIO** (the European Association of History Educators), visit: <http://www.euroclio.eu/site/index.php>

TRACING MULTICULTURALISM IN CYPRUS

POST Research Institute (POST RI), together with teachers, educators and students, continued its endeavors to explore the multiculturalism of Cyprus, with a historical tour within the fascinating walled city of Famagusta on Saturday, 5 February 2011.

POST RI conducted the tour under the auspices of its project, "Tours for Peace", which is being implemented in cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot Teachers' Platform "United Cyprus" (Greek Cypriot Section) and funded by the UNDP-ACT/USAID through the "ENGAGE" project, executed by the Management Centre and the NGO Support Centre.

This tour was the second activity organized under the "Tours for Peace" project, following the successful tour in Nicosia on 15 January 2011, in which over 40 participants from across Cyprus spent the day discovering the multicultural history of this divided city. This tour aimed at taking participants into a historical and cultural journey of Famagusta, focusing on the multicultural aspects of this fascinating city. The stories and information provided by the experienced guide, brought alive the renowned historical sights of Famagusta and allowed participants to be taken back in history!

Mirroring State Narratives: Struggle Museums Across the Divide

1 March 2011 - As part of this project, POST RI holds an Education Forum entitled: **The Two Struggle Museums of Divided Nicosia: Narratives of Nation History** on 1 March from 15.30 – 18.30 at the Cyprus Turkish Trade Unions (KTOS) conference room. Anthropologist, Yiannis Papadakis, looks at state narratives by focusing on the struggle museum across the divide. The aim is to focus on more sensitive issues in history teaching in order to create a dialogue between educators. This is followed by activities based on teaching peace education.

For registration and more information please contact: Mine Kanol Tel: 05338611592, minekanol@postri.org Loizos Loukaidis Tel: 99578067, loizos_loukaidis@msn.com

AHDR DECLARES ITS SUPPORT

Following the 28 January 2011 protest meeting in Nicosia, the Turkish Cypriot Platform of Unionists have called upon another big "Existence Protest Meeting" calling for the removal of recent economic sanctions by Turkey. Thousands of Turkish Cypriots are expected to take to the streets and speak with one voice against the austerity measures.

NOTEWORTHY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUMAN RIGHTS CREATIVE

Sonnenberg / Germany - April 4 - 11 2011

The Training Course **"Human Rights CREATIVE"** organized by the International House Sonnenberg in cooperation with the DARE-network (www.dare-network.eu) are looking for participants from Cyprus!! During the training course, between 30 and 40 multipliers from the nine partner countries, will learn a wide range of methods with a creative approach that can be used to work with (international) young people on the topic of Human Rights. Participation is only possible upon accepted applications. Please download the application form at: www.sonnenberg-international.de

INTERNATIONAL PEACE & DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The International Peace and Development Training Center (IPDTC), is offering Advanced Professional Trainings on Systemic Peace building, Conflict Transformation & Post-War Stabilization, Recovery, and Reconciliation (PCTR). Training will take place on the following dates and places: **6 – 10 June, 2011, Cluj-Napoca, Romania** and Designing Peace building Programmes: Improving Sustainability, Impact and Effectiveness in Peace Building & Peace Support Operations (DPP) **13 – 17 June, 2011, Cluj-Napoca**. Contact jacobsen@patrir.ro for more information

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Fine out more about the extensive work of the **Council of Europe**: <http://www.coe.int/>

FROM HISTORICAL RESEARCH TO SCHOOL HISTORY: PROBLEMS, RELATIONS, AND CHALLENGES – ACCEPTING PROPOSALS

Basel Congress, International Society for History Didactics, Pedagogic College of North-West Switzerland and Office of Coordination of the Swiss Societies for History Didactics
12 - 14 September 2011

Please submit proposals for papers (maximum 250 words in German, English or French) to be presented at the Basle conference 2011, via e-mail attachment to: eherdman@ewf.uni-erlangen.de

HISTORY EDUCATORS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK 2011

Brage, Portugal 18-20 July 2011

The first call for papers for this upcoming conference has just been released. Please visit the website for details on submitting a paper and/or attending the conference. Booking form: can be downloaded from the HEIRNET Website www.heirnet.org.uk. Contact and information details: Cherry Dodwell, the conference coordinator at: heirnet@exeter.ac.uk or heirnet@googlemail.com

UNDP - ACT LATEST PROGRAMME UPDATE

Read all the latest news on the progress of **UNDP - Action for Cooperation and Trust (ACT)**, and its various initiatives at: www.undp-act.org

CCMC NEWS

Find out about all the great work that CCMC and their partners are doing for all communities in Cyprus by visiting the CCMC website: www.cypruscommunitymedia.org

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Your membership is fundamental to the growth of AHDR and we would like to extend a personal thank you to everyone that renewed their AHDR membership and sent their updated contact details.

Should you wish to renew your membership, simply visit our website at <http://www.cyprus-tube.com/historical-dialogue> and email us your completed form at our **NEW e-address** at: ahdr.mide@ahdr.info

If you have changed your contact details, please, remember to send us your updated details.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

We thank you for your continued support!