

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“The opening up of private and religious libraries to scholarship”

Athens, 20-21 March 2017

The international conference, which will take place in Athens on 20-21 March 2017, focuses on the subject of Greek libraries, their management, the promotion of their collaboration, and the integration of their resources.

It is co-organised by the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL), the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation (IAL), and the Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. CERL representatives of several European libraries will also be attending the event.

The conference will be divided into two parts:

On Monday 20th March, the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation will host an **open conference, showcasing a large number of public institutions, private foundations, libraries and universities**, with the aim to open up a dialogue among Greek libraries and promote better communication, exchange of ideas and projects, and future collaboration.

On the morning of Tuesday 21st March, the Gennadius Library will host a workshop, with Greek and international specialists, specifically designed to answer the needs of Greek librarians (but open to anyone interested). It will offer an extremely useful **‘crash-course’ on a number of crucial issues that affect Greek libraries, particularly those with scarce funding**: basic measures for theft security, emergency pest prevention, conservation, training and cataloguing techniques, and, finally, small funding opportunities for libraries, as well as models of sharing digital data and metadata. The workshop will be followed by a discussion, so that all those attending will have a chance to ask questions.

**Attendance is free. There will be simultaneous translation into English/Greek. Certificates of attendance will be provided.**

Registration is required for attendance in one or both days of the conference. Please fill in the form: <https://goo.gl/forms/c7CZNvJP0bvKlwcF2>

For further information, please contact the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation (Vera Andriopoulou, 210 4523937, ext. 104) or the Gennadius Library (Maria Smali, 210 7210536, ext. 101) or e-mail us at [cerl.athens.2017@gmail.com](mailto:cerl.athens.2017@gmail.com).

## PROGRAMME

**Monday, 20 March 2017**

***Greek research and historical libraries:  
opportunities for connection and collaboration***

Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation (2nd Merarchias 36, Piraeus)

- 9.00-9.30 Registration
- 9.30-10.00 Panos Laskaridis, President of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation  
Ulf Goranson, Chairman of CERL
- 10.00 – 11.00 Session 1  
Filippos Tsimpoglou, Yannis Kokkonas (National Library of Greece)  
Dionysis Kapsalis, Agamemnon Tselikas (National Bank of Greece Cultural Foundation)  
Eleni Droulia (Library of the Hellenic Parliament)  
*Discussion*
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.30 Session 2  
Maria Georgopoulou, Irini Solomonidi (The Gennadius Library, ASCSA)  
Athanasios Oikonomopoulos (Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation)  
Konstantinos Staikos (Onassis Library)  
Leonora Navari (Blackmer Collection)  
*Discussion*
- 12.30-13.30 Light lunch
- 13.30-14.45 Session 3  
Fr Agathangelos Siskos (Library of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)  
Fr Theophilos (The Holy Community, Mt Athos)  
Vladan Trijić (National Library of Serbia)  
Marc Lauxtermann (University of Oxford)  
*Discussion*
- 14.45-15.00 Coffee break

- 15.00-16.15      Session 4  
Triantaphyllos Sklavenitis (Research Director Emeritus, Institute of Historical Research,  
National Hellenic Research Foundation)  
Aikaterini Kourou (Municipal Library of Patras)  
Evi Sahini (National Documentation Centre, National Hellenic Research Foundation)  
Michalis Tzekakis (University of Crete Library)  
*Discussion*
- 16.15-16.30      Coffee break
- 16.30-18.00      Session 5  
Stavros Grimanis, Geri della Rocca de Candal  
Cristina Dondi, Marian Lefferts (CERL)  
*Closing remarks and discussion*

After the proceedings of the conference, guests will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition of Greek incunabula from the collection of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation.

**Tuesday, 21 March 2017**

***Library management workshop: security, conservation,  
cataloguing, digitisation and funding***

Auditorium Cotsen Hall, The Gennadius Library,  
American School of Classical Studies at Athens (9 Anapiron Polemou St., Athens)

- 9.00-9.10 Coffee
- 9.10-9.15 Maria Georgopoulou (Director of the Gennadius Library)
- 9.15-11.00 Session 1  
Kristian Jensen  
*Theft security (video)*
- Jane Thompson Webb, David Pinniger  
*Pest prevention (video and live presence)*
- George Boudalis  
*Emergency conservation*
- Discussion*
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-13.00 Session 2  
Geri Della Rocca de Candal  
*Funding & models of sharing digital data*
- Raphaelle Mouren, Patrick Morantin, Agamemnon Tselikas, Yannis Kokkonas  
*Cataloguing, Greek transliteration and library training*
- Discussion and closing remarks*

All participants are welcome to attend a lecture by Dr Cristina Dondi, *Visualising 500 years of circulation of Greek incunabula in European and American Collections*, at 19.00 in Cotsen Hall (9 Anapiron Polemou, Athens).