

Towards the Formation of an International Society for Greek Linguistics [DEtEG]

At the Business Meeting at the recent 7th International Conference on Greek Linguistics in York, the idea of forming an International Society for Greek Linguistics (Diethnis Eteria Elinikis Glosolojias) was raised and it met with a very positive reception. We the undersigned volunteered at that meeting to form an provisional exploratory working group to determine what was needed to develop this idea into a reality (recognizing full well that this very idea was explored 10 years ago but abandoned at the time). An elected organizing committee will be empaneled at an appropriate time.

We consider the time to be right for the formation of such a society. Interest in the scholarly and scientific examination of the Greek language by any measure is at a remarkable level, and an international society would serve as a rallying point for a professional and scholarly identity for those with an interest in Greek linguistics.

We thus enunciate the following Mission Statement for the Society:

The International Society for Greek Linguistics has as its goal the promotion of the scientific study of the Greek language, covering all eras in its historical development, and covering all areas of linguistic investigation. Toward the achievement of this goal, the Society will work to arrange and sponsor future instantiations of the now biennial international conferences (like the recent one at York), to publish the conference proceedings, to support a journal, to offer support for scholarly endeavors pertaining to Greek linguistics, and to serve as an informational resource for members and interested parties through the hosting and maintenance of a website.

We thus invite scholars, researchers, teachers, students, and anyone with an interest in Greek linguistics to join the Society. At this point we seek your expressions of interest and support for the founding of the Society. Please send a statement that you would like to receive information about DEtEG, and would be interested in becoming a member, accompanied by an e-mail address and/or a postal address where we can reach you in the months to come. This statement should be sent to George Tsoulas via e-mail to gt3@york.ac.uk, or via post to

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We would like to hear from all interested parties by December 31, 2005 so that the Society and the organizing committee can be formed during 2006. Please feel free to distribute this information to anyone you feel might be interested.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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