Welcome from the President of GSCC-CB

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Board and all the members of the Greek Society of Clinical Chemistry – Clinical Biochemistry I would like to invite you to the EuroMedLab 2017 in Athens. As president of the Society, I will try to introduce to you the hosting Society of this magnificent event.

The Greek society of Clinical Chemistry – Clinical Biochemistry has a history of 30 years and 350 members. We have always been in close contact with IFCC, EC4 and EFLM trying to establish a tight bond with our European and international colleagues. Towards this goal, in 2005 we tried to harmonize our scientific standards with the European ones therefore we prepared a full educational program in accordance with the EC4 curriculum and we created the Greek Registry of Specialists in Laboratory Medicine with equivalent standards with the European Registry. Many of our members (about 100) have already become members of the European Registry. Many Greek colleagues are members of the IFCC and EFLM committees and participate in the European, American and international congresses and events. In 2010 our Society hosted the IFCC General Conference in Corfu with great success.

Now the time has come to host one of the most important events in Laboratory Medicine worldwide. We are proud and excited about it and in order to honour this choice we are doing our best to organize an unforgettable EuroMedLab, a congress with an extraordinary scientific program, in an fascinating venue, in the centre of an enchanting city, a city famous for its Ancient and Byzantine inheritance, a city full of treasures connected with humanity's best historical moments. It is our duty to connect this event with its surrounding aura, not to forget that very near the congress location Aristotle's Lyceum, the first University ever, was found. The congress social program and the opening ceremony will take you to the steps of the ancient Greeks and will offer you the opportunity to walk and sit where famous performances of ancient comedy and tragedy took place, where the foundations of nowadays science were put. A party by the sea is being organized for you with traditional music, dance and food as we will try to connect you with contemporary Greek spirit since the sea is an integral part of the Greek Psyche (soul).

Come and join us in a celebration of science in the city where science began.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in EuroMedLab Athens 2017.

On behalf of the Greek Society of Clinical Chemistry - Clinical Biochemistry

Katherina Psarra
GSCC-CB President
Next Meetings

68th AACC Annual Scientific Meeting & Clinical Lab Expo, July 31st - August 4th, 2016, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

4th Joint EFLM-UEMS Congress “Laboratory Medicine at the Clinical Interface”, September 21st-24th, 2016, Double Tree by Hilton Hotel and Conference Centre, Warsaw, Poland.

14th Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine Congress, November 26th-29th, 2016, Taipei International Convention Center (TICC), Taipei, Taiwan.

VISIT THE EUROMEDLAB BOOTH!!!

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SAVE THE DATES!

November 1, 2016
Deadline for poster abstract submission*
* The early deadline is due to the recent rules for the financing and/or the participation in congresses that require about 3 months for the authorization of PRESENTING authors from the regulating authorities.

April 30, 2017
Deadline for reduced registration fees

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Preliminary Scientific Program

26th INTER. EFLM Congress: Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine 2016
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A novel feature in Athens 2017 compared to the previous EuroMedLabs is the introduction of “Meet the Expert” sessions in parallel with the afternoon Educational Workshops. They differ from the analogous sessions in annual AACC meetings by two facts; they are free and they are wider in audience: up to 100 EuroMedLab registrants can attend after an online pre-registration on a first-come first-serve basis. However, 50 placements will be reserved for young scientists; this underscores the main concept of the introduction of these sessions in the scientific programme: close interaction between young and fresh minds and the expert with Q&As after a brief 10-15 min presentation from the speaker.

Therefore the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) of Athens 2017 in close cooperation with the IFCC Young Scientists Task Force (YS-TF) have organized six such sessions covering three broad main areas: Mentoring (and professional development), Clinical questions and Technical issues for the Specialist in Laboratory Medicine. Experts have been chosen from both SPC and YS-TF due to their extensive experience and contribution to the particular subject and are certainly key persons for the audience to ask difficult questions and pose provocative ideas. The majority of the experts will also address plenary or symposia talks in the Athens EuroMedlab 2017 but certainly this is the chance to meet and discuss with them any question otherwise not easily posed on a big auditorium. The allocated time for these sessions will be one hour.

In the first Mentoring area, Prof. Feng Zhang, co-inventor of the promising CRISPR-Cas system for genome editing, and a young scientist himself, will provide a talk related to success in research and academic careers. In another “Meet the expert” session, Professors Laura Esserman and former AACC president Ann Gronowski will address the difficult task of how to combine career and personal/family life and become successful in Science and Medicine.

In the second area, clinical questions regarding Vitamin D status and Heart Failure biomarkers will be addressed by Howard Morris and Gerasimos Filippatos, respectively. Dr. Morris, a past IFCC vice-president and Chair of the IFCC Working group (WG) on Standardization of Bone Markers Assays, will assess vitamin D status in the clinical laboratory and existing problems in the related assays and how to interpret them. Prof. Filippatos, co-author in the 2012 seminal article on the 3rd universal definition of myocardial infarction and in the recent 2016 European Society of Cardiology Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure, will be the expert to discuss about established (e.g. BNP/NT-proBNP) and emerging biomarkers in heart failure.

In the third area, practical issues concerning accreditation, lab management and POCT use will be addressed in two separate sessions. The first one will have two 1-hour parts: the first part, Accreditation, will be presented by Drs. Wim Huisman and Michel Vaubourdolle. Wim is an active auditor/member in ISO-TC-212 and the Chair of the EFLM Quality Regulation Committee. Michel is the Chair of the WG-Accreditation and of the corresponding WG in the French Society (SFBC). In the second part, Elizabeth Frank co-author of the “Essentials of Clinical Laboratory Management in Developing Regions” of the IFCC Education and Management Division will discuss on why and how to perform Lab Management. The other “Meet the Expert” session in the Technical area will be addressed by Rosy Trima-co, IFCC chair on POCT-TF regarding existing and emerging technologies in POCT: the laboratory tests from the central Lab to clinic, to family practitioner, to patient.

In all “Meet the expert" sessions, questions posed from the audience will be moderated by a combination of a senior Scientist selected from the SPC and a young Scientist selected from the YS-TF. We are confident that the “Meet the expert” sessions in their pilot application will be successful in their goal and will become a standard for future EuroMedlabs.

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How to get to Athens

Athens is easily accessed by air, sea and land (road and railroad) as it is the Greece’s capital and one of the major cities of the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean area. Moreover, moving around the city is a real pleasure. Athens public transportation system connects the city center and Megaron - Athens International Conference Center, the Congress Venue, with all surrounding areas through a modern network combining many lines of metro, suburban railway, train, buses, trolleys and trams. The road system has been modernized in recently with new highways. The capital is connected with other parts of the mainland through a network of railways, buses and coaches. Furthermore, Athens has direct connections to all Greek islands through the ports of Piraeus, Lavrio and Rafina.

**BY AIR**
The new award-winning “Eleftherios Venizelos” Athens International Airport, has been serving the Greek capital since its opening to the public on March 28th, 2001. Its exciting design has, according to surveys, made it one of the world’s leading airports in overall passenger satisfaction for the last four years and Europe’s fastest growing airport. At the crossroads of Europe, Africa and the Middle East, Athens is a city that is easily accessible from virtually any point of the world. Flights from major airport hubs in London, Frankfurt, Paris, Berlin, Zurich, Milan, Rome, Istanbul, New York, Larnaca and Dubai come in at least once per day. Located 33 km (20 miles) southeast of Athens, it is easily accessible via Attiki Odos, a major highway part of the Athens City Ring Road. Public transport to Athens and the port of Piraeus is provided by the new metro system, express airport bus connections, taxi and high-speed rail. A free return metro ticket to Athens as also as a transport title allowing the unlimited use of the entire Athens public transportation system during the Congress period will be offered to all registered delegates and accompanying persons, at their arrival at the airport.

**BY ROAD**
Athens can be reached by road via the Western Balkan countries, Bulgaria, Albania and Turkey.

**BY RAILROAD**
The main railway network of Greece currently provides links between Athens and Northern and Southern Greece and the rest of Europe through the Western Balkan countries and Bulgaria.

**BY SEA**
There are daily ferryboat connections from Italy (Ancona, Bari and Brindisi, Venice and Trieste) to Patras the second largest port of entry to Greece; approximately 220 km (135 miles) from Athens. The Middle East is accessible via the port of Volos located 300km (180 miles) from Athens.
The EuroMedLab Athens 2017 Congress will be held at the Megaron Athens International Conference Center, one of the finest and technologically advanced conference venues in Europe. The center offers an impressive environment of beauty, cutting edge facilities and unrivalled client service.

MEGARON
ATHENS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER
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The party by the sea

Wednesday June 14th evening

Wouldn’t you all dream and enjoy a party by the sea? By the blue waters of the breathtaking Aegean sea? Somebody once told me that by looking at postcards from Greece, he thought that they were explicitly counterfeit painted. That this blue color could not actually exists, that it couldn’t be real. But when he encountered this actual view, he could not believe his eyes. He realized that no painter could create this color, this fluctuating, iridescent blue of the Greek sea waters.

Sometimes we can’t believe ourselves this beauty. We can’t have enough of it, we can’t stop admiring the breathtaking view or relaxing enough by its calmness. It is never enough.

So, can you imagine of a magnificent place by the sea, sitting on scattered tables covered with white tablecloths, feeling the sea-breeze, tasting some of the best Greek recipes and drinks? The sun is setting in the sea, traditional live Greek music is heard and folk dancers are taking you by the hand and leading you into the famous all over the world Greek dances.
These dances are descending back to the depth of old times where dance was part of the way to socialize, to connect with each other, to present the beauty of the young and the pride and wisdom of the old. All dancers are connected by their hands, either resting them high on each other’s shoulders, or holding them low, or crosswise and they all become one and they all move together like one. And the mood ameliorates and the spirits rise and the joy overwhelms the soul.

Well, come and join us at the seaside party and you will have an unforgettable experience! Let the Greek spirit show you a different experience of joyful life!

Venue: Vouliagmeni Nautical Club
Summer in Greece

Colourful images! Beautiful memories! Sweet dreams and anticipation!

Lying on a beach under the sun or under a leafy tree reading a book or enjoying the warmth on your skin, dreaming, listening to the sea murmur.

Sitting on a sandy or a rocky beach to watch the sun rising from the sea or sun setting in it creating wonderful colors in the sky and the sea. Listening to seagulls and to the cicadas singing their laziness all the years.

What can be better than the rise of the full moon from the sea? Imagine being on a ship or at the beach or perhaps you are swimming following the moonlight pathway in the dark sea towards the moon.

Swimming and diving in the blue waves of Aegean Sea or in the calm waters of Ionian Sea, snorkelling in the clear waters. A new world in front of your eyes, peaceful, muffled
sound in your ears. Lying on the sea surface, enjoying sun caressing you.
Dancing in a “panigiri” (folk fair) in an island or in the mainland. The music by the local musicians makes your legs move, the rhythm makes you one with the locals.
Your feet touching the sand while you are enjoying fish food and fresh salads in a taverna by the seaside.
Sitting among friends on a porch at night, talking and philosophizing under the starry sky.
Enjoying ancient tragedies or comedies or savouring a concert in an ancient outdoor theatre.
Dancing and singing under the stars by the sea.
Taking a boat early in the morning to go fishing.
Remembering your childhood years while you were playing with children by the seaside or in the gardens all around the neighbourhoods. Being together... Listening to stories by the elders, telling stories to the youngsters.
The Greek summer images don't ever end. They are part of our childhood, they are sweet memories of our youth, they are present in our adulthood and they are our anticipation as we are getting older. They are us, Greeks.
Recommended tours!

ATHENS SIGHTSEEING
Half Day with Acropolis Museum

What’s included?
This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guides will take you to see the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896 (short stop). Continue and pass by the Prime Minister’s residence (ex Royal Palace) guarded by the Evzones in their colorful uniform, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Hadrian’s Arch, the Parliament and the memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University, the National Library, the Constitution Square (Syntagma). On the Acropolis visit the Architectural Masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally “the harmony between material and spirit”, the monument that “puts order in the mind”, the Parthenon. Continue and visit the place where at last the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era: The new Acropolis museum.

ATHENS WALKING CITY TOUR
With Acropolis

What’s included?
The tour begins in front of the Parliament in Syntagma Square where you will see the Monument of the Unknown Soldier and the change of the famous Guards. A pleasant walk will follow through the National Garden and on to the Zappeion Hall, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Hadrian’s Arch. From here you will enter the Plaka area heading to the Acropolis and visit with your guide the Propylaea, the Temple of Nike, and the Parthenon, the monuments that remind us of Glory of Ancient Athens and the Golden Age of Pericles. See also in the surrounding the Athenian Agora, the Observatory, the Hill of Democracy (Pnyx), Mars and Philopappos Hill, the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, and the Theater of Diony-

ATHENS CITY TOUR WITH ACROPOLIS
In the Afternoon

What’s included?
This tour gives you the opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guides will take you to see the center of the city, the Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the Monument of the Unknown Soldier, the Academy, the University and the National Library. On the way to the Acropolis you will make a short stop at the Panathenaic Stadium where the first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896, you will see the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Hadrian’s Arch. At the Acropolis, you will visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally “the harmony between material and spirit”, the monument that “puts order in the mind”, the Parthenon.

A NIGHT OUT
In Athens

What’s included?
Your evening begins with a short panoramic drive through the city center and on the slopes of the sacred hill you will be able to see, admire and take photos of the illuminated Acropolis. Then a pleasant walk through the narrow picturesque streets of Plaka, the old city, will bring you at a Typical Greek Tavern where you will enjoy your dinner following a show with live music and Greek Folk Dances in traditional costumes.
CAPE SOUNION
In the Afternoon

What’s included?
Drive along the coastal road, passing the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni & Varkiza to the most Southern point of Attica, Cape Sounion, where the white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon stand.
On the way, you have a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf and the little islands offshore.
After visiting the Temple of Poseidon, you have time to walk at leisure on the rocky promontory of Sounion.

HYDRA - POROS - AEGINA
One Day Cruise

What’s included?
We pick you up from your hotel early in the morning in order to take you by coach to the port for embarkation on the cruise ship. At 08:15 the cruise ship departs and sails for the first stopover on the island of Hydra. You will spend approximately one hour, thus you have free time to explore the unique island. Embarkation and sail to the island of Poros, separated from Peloponnese by a narrow strait and offering a most enchanting view of Poros town. Leisure time in Poros will be approximately 60 minutes. After two hours trip we shall arrive to the last port, the island of Aegina, where you have time either to make an optional tour visiting the Athena Afea Temple or to swim to the nearest beaches of the island. Total time to be spent one hour and a half. Lunch is served on board during the voyage. Re-embarkation and sailing back to the port. Arrival late in the afternoon and transfer back to your hotel.

DELPHI
One Day tour

What’s included?
Drive through the fertile plain of Beotia, crossing the towns of Thebes connected with the tragedy of King Oedipus - Levadia and Arachova (short stop on the way back).
Arrive at Delphi, the center of Ancient World - the “Omphalos” (Navel of Earth) - whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic World. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios.
Visit the Treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo and the Museum containing such masterpieces of Ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias.

ARGOLIS
One Day tour

What’s included?
Leave by the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea, (short stop).
Drive to Mycenae, the Homeric city of Atreides, the city “rich in gold” of the ancient poets. Visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls, and the Royal Tombs e.t.c.
Depart for Nauplion through the fertile plain of Argolis, the picturesque town nestling at the foot of a cliff crowned by the mighty ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress (short photo stop), leave for Epidaurus, to visit the Theatre (4th century B.C.) famous for its astonishing acoustics. Return to Athens by the National road connecting Epidaurus with Corinth. Lunch in Mycenae.
10 things to do in Athens

THE PARTHENON (THE ACROPOLIS)
Even if you don’t care about archaeology or the fact that if it were not for the ancient Greeks you might be living in a far less civilized way, you can’t come to Athens and not visit the Acropolis and see the Parthenon. Yes I know that there are actually Athenians who have never climbed the steps to see one of the wonders of the ancient world, the reason millions of people come to their city, the spectacular building that symbolizes some of the highest achievements of mankind. But that’s no excuse. If you do nothing else on your visit to Athens, this is the one thing you should do. Since you can buy a ticket that allows you to see the other major archaeological sites that day I can free up some of my top ten space since the Theater of Herod Atticus, Theater of Dionysious and the Ancient Agora and even Keramiekos are all included among others, in the price of admission. (Tel: +30 210 900900)

ACROPOLIS MUSEUM
The Acropolis Museum, is an absolute must see. Inside the modern exterior visitors can discover the ancient aesthetic wisdom of the Acropolis and feel the atmosphere of ancient Athens. The Gallery of the Slopes of the Acropolis, the Archaic Gallery and the Parthenon Gallery display sculptures, inscriptions, finds from sanctuaries, as well as objects used in everyday life. Visitors can also watch conservators working, speak to an archaeologist host and acquire small souvenirs from the museum shop. The restaurant on the second floor offers a breath taking view of the Acropolis. (Tel: +30 210 900900)

NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM
The National Archeological Museum, Patision 44, the largest museum in Greece with more than 11,000 exhibits, offers a panoramic experience of Greek civilization from prehistory to late antiquity. Numerous galleries house five permanent collections, amongst which the sculpture collection with unique masterpieces. At the Museum visitors can see the collection of Prehistoric Antiquities, the Sculptures Collection, which shows the development of ancient Greek sculpture from the seventh to the fifth centuries BC, the Vase and Minor Objects Collection, the Bronze Collection, with many fundamental statues, figurines and minor objects, and the only Egyptian and Near Eastern Antiquities Collection in Greece, with works dating from the pre-dynastic period (5000 BC) to the Roman conquest. (Tel: +30 210 8217724)

ATHENS HAPPY TRAIN
Kids and adults of course will love sightseeing Athens with the bright red Athens Happy Train. This sightseeing tour in the historical center of Athens and the most famous ancient sights and monuments, on the hop-on Athens Happy Train, is an exciting and interesting experience. The Athens Happy Train is a toy-like street train that starts its tour from Syntagma Square and Monastiraki Square and follows a route through the historical center of the city, the old neighborhoods and the hill of Acropolis. The tour has a 60-minute duration and includes the Acropolis, Plaka, Temple of Zeus, Thission, Monastiraki Square, Ancient and Roman Market, Zappeion, Panathinaiko Stadium, Theater of Herodes Atticus, Hadrian’s Arch and the New Acropolis Museum. From the open-style train carriages, you can hop-on hop-off as you please and see Athens in your own time and pace, in safety and comfort. Hop-off the Athens Happy Train in Monastiraki Square to explore the narrow streets of Plaka, the oldest neighborhood of Athens, or hop-off at the New Acropolis Museum to visit the hill of Acropolis, the Parthenon or the Museum. The Athens Happy Train stops at these points for about fifteen minutes. If you want to spend your time there, you can use the same ticket and hop-on any of the next trains for the next two hours. The Athens Sightseeing Tour with Athens Happy Train, operates all year round. Tours start at 9.00 a.m. until 12.00 p.m. every thirty minutes, every day of the week. All the tours are guided with a hostess or steward on board and commentary in English and Greek. (Tel: +30 210 9211444)

ATHENS SEGWAY TOURS
Discover the city of Athens with the easy, fun and safe way of a segway tour. From the Acropolis Rock to the first Olympic Stadium, from the flea market of Monastiraki to Pnyka—the birthplace of Democracy and from the Ancient Agora to the National Gardens, get to know the ancient monuments, as well as the modern side one of the most fascinating cities in the Mediterranean. Experienced tour guides will take you to the most important sites, providing information about the mythical and historical past of the city of Athens, together with the insider’s view on life and entertainment in the city. (Tel: +30 210 3222500)

HAMMAM BATHS
Hammam Baths, situated in the neighborhood of Thision, close to
the famous Bath House of the Winds in Plaka, is the authentic hammam in Athens. This simple, contemporary space, is designed like the traditional oriental steam baths. The impressive dome, the round marble bench in the center and the individual basins around, create the atmosphere of an authentic hammam. Here you can relax and let the curative qualities of the steam release all tension in your body. You can enjoy a rejuvenating bath, a deep peeling with the traditional toweling and a wonderfully soothing massage, followed by a cup of warm tea. The space accommodates six persons, and has a separate space with two marble couches for peeling, massage and washing. Tuesdays are reserved only for ladies. Fresh juices and traditional Greek tastes can be served on order. Hammam Baths are open Monday to Friday 12.30-22.00 and on weekends 10.00-22.00 and it is necessary to book an appointment. (Tel: +30 210 3231073)

MONASTIRAK FLEA MARKET
A visit to the Monastiraki flea market in Athens is a must. Situated over a large area from Monastiraki square and metro station down to the end of Ermou street, the flea market is open every day, but on Sundays it is even more interesting to visit, as even more objects are on sale, especially on busy Abyssinias square. The flea market actually consists of shops which are open every day and on Sundays there is the extra bonus of open air improvised stalls. Things to buy range from clothes to old books, stamps, coins, furniture, bric a brac, postcards, memorabilia, decorative objects and more. The prices can vary and bargaining is always necessary. Even just browsing the shops and vendors is great fun.

BYZANTINE AND CHRISTIAN MUSEUM
The Byzantine and Christian Museum was founded in 1914 and is one of the most important national museums in Greece. The objects which are collected on the premises and are organized in collections are more than 30,000 and date from the 3rd up to the 20th century. The permanent exhibition offers visitors the unique occasion to acquire knowledge and appreciate Byzantine and more recent art through a new museological approach. The first part of the permanent exhibition pertains to the transition from the ancient world to Byzantium, and the second part, with the title “From Byzantium to recent times” presents various sides of the historical period from Byzantium up to recent times (15th-20th century) including many objects which are exhibited for the first time. At the gift shop visitors can buy certified copies of objects from Greek national museums, such as icons, mosaics, murals, engravings, sculptures, jewelry and also original creations. Books, posters, stationary and handmade objects are also available with motifs from the permanent collections of the Museum. The café-bistro Illissia in the cool garden is ideal to enjoy a coffee, desert or a light snack in an attractive and peaceful environment. (Tel: +30 213 2139572, +30 213 213 9500)

BENAKI MUSEUM
The Benaki Museum, actually consists of three separate museums, each specializing in certain subjects and each with its own unique personality. Visit the oldest and main building on Koubari 1, right opposite the National Park, for the prehistoric, ancient Greek and Roman Art, historic heirlooms, Coptic, Chinese and pre-columbian art. The new building at 138 Pireos str houses the neohellenic architectural archives and many modern art exhibitions are held here. The Islamic art collections can be seen at the building in the Kerameikos district, Agion Asomaton 22, and include objects collected by Antonis Benakis himself in Egypt during the first decades of the 20th century. (Tel: +30 210 3671000)

N. P. GOULANDRIS FOUNDATION MUSEUM OF CYCLADIC ART
The Museum of Cycladic Art, is a great little gem museum in the heart of Athens, housing one of the most important collections of Cycladic Art in the world, as well as an impressive collection of Ancient Greek and Cypriot Art. Founded in 1986, it houses the collections of Nicholas and Dolly Goulandris with more than 3,000 artefacts, from the 4th millennium BC to the 6th century AD. Parallel to its collections, the MCA also develops a dynamic program of special shows, opening up a dialogue between archaeology and contemporary art. Through its exhibitions, educational and public programs the MCA engages a wide audience providing a platform for creativity, learning, participation and inspiration. Exhibitions of modern art also take place at the Cycladic museum. The museum shop offers a wide selection of exclusive gifts and the café is ideal for a light snack or coffee. (Tel: +30 210 7228321)
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