

Delphi Seminars on  
Ancient Greek Language  
and Civilisation 2014

Training Programme on  
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Civilisation for Secondary-  
School Teachers of Europe

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Training programme on ancient Greek language and civilization for secondary-school teachers of Europe, August 2 — August 13, 2014.

*Participating countries: Slovenia and the Czech Republic.  
In cooperation with the Universities of Ljubljana and Brno.*

Trainees: 40 school teachers of Classics and post-graduate students from the Czech Republic and Slovenia. Trainers: 20 professors of Classical Studies from universities and research centres in the Czech Republic, Greece, and Slovenia.

### SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

*Professor Athanasios Markopoulos, University of Athens,  
Director of the European Cultural Centre of Delphi;  
Professor Stelios Virvidakis, University of Athens;  
Professor Lucia Athanassaki, University of Crete;  
Professor Ewen Bowie, University of Oxford;  
Professor Jerneja Kavčič, University of Ljubljana;  
Professor Markéta Kulhánková, Masaryk University, Brno.*

For almost twenty years now, the European Cultural Centre of Delphi has been organising its annual seminars of continuous training for secondary-school teachers from European countries, thus steadily improving the quality of teaching ancient Greek language and culture in Europe.

These programmes are particularly important due to the fact that the number of schools in Europe that offer ancient Greek

is stagnating and in some cases diminishing, contrary to the situation from the past when classical studies were often the base of educational programmes. This development is now constraining classical studies in universities and has resulted in a marked decrease of philhellenism, a notable element of western civilisation in the previous century, when classical languages were considered to be the common core of European culture.

Based on these propositions, the E. C. C. D. organises programmes aimed primarily at classicists and classical associations. Their goal is to sensitise both public opinion and the political leaders by exploring the significance of classical heritage for contemporary culture.

These seminars explore the ancient Greek language as an element of European heritage; they investigate the continuity of classical culture as well as its links with the phenomenon of philhellenism. They are organised annually, with participation of about 40 trainees at each session. Their trainers are university professors of classical studies and scholars from Greece and other countries. Tuition, accommodation and meals are covered by the E. C. C. D., while the costs of transportation to Delphi and back home are the responsibility of the participants.

So far, the following sessions have taken place:

- 1995, with the participation of Danish professors;
- 1996, with the participation of Spanish professors;
- 1997, with the participation of Belgian (French speaking) professors;
- 1998 with the participation of Belgian (Flemish) professors;

- 1999, with the participation of Austrian professors;
- 2000, with the participation of Russian professors;
- 2001, with the participation of Dutch professors;
- 2002, with the participation of German (Bavarian) professors;
- 2003, with the participation of Irish professors;
- 2004, with the participation of French professors;
- 2005, with the participation of professors from Sweden, Norway and Iceland;
- 2006, with the participation of professors from Cyprus;
- 2007, with the participation of professors from UK;
- 2008, with the participation of professors from Italy;
- 2009, with the participation of professors from Poland;
- 2010, with the participation of professors from Argentina and Uruguay;
- 2011, with the participation of professors from Brazil and Portugal;
- 2012, with the participation of professors from Mexico;
- 2013, with the participation of professors from Switzerland.

The programme of the seminars typically consists of sixty teaching hours, dedicated to the following topics:

1. The continuity of the Greek language and its development from Homer to Modern Greek.
2. Modern Greek through Ancient Greek.
3. The influence of the Greek language on European languages (scientific terminology).
4. Known and unknown texts by ancient Greek writers.
5. Texts which influenced the European literature and are taught in schools.
6. Relations between literary forms.

The seminars also include lectures on general themes of ancient culture, such as philosophy, science history, and drama, as well as guided visits to the archaeological sites, giving the participants further chance to explore ancient Greek culture and language.

Along with the professors' training programme, the E. C. C. D. plans the gradual collection of building blocks for the catalogue that will contain:

1. an inventory of secondary schools all over the world which offer their students ancient Greek language;
2. an inventory of secondary-school teachers who have the licence to teach ancient Greek;
3. an inventory of school books teaching the ancient Greek, published in all of the countries where it is taught.

This databank will reflect teaching of ancient Greek in the schools across the world, at the disposal of all those concerned.

APPLICATION FORM

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### 1. PERSONAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT

*Name*

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*Position*

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*Organisation*

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*Address*

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*International  
telephone number*

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*Email*

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## 2. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Please provide details on your teaching experience and why you think you would benefit from attending this seminar.*

*Signature:*

*Date:*

Please be aware that you will need to cover the costs of transportation to Delphi in order to take part at the seminar. Completed form, marked with "Delphi Seminars on Ancient Greek Language and Civilization 2014," needs to be returned to Professor Jerneja Kavčič, Department of Classical Philology, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Aškerčeva 2, SI-1000 Ljubljana; or to Professor Markéta Kulhánková, Department of Classical Studies, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Arna Nováka 1/1, 602 00 Brno; by no later than January 15, 2014. Alternatively, you can e-mail it to [jerneja.kavcic@guest.arnes.si](mailto:jerneja.kavcic@guest.arnes.si) or to [mkulhanko@phil.muni.cz](mailto:mkulhanko@phil.muni.cz). Feel free to visit [www.eccd.gr](http://www.eccd.gr) and to contact Jerneja Kavčič on +386 40 863 856, or Markéta Kulhánková on +420 549 49 5441, if you have any questions or need assistance.