

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
2005–2014



John S. Latsis
Public Benefit Foundation



– John Latsis (first from left)
boarding the Neraida



– Pallas Athena building houses the Athens Office of the Foundation

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

"No one is entitled to commendation or praise when fulfilling one's fundamental duty towards one's homeland and fellow man."

John Latsis

For several decades, John Latsis went about his philanthropic work quietly, driven by his inherent patriotism, steadfast faith in the institution of the family, a strong sense of responsibility towards younger generations, and compassion for his fellow man.

He proved to be a pioneer of his time, not only in his entrepreneurial ventures but also in his public benefit work. The perspicacity, focus, and straightforwardness that characterised his entrepreneurial path, were, at the same time, the fundamental principles underlying his contributions to society.

In 2005, two years after his death, the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation was established by his family with the purpose of channelling his private philanthropic work into an organised public benefit activity framework that focuses on the fields of education, science, culture, health, social welfare, and the environment.

The first ten years of the Foundation's operation coincided with major challenges faced by Greek society. In the initial five years (2005-2010), the groundwork was set up for our operation; engaging staff, merging and modernising existing public benefit activities, and developing the educational and scientific programmes that constituted the key priorities of the Foundation. At the same time, this period was marked by a four-year, nationwide programme to restore fire-stricken areas and support our fellow citizens affected by the devastating fires of 2007. This programme also developed crucial measures to strengthen natural disaster prevention and response mechanisms.

During the subsequent five years (2011-2015), our focus was on reconfiguring the priorities to respond to the extensive repercussions of the economic and social crisis in Greece. Adverse financial conditions, combined with a weak and unprepared national social welfare system, left the country's vulnerable social groups unprotected in the face of the recession. In this context, our programmes were redesigned to tackle the new social pressures and fulfill the institutional role of a public benefit foundation more effectively.

Since its establishment, the Foundation has pursued creative collaborations with the public and private sectors as well as active civil society associations. However, greater emphasis is now being placed on sharpening implementation methodologies and impact assessments of our projects as well as the overarching strategy of our work.

The complexity of contemporary social issues now requires us to develop, in collaboration with our grantees, scientific collaborators, and partner institutions, a unified strategy in order to achieve joint objectives. Fostering effective communication and networking channels between all stakeholders is an imperative. The main goal is the development of a welfare society where state, citizens, and private initiatives can create a strong social safety net.

Therefore, we are determined to explore new approaches, to provide opportunities not only to large and recognised players but to also creative, pioneering, grassroots organisations in the educational, scientific, cultural, and social solidarity spheres. Consequently, we strive to create an ecosystem of social responsibility based on interactive learning, productive deliberation, innovative ideas, and adaptable strategies. Fortunately, the ground upon which this ecosystem can be cultivated has already been paved, as is evident from the organisations and people we collaborate with, who are highly commendable; not only because they view the world through a prism of optimism but, primarily, because they work tirelessly, day after day, often under difficult circumstances, with inexhaustible creativity and passion for social change.

Numerous grants have been managed by the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation over the past decade and are not limited to those referenced herein. The following pages aim to provide a representative depiction of the range and purpose of our initiatives in all the thematic fields the Foundation has been involved in during these first years of its existence.

The Executive Board
John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation

JOHN S. LATSIS

John Latsis was born in 1910 in Katakolo, Ileia Prefecture and passed away in 2003. Two years later, his family established the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation.

ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES

The entrepreneurial activities of John Latsis extended over approximately seven decades from the end of the 1920's to the mid-1990's. His varied business activities included agricultural and industrial goods, petroleum product trading, as well as coastal shipping, passenger and commercial deep-sea shipping, petroleum refining, construction, and banking.

PUBLIC BENEFIT ACTIVITIES

His entrepreneurial activity was accompanied by numerous public benefit initiatives. Among his first organised actions was the establishment of the John S. Latsis Ileians' Scholarships Foundation to assist students from his home region. From 1991 until 2012 the Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Albanians of Greek Descent, established after the opening of the Greek - Albanian borders to support Albanians of Greek descent, housed and trained more than 2,200 Albanians of Greek descent from the neighbouring country.

At the same time, he also contributed extensively during emergencies, such as the earthquakes that struck the areas of Kalamata in 1986, Pyrgos, Ileia in 1988, and Grevena in 1995. The Hellenic Fire Brigade, Hellenic Police and the Seamen's Pension Fund also received large-scale donations. In 1995, the building complex of the Latsio Elementary School was donated to the HAEF-Athens College; in 2005,

two years after the death of John Latsis, the Latsio Burn Centre was completed and integrated into the Thriassio General Hospital of Eleusis.

He was recognised with numerous honours for the breadth of his contribution from institutions such as the Academy of Athens and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



– John Latsis receives the award of the Academy of Athens, 1989

PURPOSE – SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation is a non-profit organisation established in 2005 with the mission of preserving and perpetuating the philanthropic legacy of John Latsis.

The Foundation plans, manages, and funds programmes across a wide range of issue areas, such as education, science, health, social welfare, culture and the environment, in collaboration with civil society partners and key players within these areas. An additional, diversified branch of activities is the operation of the Neraida Floating Museum, which, by offering visitors free access and organising various events, seeks to highlight the maritime and entrepreneurial history of Greece, familiarise youth with the maritime profession, and protect the environment. The Foundation's approach to grant-making prioritises the emergency relief of citizens in need, infrastructural improvement, NGO capacity building and community development, academic and research output reward, and highlighting the cultural wealth of Greece. The Foundation seeks to remain in sync with and respond to current social needs. The framework the Foundation uses to evaluate any proposal it receives includes criteria such as its relevance to the problem and its effectiveness, the sustainability of the proposed action and of the organisation, as well as its impact.

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The earliest, and most important, initiatives undertaken by the Foundation since its establishment involved encouraging education, scientific research and culture through various programmes and specific grants. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to support institutions and individuals at all levels of education and contribute to projects pertaining to a broad range of scientific fields, various art forms, and cultural aspects.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

LEARNING TOGETHER

During the 2013–2014 school year, the Foundation first designed and implemented the “Learning Together” – Educational Activities in Primary Education programme. Its main objective is to highlight those initiatives through which the knowledge, experiences, and skills of pupils develop in manifold ways, both in school and in their social environment. At the same time, it provides teachers with the opportunity to try out innovative educational ideas and practices that would promote creativity during the learning and educational process.

In its first year, the programme focused on island regions to (a) overcome their geographical isolation and (b) facilitate the development of new educational stimuli.

During the Foundation’s first public call for proposals, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, 125 groups responded, consisting of 258 teachers from 28 islands throughout Greece. There were no restrictions on subject matter and the 17 educational activities selected for implementation composed a rich mosaic of original activities for 650 students in kindergarten and primary schools on Andros, Astypalea, Chios, Corfu, Cephalonia, Kalymnos, Kos, Lesvos, Limnos, Naxos, Nisyros, Paros, Rhodes, Salamis, Samos, Syros, under the supervision of 35 teachers.



During the programme’s second year of operation (school year 2014–15), it focused on schools located in the northern border prefectures of Greece and received 171 proposals from which 17 new activities were selected. The emphasis was on programmes that made good use of and involved as many fields of knowledge and experiential activities as possible so as to support student engagement and investigative learning. Thus, the programme enables 680 students from Drama, Evros, Florina, Kastoria, Kilkis, Komotini, Pella, Serres and Xanthi to utilise their existing experiences and acquire additional knowledge, while developing new technological and artistic skills, discovering aspects of their local past, and making good educational use of their region’s cultural and natural wealth.

Apart from the ‘Learning Together’ programme, the Foundation also makes grants to individual schools, after conducting an evaluation, providing them with visual aid and educational material and bolstering activities that support student artistic creation.

Education
Science
Culture

'Learning Together' Programme Geographic Scope of Educational Activities



-  School year 2013 – 2014
-  School year 2014 – 2015

- 1** Pupils' artistic work, 5th Kindergarten of Salamis
- 2** Literature dramatisation programme, 13th Primary School of Serres



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SECONDARY EDUCATION

STUDENT COMPETITIONS

As of 2011, the Foundation supports scientific associations that carry out educational activities. In particular, the Foundation funded the Hellenic Mathematical Society (HMS), enabling it to hold panhellenic competitions as well as to participate in balkan competitions and International Mathematical Olympiads. In the two subsequent years, the Foundation supported the publication of scientific journals and books by the HMS, which were sent gratis in order to enhance public school libraries.

At the same time, the Foundation collaborated with the Society of Astronomy and Space for two years and supported the Greek delegations to the Fifth and Sixth International Olympiads on Astronomy and Astrophysics in Krakow, Poland and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil respectively, where they were awarded high distinctions. In 2013, the Foundation supported the organisation of the Seventh International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics in Volos with the participation of 180 students and 100 accompanying teachers from 37 countries.

SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation supports the scholarship programme of Anatolia College in Thessaloniki while, at the same time, provides scholarships to the Arsakeia-Tositseia Schools, helping talented students, who meet specific socio-economic criteria, pursue their studies.



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- 1 The poster of the Seventh International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, Volos 2013
- 2 The Greek delegation to the 15th Junior Balkan Mathematical Olympiad, Cyprus 2011

FOUNDATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ALBANIANS OF GREEK DESCENT (FRAGD)

In 1991, John Latsis donated the amount of five million U.S. dollars to the Greek State to provide assistance to Albanians of Greek descent. Subsequent to this donation, the Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Albanians of Greek Descent (FRAGD) was established as a Legal Entity of Private Law supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During its first years of operation, it sought to meet the immediate requirements of the Albanians of Greek descent population, satisfying the need for healthcare relief, providing financial assistance to the underprivileged, donating professional equipment to farmers and local businesses, funding training programmes, as well as aiding welfare and educational organisations that supported Albanians of Greek descent.

POGONIANI VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

In 1992, the training centre began operating in Pogoniani, a village on the border with Albania. Housed in a building belonging to the National Youth Foundation, it provided more effective vocational training and rehabilitation to younger Albanians of Greek descent. Its objective was to provide them with the proper skills that would allow them to immediately return to their homes. The specialisations taught at various times at the school included: automobile mechanics and electrical systems, aluminium construction, electronics, auto body repair, plumbing, carpentry, hairdressing, cooking/patisserie, etc. Over 100 students were enrolled each year, while their food and board expenses were assumed by the FRAGD. From its establishment until it finally closed its doors, it housed over 2,200 pupils and students.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INITIATIVES

In 1993 and 1998, the Foundation, in collaboration with the University of Ioannina, funded the publication of a Greek-Albanian and Albanian-Greek dictionary compiled by Nikolaos Ginis, an Albanian of Greek descent, who was a Greek Language professor at the University of Tirana. This dictionary remains a reference for teachers in both languages. Furthermore, during the period 2006–2012, the Foundation collaborated once again with the University of Ioannina to implement a programme that annually conferred prizes to undergraduate and postgraduate Albanian students

- 1 The President of Hellenic Republic, Mr Kostis Stefanopoulos, with Mrs Henrietta Latsis and the graduates of the Vocational Training Centre, Pogoniani, June 2001
- 2 The members of the Executive Board of FRAGD with the last graduates of the Vocational Training Centre, Pogoniani, June 2012 (Photo: Studio Anagnostopoulos-Vagias)

of Greek descent who evidenced exceptional performance and met certain social criteria.

Angelos Kitsos, a founding member of the FRAGD Board of Directors, passed away in 2008. In recognition of his contribution to the development of many important initiatives, the Foundation made a donation to the Academy of Athens to establish an award for scientific thesis in his memory, which was conferred in 2011. The new conditions that emerged in Greece and Albania in recent years, with the dramatic reduction of the communities of Albanians of Greek descent, led to the cessation of the activities of the FRAGD, ending the historical cycle of its 20-year contribution.



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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Scholarships have always been an essential part of the Foundation’s activity. Every year, a significant percentage of the budget is directed towards more than 120 young people that study at undergraduate or postgraduate level across all scientific fields.

The John S. Latsis Ileians’ Scholarships Foundation was established in 1967 to promote and support young people hailing from John Latsis’ home region. The Foundation, inter alia, provided scholarships for undergraduate studies in Greek universities and for postgraduate studies in institutions both in Greece and abroad. From its establishment until it ceased operating in 2011, the Foundation was under the joint supervision of the Ministries of Education and of Finance. It provided students from Ileia Prefecture with approximately 2,000 scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate studies, emergency financial assistance and prizes for those that graduated from high school with honours. In 2007, following the devastating fires in Ileia, it implemented the Programme for Granting Extraordinary Financial Assistance to All Ileian Students Attending Greek Universities and Technological Educational Institutes coming from fire-stricken areas. The 2,000 additional scholarships were granted in the context of the broader ‘It Is Our Duty’ programme carried out by the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation during the four-year period 2007-2010. Since 2011, the activities of the John S. Latsis Ileians’ Scholarships Foundation were integrated into the programmes of the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation.

The new educational and economic reality led to an upgrade of the scholarship programme. This upgrade involved an adaptation to the new conditions arising in society and the economy by changing the prerequisites for submitting applications and, primarily, extending the range of scholarships to include candidates from all of Greece.

The Foundation now implements two scholarship programmes:

- A** For undergraduate studies in Greece
- B** For postgraduate studies, at the masters level, in academic institutions in Greece and abroad

The main objective is to provide financially disadvantaged students with the opportunity to obtain the education they desire in any academic field.

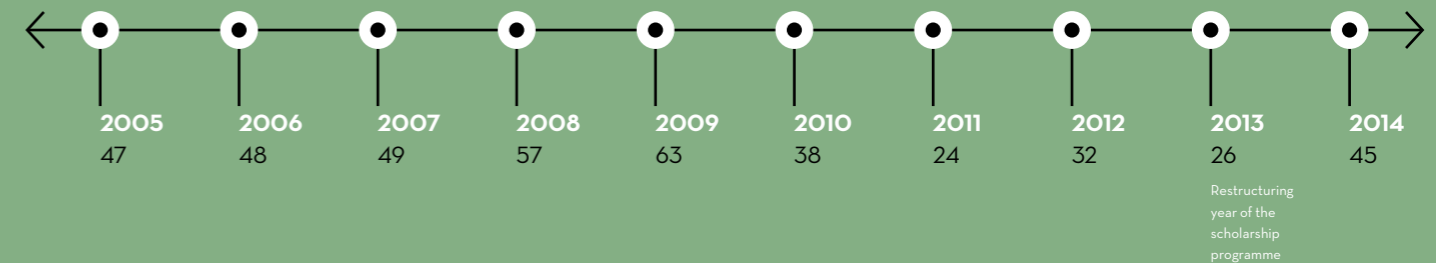
Undergraduate Studies

The Foundation now implements a programme for freshmen students coming from all parts of Greece who attend a Greek university. It equally evaluates academic performance as well as the combination of financial and social criteria that make up a complete portrait of each candidate.

The Selection Committee, composed of academics, evaluates the supporting documents accompanying the applications as well as the shortlist of candidates invited for a personal interview. Each scholarship is granted until the graduation of the student, with annual academic performance reviews.

New scholarships granted per year

(undergraduate & postgraduate)



Postgraduate Studies

Scholarships for postgraduate studies are consistently oriented to the promotion of academic excellence. All secondary education graduates of Greece who have obtained their university degree in the country, or abroad, are entitled to apply to the programme. Candidates are called upon to document their financial need along with providing a general outline of their ambitions and future aspirations as part of the evaluation process.

The Foundation’s postgraduate scholarship students attend programmes in universities in Greece as well as abroad, with no restriction as to the academic field of study. The scholarship is granted until the completion of the postgraduate programme.

SCIENCE

Since its inception, the promotion of scientific research was a priority for the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation, evidenced by the first implemented programmes which were designed to address this issue. The objective was to encourage extroversion of individual scientists and academic institutions, while the advent of the financial crisis made supporting young scientists and research teams a key priority.



– Meeting of the ‘Scientific Projects 2011’ participants at the Pallas Athena building (Photo: Marq Riley)

Scientific Projects

In 2008, the Foundation launched the Scientific Projects programme, which became Foundation’s primary funding framework for the Greek scientific community in the years that followed.

The programme supported teams of scientists from almost all the research and academic institutions of Greece, Greek scientists working abroad, as well as independent teams. It was open to all disciplines and, consequently, every year had extensive researcher participation with approximately 900 applications submitted per public call.

The Foundation’s key selection criteria were the originality of the research proposal, quality of the scientific team, use of innovative research methodology, as well as novelty in the dissemination of results. In addition it sought to focus on supporting young researchers and/or research efforts that lacked access to funding from large national or international funding bodies. Moreover, the fields of the social sciences and humanities, the physical and technological sciences, and the biological and health sciences were all equally treated in terms of funding.

This programme provided financial support to all universities and to a large number of research centres in Greece, as well as individual NGOs and independent groups. Having issued a considerable number of calls over eight consecutive years, the Foundation decided to bring the programme to a close at the end of 2015 and explore new ways of supporting the scientific community.

The main orientation of any new initiatives will be establishing partnerships with specialised scientific and research institutions in Greece and abroad whose operations have a multiplier effect, strongly mobilising the scientific community.



– Submarine ‘Omer 6’ off Ithaca during fieldwork for the project ‘Life Amphibious’, ‘Scientific Projects 2009’

THE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS 2008–2015

6,200

Proposals submitted

145

Projects funded

556

Participating scientists
in funded projects

46

Greek institutions supported
(universities, research centres, NGOs)

14

Foreign institutions funded

6

Independent teams selected

Summer Schools

A. John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation Summer School

During the three-year period 2009-2011, the Foundation exclusively funded and hosted on its premises in Kefalari an annual summer school for postgraduate, doctoral, and postdoctoral researchers. The focus was on environmental issues, 30 participant places were available each year and it was requested from organisers to include, in each school, fieldwork as well as to invite guest speakers from abroad. The following summer schools were organised:

- **2009** 'Environment: Climate - Climate Change - Impacts', Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Geology, Department of Meteorology & Climatology
- **2010** 'Mediterranean Marine Ecosystems: Functioning and Evolution', Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Institute of Oceanography
- **2011** 'Mediterranean Agroforestry and Its Role in the Current Environmental Challenges', Technological Institute of Lamia, Department of Forestry and Natural Environment - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Forestry and Natural Environment - University of Florence, Department of Sciences for Plant Production, Soil, and Agroforestry Environment, Italy - University of Extramadura, Department of Plant Biology, Ecology, and Land Sciences, Spain

B. University of Trento Summer Schools

In 2008, the Foundation launched a 10-year collaboration with the University of Trento, Italy, Department of Economics and Management to support a series of summer schools organised by the Cognitive and Experimental Economics Laboratory (CEEL). Every year, the topic revolves around economic issues, examined each time from a different perspective; these include, for example, finance, public finances, the role of networks, addressing financial crises, etc. Organisers pay special attention to ensuring the participation of distinguished academics from universities of different countries, as well as to gather young researchers of various nationalities. Every year, the programme lasts 15 days and the Foundation has secured the participation of two Greek students, provided they meet the criteria. The Foundation has financed the following summer schools:

- 2009** 'Networks and Innovation'
- 2010** 'Macroeconomics and Financial Crises'
- 2011** 'Evolution of Social Preferences'
- 2012** 'Market Design: Theory and Pragmatics'
- 2013** 'Modularity and Design for Innovation'
- 2014** 'Financial Crises'
- 2015** 'Intensive course on Inequality and the Changing Distribution of Income'

– The participants of the 2nd Summer School on board the R/V Aegaeo of the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Saronic Gulf, July 2010 (Photo: Marq Riley)

Ad-Hoc Scientific Grants

RESEARCH PROGRAMME FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

From September 2009 until February 2011, the Foundation funded an economic research programme for the broader region of South Eastern Europe, conducted through a collaboration between the LSEE-Research on South Eastern Europe research unit of the London School of Economics and Political Sciences and the Institut français des relations internationales (Ifri). A series of projects were implemented in the context of the programme on issues such as privatisation and the public sector, energy poverty, decentralisation, etc. Detailed reports on individual countries in the region were produced, while workshops and open discussions were organised in London and Brussels to disseminate the results. The programme results were distributed to policy-making institutions and individuals in the broader region and in Europe.

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME 'OLYMPIC STUDIES, OLYMPIC EDUCATION, ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF OLYMPIC EVENTS'

Following the devastating wild fires in Ileia Prefecture, during the summer of 2007, the Foundation approved the support of the operation for the first 5 years of the new postgraduate programme which was the result of the collaboration between the International Olympic Academy and the Department of Sports Organisation and Management of the University of Peloponnese.

The philosophy of the programme is consistent with the values of the Olympic Movement for the propagation of the Olympic Ideal worldwide, the promotion of knowledge and research in Olympic issues and global participation. Every year, approximately 30 students of different nationalities attend the programme. The duration of the course is 3 semesters during which classes take place both at the University of Peloponnese, in Sparta, and at the International Olympic Academy, in Ancient Olympia.

– Photograph from the Hellenic Pasteur Institute historical archive

HELLENIC PASTEUR INSTITUTE

The Hellenic Pasteur Institute (HPI) in Athens is a research and diagnostic centre, which plays an important role in public health and biological research and has a history that goes back nearly a century (Founded 1919). From 2009 to 2011, the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation funded the effort to rescue and utilise the Institute's historical archives and records, a project that involved using valuable documents to chronicle how the Institute was established, how it gradually evolved, and the distinct way it operated throughout the entire period, an endeavour that filled a historical gap on the topic of research and public health in Greece. The digitised database is available to the public on the website www.pasteur.gr/ha.



IOANNIS KAPODISTRIAS DIGITAL ARCHIVE

The Ioannis Kapodistrias Digital Archive is the product of a two-year research programme exclusively funded by the Foundation. Its objective was twofold: on the one hand, to gather for the first time in the annals of Greek research numerous documents related to the life and works of Ioannis Kapodistrias, the first governor of the newly established Greek State, which are located in archival collections dispersed throughout the European and Greek archives, into one single organisational structure; on the other hand, to give new meaning to the concept of the archive through the possibilities opened up by new technologies. The project results were compiled in a single database, thus allowing material to be further processed and expanded, and were made accessible to the researchers and the general public via the creation of the Ioannis Kapodistrias Digital Archive website (<http://Kapodistrias.digitalarchive.gr>), designed to serve as a research and educational tool for the study of the period, life, and work of Kapodistrias. Additionally, it serves as a model for the organisation of the archives of similar historical figures. The programme's scientific committee was composed of distinguished historians and experts in the field of the digital presentation of history, while postgraduate students and young researchers participated in the project.

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Over the years, the Foundation has supported a significant number of other initiatives, such as the participation of Greek undergraduate students from the Law School of the University of Athens in the 2012 and 2013 Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competitions, as well as numerous conferences, scientific meetings, and scientific publications.

Two-Year Scientific Programmes

With a view to supporting young researchers in Greece, the Foundation funded six two-year postdoctoral programmes during the period 2008–2009. Drawing their topic from the fields of anthropology, environmental sciences, history, and geography, the research programmes included issues such as water resource management, the problems faced by immigrants in Greece, contemporary cultural landscapes, and the history of ethnic minorities in Greece and Turkey. The programme completed its life cycle in 2009.

1, 2 The volume that was compiled as a result of the 2-year scientific programme 'Contemporary Greek Cultural Landscapes: An Aerial Atlas' and the plateau of Domokos, photographed during the fieldwork of this programme



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1 Cataloguing of documents for the I. Kapodistrias Digital Archive
2 The website of the Digital Archive

CULTURE

The key objective is to promote Greek culture, both ancient and modern in Greece and abroad, and to encourage new artistic production.



– The cover of the volume 'National Archaeological Museum'

The Museums Cycle

The Foundation continued the Museums Cycle publication programme, which was initiated by the Latsis Group and the Eurobank Group, and is currently comprised of 16 volumes.

The main objective continued to be the showcasing and promotion of the cultural wealth of Greece. Each volume contains scholarly texts written by experts, which are accompanied by detailed photographs in order to be suitable both for research and for educational purposes from scientists and teachers of all levels.

Apart from the printed volume, the e-book is uploaded and freely available in both Greek and English on the website www.latsis-foundation.org.

The Foundation, having received the necessary license from the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, has presented well-known as well as less prominent museums and archaeological sites across Greece, in an attempt to spotlight as many aspects of ancient Greek culture as possible.

Each year, copies of the books are sent gratis to universities, research centres, museums and public benefit foundations' libraries in Greece and abroad as well as to the different departments of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture.



**THE FOUNDATION HAS PUBLISHED
THE VOLUMES:**

- 1997 Greece at the Benaki Museum
- 1998 The Acropolis Museum
- 2001 The Archaeological Museum of Piraeus
- 2002 Elefsis: The Archaeological Site and the Museum
- 2003 Delos
- 2004 The Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki
- 2005 The Archaeological Museum of Herakleion
- 2006 The Archaeological Museum of Delphi
- 2007 The National Archaeological Museum
- 2008 The Archaeological Museum of Olympia
- 2009 Marathon and the Archaeological Museum
- 2010 The Archaeological Museum of Thebes
- 2011 The Archaeological Museum of Pella
- 2012 Samos: The Archaeological Museums
- 2013 Aigai: The Royal Metropolis of the Macedonians
- 2014 Kerameikos

The Foundation's electronic library
also contains the editions:

- The Holy Quran 1987
- Greek Marine Painting 1993
- Greek-Albanian Dictionary 1993
- Louis Dupré - Journey to Athens
and Constantinople 1994
- The Survival of Byzantine Sacred Art 1996
- Albanian-Greek Dictionary 1998



National Theatre

The Foundation began its operation at the same time as renovation works were taking place at the National Theatre's historic Ziller building on Agiou Konstantinou St., in Athens. The Foundation responded positively to a grant request made by the theatre in order to purchase the new seats for the main stage. The grant was the second contribution following the funding of the anniversary edition '100 years National Theatre' published in Greek and English, also available on the electronic library which is accessible through the Foundation's website.

'Relics of the Past: Treasures of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Population Exchange. The Benaki Museum Collections' exhibition

In February 2011, the Museum of Christian Art in the Orthodox Centre of the Ecumenical Patriarchate was inaugurated in Chambésy, Geneva, with the presentation of the exhibition 'Relics of the Past: Treasures of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Population Exchange. The Benaki Museum collections'. The Foundation funded the exhibition as well as the accompanying catalogue.

'Greek Architects of Istanbul in the Era of Westernization' exhibition

Contributing to the effort of highlighting the major role the Greek architects of Istanbul played in the development of the city's image, the Foundation supported the architectural exhibition entitled 'Greek Architects of Istanbul in the Era of Westernization' in 2010, organised by the Zografeion Alumni Association under the auspices of the Istanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency. In 2011, the exhibition also travelled to Greece, to Athens, Thessaloniki, and Ioannina, along with a bilingual (Greek and English) catalogue, the production of which was also funded by the Foundation.

Archaeological Excavations on the Islet of Despotiko

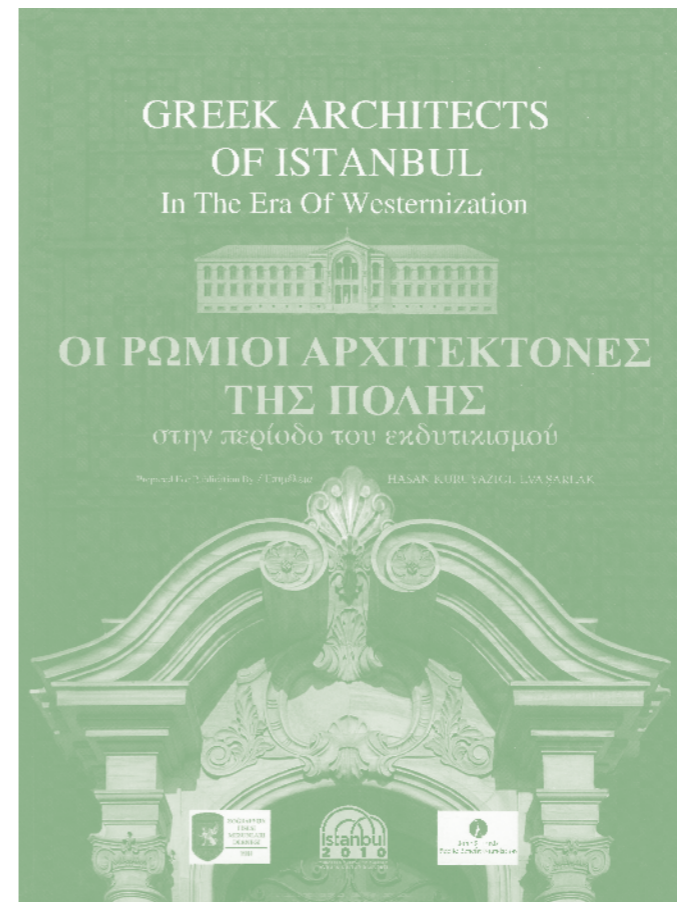
There is significant evidence that Despotiko, the now uninhabited Cyclades islet located southwest of Antiparos, played a key role in the prehistoric and ancient maritime communication routes. Systematic research performed during the last seventeen years by the archaeologist Yannis Kourayos has brought to light an extensive and rich archaic sanctuary possibly founded by the Parians. The investigations uncovered numerous buildings and finds, indicating that during the archaic and classical years, a widely-visited sanctuary of far-reaching fame existed there. The Foundation funded the excavations during the period 2010-2014.



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- 1 The main stage of the National Theatre
- 2 Aspect of the archaeological excavations on the islet of Despotiko
- 3 The accompanying publication of the exhibition 'Greek Architects of Istanbul in the Era of Westernization'
- 4 The exhibition catalogue 'Relics of the Past: Treasures of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Population Exchange. The Benaki Museum Collections'

Dionysis Grammenos

In February 2008, the Foundation funded the Panhellenic Competition for Young Musicians until the age of 19. The contestant who qualified and went on to represent Greece at the respective international competition organised by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) was Dionysis Grammenos, a young man from a village of Corfu, who trained with the local philharmonic orchestra. Grammenos won first prize at the competition, which took place in May of the same year in Vienna, and was named European Young Musician of the Year. Since then, the Foundation remains at the side of this young musician, who was included among the artists making up the Rising Stars of the European Concert Hall Organisation (ECHO) during the period 2013-2014. To date, Grammenos has given recitals in famous European concert halls (London Barbican, Amsterdam Concertgebouw, etc.), while he recorded his first CD in 2013 with the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Little Musicians Programme

In association with the Athens Conservatory, the Foundation created the Little Musicians programme, to support music education in Greece through scholarships for children whose families cannot afford tuition costs. A Scholarship Fund was therefore established that accepts contributions, of any amount, from institutions or private individuals. During the school year 2013-2014, 35 scholarships were awarded, while the programme's operation continues.

Museum of Greek Children's Art

The Museum of Greek Children's Art, founded in 1994, is a pioneering museum that exhibits the paintings and constructions of children 5-16 years of age. In this context, the museum, with the support of the Foundation, organised the exhibition 'The Right to Be a Child', which constitutes a clear reference that the Convention on the Rights of the Child should serve as the starting point for inspiration and reflection. Associated educational programmes were organised as well. The exhibition presents 80 paintings and three-dimensional children's works from various panhellenic children's art competitions. A one-day workshop on the exhibition also took place and was attended by members of the educational community.

Greek-Turkish Youth Orchestra

The Greek-Turkish Youth Orchestra, since its launch 6 years ago, has been consisting of 50 young Greek and Turkish musicians. The orchestra seeks to bring together musicians from different cultures, who share the common language of friendship, harmony, and music. The orchestra gave three concerts in Greece and Turkey funded by the Foundation.

Life of the Others

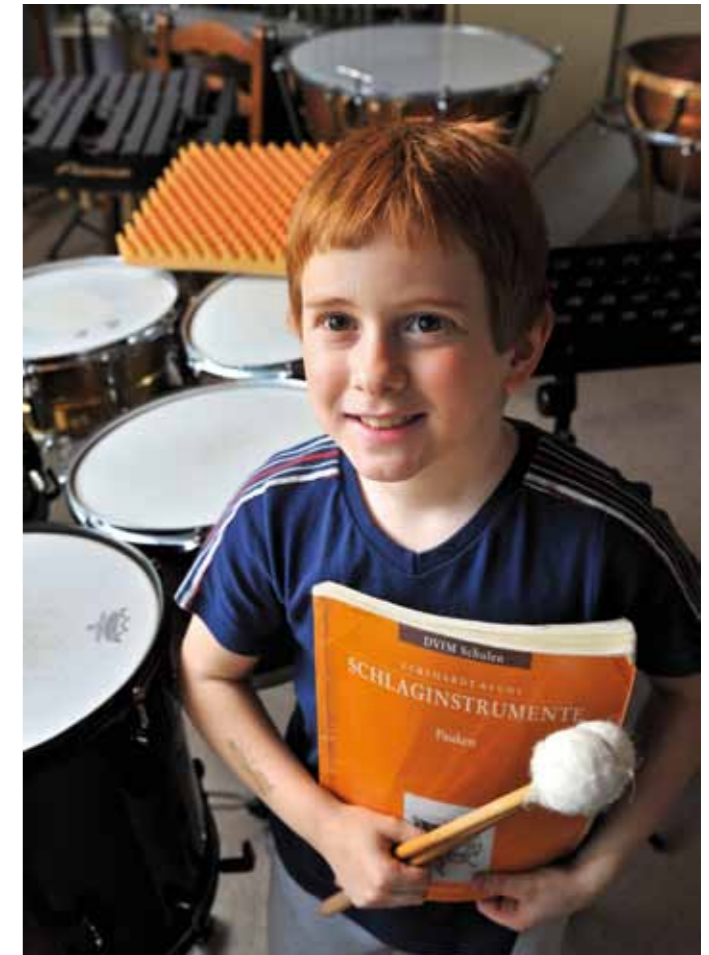
The Foundation supported the Life of the Others cultural initiative of the Educational Institute for Documentaries (StoryDoc), during which 12 groups of young people (aged 16-24) in seven countries were trained and, subsequently, created 12 amateur documentaries on the lives of "others", i.e., young people who live in the same country but have a different nationality, religion, or social background. The project participants came from Greece, Palestine, Malta, Algeria, and Morocco.

Other Cultural Activities

Throughout its course, the Foundation has funded exhibitions and cultural events in Greece and abroad; among them the exhibition 'Olympia, Myth, Cult, Games' in Berlin in 2012, the exhibition 'Eretria: Insights into an Ancient City' in Athens in 2010, the Aeschylia Festival in Eleusis for many years, the Menandreia Festival in Kifissia, the Prespes cultural events, the Corfu Festival of Arts, the LA Greek Film Festival, the Annual New York City Greek Film Festival, the Naoussa International Film Festival, etc. Finally, it has also sponsored the publication of numerous books; indicatively, 'Odysseas Elytis: The Nautilus of the Century' in 2011, 'The Public Space of the City' in 2010, 'Georgios Drossinis and Modern Greece' in 2011, etc.



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- 1 The clarinetist Dionysis Grammenos (Photo: Marco Borgrevve)
- 2 'Little Musicians' programme (Photo: Ilias Sakalak)
- 3 Aspect of the exhibition 'The Right to be a Child' at the Museum of Greek Children's Art



Social Welfare & Community Development

The objectives of the Social Welfare & Community Development strand span a wide range of societal issue areas prevalent in Greece. The Foundation focuses on addressing the needs of people who are burdened by the effects of institutional dysfunction, incapacity, or injustice with an emphasis on highly marginalised individuals and underfunded social sector institutions.

FOOD SECURITY

The issue of food security was one of the primary social concerns for which the Foundation developed programmes, at the start of 2012, as a result of the urgent needs that arose due to the socioeconomic crisis. The strategy focused on: (a) the efficient management of surplus food, (b) the production and distribution of healthy meals served in schools to children from financially insecure families, and (c) establishing mechanisms to improve food distribution to vulnerable groups.

From 2012 to 2014, the Foundation developed and implemented the 'It Is Our Duty II' food aid programme. The objective was to initially identify the principal issues of food insecurity faced in Greece and to address them through effective third party collaborations. Numerous programmes were operated, from door-to-door food package services for the elderly to municipal food dispensaries for unemployed, single parent households, or soup kitchens for marginalised communities, with over 5,000 individuals receiving regular support during the implementation period. Additionally, the Foundation participated in the targeted activities that follow.

GREEK FOOD BANK - INSTITUTION TO COMBAT HUNGER

The Foundation began working with the Food Bank in 2012 when the latter participated in the 'It Is Our Duty II' programme. Subsequently, in 2013 and for the next two years, the Food Bank's operational expenses were covered, as well as renovation of food storage areas and purchase of new warehouse equipment for safer crate management.

BOROUME

The Foundation funded Boroume, a private non-profit organisation, which combats food waste and channels

surplus food to vulnerable social groups. The Foundation supported two programmes, one that sought to utilise surplus agricultural production to benefit social groups facing food insecurity (Boroume Gleaning), and another which aims to raise teenage awareness concerning issues of food waste while developing their social conscience (Boroume in School).

PROLEPSIS INSTITUTE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

The institute is a non-profit organisation active in the field of medical research, health promotion, and environmental and occupational medicine since 1990. The Foundation participated in a major programme implemented nationwide, in areas with over 85% food insecurity, ensuring the delivery of nutritious meals to 343 students from five primary schools.



– Volunteers of the Greek Food Bank

CHILD WELFARE

The Foundation considers child welfare a top priority, supporting programmes that aim to improve and develop available social services with targeted grants that support children from the most vulnerable strata of the population.

ATHENS MUNICIPAL NURSERY - URBAN ENVIRONMENT LABORATORY, NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS (NTUA)

The network of the Athens Municipal Nurseries (AMN) consists of 77 nurseries, which house and cater meals for a total of 4,500-5,000 infants and young children from six months to five years of age. With the support of the Foundation, the Athens Municipal Nursery commissioned the Urban Environment Laboratory of the School of Architecture of the National Technical University of Athens to study the network of nurseries under the jurisdiction of the AMN, examining their legal, operational framework, infrastructural information and specifications as well as numerous technical features of the buildings, while taking into account broader social and population demographics. The research project was carried out in 2012 and 2013 and delivered, inter alia, proposals for small-scale interventions to the buildings and surrounding areas, to improve the housing conditions of the children, while increasing capacity. The project results were based on research involving all key stakeholders (municipality, AMN administration, nursery personnel, parents, as well as associated institutions throughout Greece).

YOUTH CENTRE OF ELEUSIS

The centre, which has been active for over five decades, supports approximately 160 children on a daily basis, providing educational programmes and meals. The Foundation, in collaboration with Hellenic Hope co-funded the full renovation of the day centre, which drastically upgraded its security, functionality, and appearance.

PRAKSIS POLYCLINIC, ATHENS

In 2013 and 2014, in the context of the Foundation's support for the independent non-profit, NGO PRAKSIS, which conducts multidimensional welfare work that supports vulnerable social groups, staffing expenses were covered while, funding was provided for a range of medicines and medical supplies necessary to the operation of the paediatric clinic. During its first year of operation, the clinic performed 2,760 primary care procedures on approximately 1,800 children, aged one to eleven, from Greece, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Albania, Syria, and various other countries.

DESMOS

Desmos is a non-profit organisation set up by a group of young people with the objective of effectively utilising both private initiative and foundation support to address the humanitarian crisis which Greece is experiencing. In 2014, the Foundation collaborated with Desmos to develop and implement a programme supplying heating oil to 18 social welfare institutions. Overall, 37,000lt of heating oil were provided, which met the needs of 716 individuals.

ARSIS

ARSIS is a non-governmental organisation, active since 1992, which supports and protects the rights of children and young people. It operates centres in Athens, Thessaloniki, Volos, Kozani, and Alexandroupolis, while being active in many other cities as well. In 2012, 2013, and 2014, the Foundation supported the House of ARSIS in Oraikastro, Thessaloniki covering operational expenses and payroll costs for three caregivers. The guesthouse hosts unaccompanied minors, most of whom have been victims of domestic abuse or trafficking, while coordinating educational and recreational activities and managing family reunification procedures when possible.



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- 1 The refurbished Youth Centre of Eleusis, October 2014
- 2 The House of ARSIS, Oraikastro, Thessaloniki
- 3 The Polyclinic of PRAKSIS

ILIACHTIDA

The Iliachtida Association is a non-profit organisation established in 2000 in Nea Smyrni, Attica, for the moral, financial, and psychological support of vulnerable children and their families. The association operates the Hospice for Sick Children in Nea Smyrni, a guesthouse which hosts chronically ill children from rural areas and marginalised family backgrounds that are brought to hospitals in Athens for treatment. In 2014, the Foundation focused its support on covering the operation costs of the guesthouse.

SUMMER CAMP HAPPY CHILDREN, HAPPY YOUTH

This summer camp for children has operated for over 80 years at Mandra, Attica; managed exclusively by volunteers. It annually opens its facilities to over 140 children from vulnerable social groups, regardless of age, religion, ethnic or family background, or financial situation. Since 2012 the Foundation has partially covered the camp's operation expenses each year.

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN

Together for Children is an umbrella association encompassing ten child welfare non-profit organisations that began operating in 1996 to provide coordinated services for more than 10,000 children in need. To support this long-term effort, the Foundation funded a large fundraising event in 2010 for various projects of the ten association members, while in 2014, it provided specialised equipment or customised grants to each NGO separately to upgrade or improve their services.

CHAIN OF HOPE

Since 1995, Chain of Hope has provided medical care to children suffering from heart disease in developing countries. The organisation's missions perform surgeries and treat children who lack access to healthcare services and are at risk from life-threatening diseases. Furthermore, they train local doctors and secure, when necessary, transportation costs of children to the UK. In 2010 and 2011, the Foundation supported missions led by Sir Magdi Yacoub to Maputo, Mozambique.

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CARE (PEDTRAUMA)

The objective of the organisation is to improve the infrastructure of public hospitals to ensure that children's injuries are treated in a timely and effective manner as well as to raise trauma prevention awareness. In this context, the Foundation supported PedTrauma in establishing and fully equipping Children's Emergency Trauma Units at the University General Hospital of Evros, Alexandroupolis and the General Hospital of Rhodes.

INITIATIVE FOR THE CHILD

The organisation has been operating in the Imathia region since 2008, providing shelter and social services to at risk youth. To this end, three facilities have been established: The House of Veria (daycare), the House of Vergina (long-term housing and care) and the Counselling Center in Veria. The Foundation covered staffing costs for the Houses of Veria & Vergina.

NGO AGAPI

The organisation focuses on on-going, current social issues and on implementing activities that contribute to solving them. The Foundation covered the cost of creating 70,000 DVD copies of the animated short film 'The Secret of Nikki' in the context of providing information on child sexual abuse. These were distributed to schools and youth centres throughout Greece via relevant awareness campaigns or information sessions.

JUVENILE PRISONS IN AVLONA AND CHALKIDA

To improve living conditions in juvenile prisons, new sets of clothes and footwear were distributed, via the social workers of the prisons, to inmates unable to cover their basic needs.



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1, 2 The facility of the 'Initiative for the child', Veria, Imathia
3 The medical team of 'Chain of Hope' on a mission to Maputo, Mozambique

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Foundation has always considered strengthening and supporting public health a key priority, continuing in the tradition of John Latsis who had supported many such initiatives throughout his life. The Foundation aims to fill crucial gaps in the public healthcare system including both medical infrastructure and services. The public health strategy follows three main directives (a) renovating public hospital infrastructure, (b) providing specialised medical equipment, and (c) providing free medical services to vulnerable groups.



– The building of the 'Nikos Kourkoulos' One Day Clinic

AGIOS SAVVAS
ONCOLOGICAL HOSPITAL ATHENS



Nikos Kourkoulos
ONE DAY CLINIC



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1 Mrs Marianna Latsis signing the Certificate of Delivery and Acceptance during the opening ceremony, January 2015
2 Chemotherapy room

'NIKOS KOURKOULOS' ONE DAY CLINIC, 'AGIOS SAVVAS' ONCOLOGICAL HOSPITAL, ATHENS

In 2013, after detailed discussions and specialised studies, the donation agreement between the Ministry of Health, the 'Agiou Savvas' Oncological Hospital, Athens, and the donor, Ms. Marianna Latsis, was ratified by law; it specified that the Sixth Oncology Hospital of the Greek Social Insurance Institute (IKA) would be fully renovated and converted into a cutting edge One Day Clinic for oncological pathologies. The John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation was responsible for implementing the donation agreement. The renovation work took place from June 2013 to December 2014. The building, which covers a total of 4,000 sq.m. (six floors, ground floor, and three basements), was fully renovated and equipped according to specifications meeting the operational requirements of a modern outpatient facility. The objective was to (a) improve health service provision and (b) optimise the efficiency of the medical and nursing staff. The clinic, which has a 45-bed capacity, and is an integral unit of the 'Agiou Savvas' Oncological Hospital, expects to admit 30,000 patients and perform 3,800 surgeries annually, since patients arrive in the morning, undergo treatment or surgery, and are discharged on the same day. This will reduce treatment costs while freeing up beds in the main building of 'Agiou Savvas' hospital for cases requiring inpatient care. International research indicates that the operation of One Day Clinics significantly improves the quality of health service provision and is one of the most practical ways in which to achieve cost-effectiveness and optimal utilisation of resources and manpower in the health sector. The 'Nikos Kourkoulos' One Day Clinic, offering an environment that meets contemporary specifications, impeccable organisation, and equipped to provide high quality healthcare services can serve as a model for replication in the public health system.



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HAEMATOLOGY CLINIC, 'LAIKO' GENERAL HOSPITAL, ATHENS

In 2010, the Foundation funded the renovation of the outpatient facilities of the Haematology Clinic of the 'Laiko' General Hospital, significantly upgrading the infrastructure of the units where patients undergo chemotherapy. Due to the high volume of patients the department receives on an annual basis, particular emphasis was placed on improving the functionality of the facilities.

PAEDIATRIC CLINIC, 'GEORGE GENNIMATAS' GENERAL HOSPITAL, THESSALONIKI

In 2009, the Scientific Projects programme funded an architectural study for the renovation of the paediatric clinic of the 'George Gennimatas' General Hospital, Thessaloniki in accordance with contemporary trends in child psychology. The proposal was presented to the administration of the hospital, was approved, and formed the basis for the funding and implementation request subsequently submitted to the Foundation. This was approved in 2011, and the Foundation completed the project within three months, delivering a radically redesigned 500 sq.m. space, while also providing new medical equipment for the unit. On average, 1,200 children up to 16 years of age from Macedonia, Thrace, and Thessaly are hospitalised in the clinic annually, while 9,000 children are treated every year in the emergency and outpatient wards.

BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION UNIT, 'PANAGIA VOITHIA' GENERAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, PATRAS

The Foundation funded the complete renovation, design upgrade, and modernisation of the BMT unit in order to triple its capacity and efficiency. It is one of only three units in the whole of Greece and not only does it treat incidents from Western Greece, but also from Athens and Cyprus.

'AGIOS PANTELEIMON' GENERAL HOSPITAL, NIKAIA, ATTICA

The Foundation co-funded, in collaboration with the TIMA Charitable Foundation, the purchase of specialised medical equipment to modernise the unit and increase the number and quality of procedures performed annually.

'GEORGE GENNIMATAS' GENERAL HOSPITAL, ATHENS

The Foundation funded the acquisition of new medical equipment in the Plastic Surgery and Microsurgery Departments of the Hospital's Burn Centre.

PRAKSIS POLYCLINIC, THESSALONIKI

The Foundation expanded its support for the organisation, covering core expenses including staffing costs for a dentist and a fundraiser, as well as the purchase of the pharmaceuticals and medical consumables necessary for the operation of the dental clinic that serves marginalised individuals from particularly vulnerable groups of the population.

MISSION 'ANTHROPOS'

The purpose of the non-profit organisation Mission 'Anthropos' is to provide effective medical care and immunisations to those in need. In this context during 2010 and 2011, it carried out humanitarian missions to Mekelle, Ethiopia with the Foundation's support. In Mekelle, the organisation performed surgical operations, trained members of the local medical and nursing staff in new techniques, and donated 400kgs of expendable medical equipment to the hospital.

Additionally, the Foundation covered administrative staffing expenses enabling the organisation to operate smoothly, and sponsored the vaccination programme for 100 children from socially vulnerable families in Greece.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY CENTRE (EKAV)

In collaboration with the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, five ambulances and three small rapid response vehicles were purchased, which EKAV headquarters use to respond to medical emergencies. These specialised new vehicles were placed under the operational management of EKAV to meet the needs of various regions of Greece and to upgrade the immediate pre-hospital care provided to all citizens in both urban and rural areas.

CENTRE FOR LIFE

Centre for Life is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation established in 1991 to support HIV+ men and women of Greece. The Foundation provided the organisation with equipment to upgrade the services it offers to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS more effectively, while covering core costs for the operation of the Day Centre which offers an array of services to beneficiaries.

TECHNODROMO

Technodromo is a non-profit association established by writers, artists, and other drama professionals, whose common aim is to acquaint socially marginalised groups with the theatre and, by extension, with all other related arts (dance, music, visual arts, etc.). The Foundation funded the preparation and performances of the theatrical play 'The Royal Hunt of the Sun' by HIV+ inmates of the Agios Pavlos Hospital within the Korydallos Detention Centre.

- 1 From left to right: the Head of the Paediatric Clinic of 'George Gennimatas' General Hospital, Thessaloniki, Mrs Stavroula Karyda and Mrs Marianna Latsis with the team that completed the study for the redesign of the clinic, Thessaloniki, June 2011
2 The Paediatric Clinic of 'George Gennimatas' General Hospital, Thessaloniki, after the refurbishment, June 2011
3, 4 Aspects of the refurbished Bone Marrow Transplantation Unit, General University Hospital, Patras, November 2014

INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

The Foundation, through its support to programmes for people with disabilities, seeks to inform and sensitise the public, develop and optimise services provided to people with disabilities, and support their inclusion, accessibility and integration.

CENTRE FOR THE RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, KARDITSA

In 2013, the John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation jointly funded the renovation of a large wing of the centre, as well as the purchase of a new bus. The renovated 500 sq.m. facilities decongested the centre's premises, where 103 children from the whole of Thessaly are housed and cared for.

THEATRE OF THE DEAF OF GREECE

The Theatre was founded in 1983 to function as a venue of artistic expression and to develop expressive media for the deaf community. In its 25 years of existence, it has staged many exceptional works from the Greek and international repertoire, promoting the artistic expression and development of the deaf participants and fostering collaboration between deaf and hearing actors. The Foundation supported the production of the historical drama 'Charcoal'.

ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH (SKEP)

The organisation was established in Athens in 2008 to support young people with disabilities and raise social awareness about the issue. 2014 marked the first time the Foundation collaborated with the association, covering the operating expenses of the personnel that assist to the smooth interaction between young people with disabilities and the general public to combat social exclusion and facilitate integration.

LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

The organisation was established in 1946 to support the blind, reduce the impact of vision loss, and sensitise the public and the State regarding the problems faced by the blind through creative workshops and fitness facilities, and the creation of an audiobook and Braille library. The Foundation funded the social welfare programme for vulnerable blind groups, providing support to over 300 unemployed blind individuals, with particular emphasis on the newly-blind, who constitute an extra-vulnerable category with greater needs for support.



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- 1 *The Theatre of the Deaf of Greece actors*
2 *The refurbished premises of the Centre for the Recovery and Rehabilitation of Children with Disabilities, Karditsa*

AGING

The Foundation supports various programmes for the elderly that focus on improving their access to social welfare and medical services, their psychological well-being, and on providing them with security and protection.

To maximise support for the elderly, many programmes also extend to their caregivers and guardians, providing them with training and skills development.

MÉDECINS DU MONDE

Doctors of the World–Greece was established in 1990 and is a medical, humanitarian, non-governmental organisation, and a member of the network of Médecins du Monde International. The organisation, which has developed numerous social welfare structures to alleviate the impact of the humanitarian crisis in Greece, maintains a polyclinic in Perama, treating over 130 uninsured elderly each month. The Foundation covered a large part of the polyclinic's operating expenses, including staffing, pharmaceuticals, and medical perishables.

BRACE

Brace is a social cooperative enterprise that aims to develop educational, counselling, and psychotherapy programmes. In 2014, when the international organisation Ashoka held the competition 'Destination: Change. New Solutions for Greece', the Foundation sponsored the prize Brace won for the issue area Supporting Healthy and Active Aging.

LADIES UNION DRAMA

The Union is a non-profit organisation, which supports vulnerable groups in Drama and the rural neighbouring regions. In collaboration with TIMA Charitable Foundation the programme 'Care for the Elderly' was developed in order to support over 70 individuals over the age of 65, with healthy meals as well as social and psychological counselling and educational workshops and seminars.

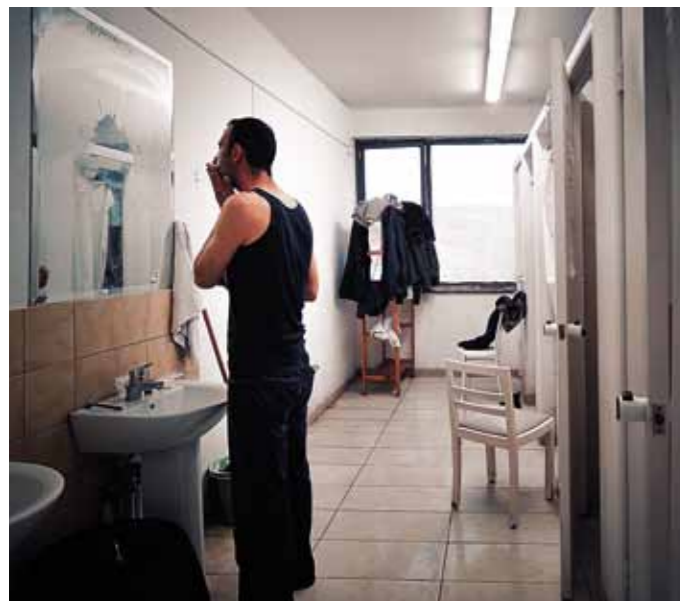


– *The Foundation's grants focus on supporting the most vulnerable seniors*

HOUSING SECURITY

A key feature of the initiatives the Foundation supports in this issue area is the on-going effort to better identify the homeless population of Greece so as to optimise the services provided.

The central tenets that the Foundation follows are (a) creation of jobs that lead to permanent housing solutions and (b) strengthening programmes for homeless people with comorbidities (illnesses, disability, etc.).



– PRAKSIS Day Centre for the Homeless

DIOGENES NGO

Diogenes NGO is a non-profit organisation established in 2010 to support, through a wide range of activities, the effort of the homeless and socially excluded to integrate or reintegrate into the social fabric. In this context, the organisation created 'Schedia', the first street paper in Greece. In 2014, the Foundation exclusively financed the newspaper's 'Solidarity Subscription' programme; its objective is to provide training and employment for 10 individuals who lack housing and are unable to sell the paper on the street due to particular issues such as age, limited mobility and disability etc.

PRAKSIS - DAY CENTRE FOR THE HOMELESS

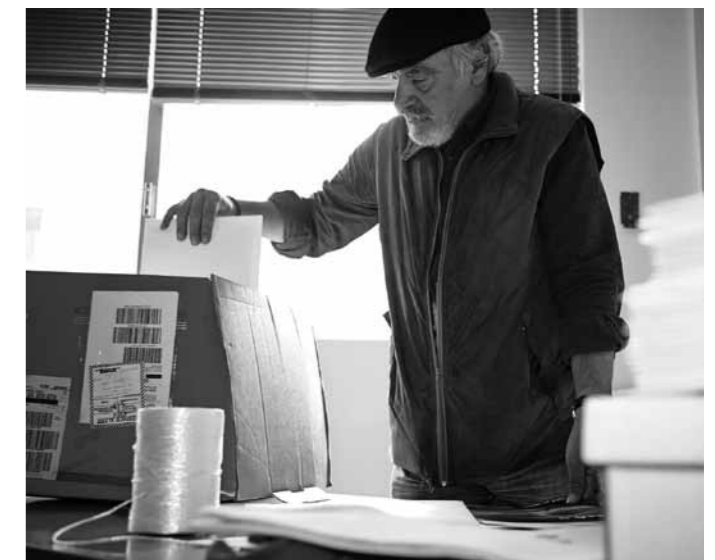
In the context of its multi-level support for PRAKSIS, the Foundation provided grants to renovate and purchase equipment for the organisation's Day Centre for the Homeless in the centre of Athens, including the establishment of a 35-seat cinema room for the homeless beneficiaries.



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1 Vendor of the street paper 'Schedia'
2, 3 Employees of the 'Solidarity Subscription' programme

VOLUNTEERISM & NGO CAPACITY BUILDING

The Foundation focuses on: (a) promotion of volunteerism, especially among the youth, and (b) development of new ways to volunteer and to effectively link volunteers to non-governmental organisations.

EUROPEAN VENTURE PHILANTHROPY ASSOCIATION

In 2014, the Foundation organised the first official Venture Philanthropy event in Greece via a one-day workshop, in conjunction with the European Venture Philanthropy Association, on promoting and strengthening social entrepreneurship and social investment in Greece. Participants were public benefit foundations, non-governmental organisations, and social enterprises.

GLOVO

In 2014, the Global Volunteers Platform (GloVo) organised a three-day conference attended by 120 participants who took part in training seminars and volunteer activities in the context of spreading the concept of microvolunteerism in Greece and, specifically, dealing with topics such as rehabilitating public spaces, assisting the homeless, etc. The Foundation covered the costs of the event, encouraging an initiative that assists young people to develop their abilities and skills and learn how to use them to benefit themselves and society at large.

HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS (SKLE)

SKLE is a non-governmental, non-profit association founded in 1955. It is an officially recognised professional and scientific association that represents over 5,000 social workers throughout Greece. In collaboration with relevant partners, the association is actively involved in both studying and dealing with social problems and seeks to use the principles of social work to educate the public regarding the profession of the social worker. In 2014, the Foundation covered the association's operating expenses to assist in the organisation's effort to develop and modernise by digitising its archive and increasing its membership.

JUVENILE PENITENTIARY OF AVLONA

In 2014, the School for Aluminium Specialist Technicians in the Juvenile Penitentiary of Avlona was equipped with specialised power tools along with the voluntary contributions of the Institute of Aluminium Manufacturers. The School provides educational programmes and vocational training for juvenile prisoners, and is officially accredited by the Greek Association of Aluminium Manufacturers.



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1, 2 Participants at the activities for the promotion of volunteerism during the GloVo.Con, October 2014

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

IT IS OUR DUTY 2007-2010

The severity with which many regions of Greece were afflicted by the 2007 forest fires triggered the launch of a major relief and rehabilitation programme in the fire-ravaged areas. The four-year programme included numerous activities on a local as well as national level. Along with the purely environmental endeavours that were funded, various activities were also implemented for the recovery and development of the afflicted regions.

Education - Training

One of the Foundation's first initiatives was to commission survey reports fully documenting the damages and, subsequently, proposals for reconstructing the fire-stricken regions. The programme was implemented in association with the Ministry for Rural Development and Food and coordinated by the Agricultural University of Athens. The final phase of the programme consisted of training agronomists from the afflicted areas in innovative crop cultivation so as to develop the local economies and communities.

Environmental Awareness

For two consecutive years, the Foundation funded the campaigns of the General Secretariat for Civil Protection of the Ministry of the Interior, which sought to inform and sensitise the public regarding fire prevention and fire fighting. Moreover, it supported the effort to restore and improve the operation of the 'Antonis Tritsis Environmental Awareness Park' in Attica.

Ileia - Ancient Olympia

Ileia Prefecture suffered extensive, serious damages during the 2007 fires. The following activities were implemented to support the local population:

- A programme to survey and restore the broader archaeological area of Ancient Olympia by procuring and planting 35,000 plants was funded.
- The fire protection of the Museum of Ancient Olympia was upgraded with new systems and vehicles.
- The construction of a new wing for the Pelopion Nursing Home of the Holy Metropolis of Ileia and the restoration of the damages suffered by the Holy Monastery of Kremasti were also funded.

Forest Protection

In collaboration with the A.G. Leventis and Bodossaki Foundations, WWF's three-year comprehensive "Future of Forests" programme was funded. This included a complete documentation of the current condition of the forests in Greece and the dangers they face, as well as proposals on upgrading the forest protection system and restoring fire-stricken areas, monitoring any post-fire land-use changes, onsite inspection of the recovery of burnt areas, and raising the awareness of the student population.



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- 1 4WD vehicles of 2,500lt capacity donated to the Fire Brigade
- 2 Vehicle and equipment donated to the Municipality of Corfu
- 3 The mini-site which presents the results of the programme of WWF 'Future of Forests'
- 4, 5 The monument of Pierre de Coubertin after the fire of 2007 and after the restoration in spring 2008



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Support for Volunteer Organisations

The Foundation, recognising that volunteer associations play a key role in forest protection, proceeded to purchase and distribute equipment to 161 groups throughout Greece. It also funded a nationwide survey elucidating the needs of the volunteer associations, which was presented during a specially organised one-day workshop on promotion of volunteerism.

Fire Brigade

In collaboration with Eurobank, the Foundation set up the Fire Fighters' Solidarity Fund which provided, and continues to provide, financial assistance to the families of fire fighters who suffered permanent damage or lost their lives in the performance of their duties. Furthermore, over 40 vehicles, communication and fire fighting equipment, and personal protective gear was donated, training infrastructure was set up, while the construction of a building to serve the needs of the Krestena, Ileia Fire Brigade was fully funded.

Support for Fire-Stricken Municipalities

The Foundation and Eurobank provided financial assistance for small-scale projects in 103 fire-stricken municipalities based on surveys put together by specialist consultants. Specifically, the funding went to the implementation of landscaping projects in burnt areas and reforestation, purchasing of logistical infrastructure for forest protection/ fire fighting, upgrading intra-urban green areas (parks, roadside vegetation, etc.), restoring post-fire damages, and creation of training programmes (ecosystems, recycling, environmental protection, etc.).



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1 4WD pick-up vehicles donated to the Fire Brigade
2 The new building that houses the Krestena, Ileia Fire Brigade

After the completion of the 'It Is Our Duty' programme, the Foundation concentrated on two directives: (a) the prospects for sustainable development and waste reduction, and (b) support for innovative, applied, people-centered environmental projects.

CLEAN HANDS

Clean Hands is a grassroots, non-profit organisation that collects soap residues from hotels and processes them appropriately, turning them into brand-new bars of soap, which are then distributed to vulnerable social groups and developing countries as hygienic preventative measures. The Foundation covered the entirety of the organisation's operational expenses.

XORAFKI.GR

Ashoka held the competition 'Destination: Change. New Solutions for Greece' and one of the thematic prizes the Foundation sponsored was for 'Strengthening Communities through Environmental Solutions'. It went to xorafaki.gr, an organisation created to assist new farmers to take their first steps, cultivating and producing, as well as distributing, standardising, and exporting their produce in order to subsidise their incomes.



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1 Recycled soaps of the organisation 'Clean Hands'
2 Xorafaki.gr helps new farmers



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The Neraida has been travelling for more than seven decades. Having changed several uses, in the course of years, today it operates as a modern, seaworthy floating museum.

One of the Foundation's statutory purposes was to compile an archive of the course John Latsis followed in the business world.

The various stages of the project, which began in 2004, included:

- Oral interviews with family members, colleagues, public figures, and friends.
- Collection and cataloguing archival material (business records, personal correspondence).
- Collection and documentation of photographic material, slides, and negatives.
- Research on public records.
- Creation of the John Latsis family tree.
- Digitisation and indexing of part of the material.
- Creation of a bilingual digital library to house part of the material.

The research results allowed to first create a periodisation of John Latsis' itinerary in the business world from his early involvement in trade during the 1920's and 1930's to his retirement in the mid-1990's. They also served as the basis of the book 'Neraida: A Business History' and provided documentation for the exhibition presented in the Neraida Floating Museum.

HISTORY OF THE VESSEL

The vessel was built as the Laurana in 1939. Originally used as a passenger ship, during World War II, she was commissioned into service by the Italian navy, which used her as a rescue ship; she was the sole survivor out of a total of seven vessels employed as rescue ships and floating hospitals. Purchased by John Latsis in 1949, she was renamed Neraida and travelled the Piraeus - Aegina - Methana - Poros - Hydra - Hermioni - Spetses line. Intermittently, she would add Leonidion, Monemvassia, Epidaurus, Nauplion, and Salamis to her itinerary. Until she was retired in 1974, she not only served as a passenger ship but also hosted various events and cruises and appeared in films. Subsequently, she remained laid up in a private port in the vicinity of Eleusis.

RECONSTRUCTION

In 2007, a few years after the death of John Latsis, his family decided to convert the ship into a museum, which occurred in 2010. The floating museum presents two main narratives:

- A** The history of the vessel from her construction in 1939 until her refitting in 2010.
- B** The entrepreneurial history of her owner, John Latsis, from his birth in 1910 until his retirement from the business world in the mid-1990s.



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- 1 *The launching of the passenger ship 'Laurana' (named afterwards 'Neraida') in the then Italian port of Fiume, September 1939. Source: Maritime and History Museum of Croatian Littoral Rijeka*
- 2 *The Neraida is being transferred to the sea during her launching in Croatia, January 2010 (Photo: Bostjan Vucak)*

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NERAIDA: A BUSINESS HISTORY

During the period 2008-2010, while the hull was being refurbished and the museological research taking place, the history of John Latsis' achievements in the world of business was recounted in a book that referred to important events from both the Greek and the international political, economic, and social arenas. Published in 2010, it employed various sources, which can be categorised as follows:

- Oral history (interviews).
- Primary sources from the John S. Latsis Archive.
- Local history, primarily as regards the biographee's early years.
- Greek and foreign bibliography.
- Parallel texts.
- Daily press from the relevant periods.

In 2012, the book was translated into English (ISBN 978-960-98364-3-2) by the author Zoë Green, who revised the text, adapting it to the requirements of a foreign audience unfamiliar with the historical context of 20th century Greece.

MUSEUM

It was decided to use the museum's main hall, the vessel's former lounge, to present John Latsis' entrepreneurial history through photographs, business, personal and public documents, objects, models, and audiovisual material. This history unfolds chronologically and thematically against the backdrop of the important political, economic, and financial events of the 20th century on a specially designed timeline that runs throughout the exhibition. Visitors can follow the history of the vessel from 1939 to 2010 in the two side corridors.

The complete presentation of the course of the life of John Latsis and the history of the Neraida is given through brief introductory texts at each section and bilingual, Greek and English, photograph captions.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-PROFIT PRIVATE LEGAL ENTITY

The Neraida Floating Museum Non-Profit Private Legal Entity is the owner of the vessel. It aspires to promote the field of entrepreneurial history, to familiarise the younger generations with the shipping and maritime history of Greece, and to protect the environment.

The museum was first introduced to the public in its new form in September 2013, when over a 15-day period, it visited its traditional ports of call in the Argosaronic Gulf. From the middle of April until the end of July 2014, the vessel remained in the Flisvos Marina in Athens, and on August 27, it opened to the public in the port of Nafplion, where it remained until September 12. By the end of 2014, it had welcomed over 26,000 people, while 11 interactive guided tours for children aged 6-12 had taken place. As regards its future operation, the plan is for the museum to remain open in Attica each year for a few months and to travel to one or more destinations in late summer; admission will always be free. Information on its operation is on the Museum website www.neraida.org.

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- 1, 2 The Greek and English edition of the book 'Neraida: A Business History'
- 3 The Neraida Floating Museum arrives in Spetses, September 2013 (Photo: Iason Orlandos)
- 4 Mrs Henrietta Latsis, Mr Vaggelis Chronis, President of the Board of Directors of the Neraida Floating Museum, and the Bishop of Argolida Nektarios at the Neraida Floating Museum, September 2014 (Photo: E. Bougiotis)
- 5, 6 Educational programmes at the Neraida Floating Museum, Nafplion, September 2014 (Photo: E. Bougiotis)
- 7 Museum visitors at the port of Aegina, September 2013 (Photo: M. Karvounis)



– The Neraida Floating Museum departs from the port of Nafplion, September 2014

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