



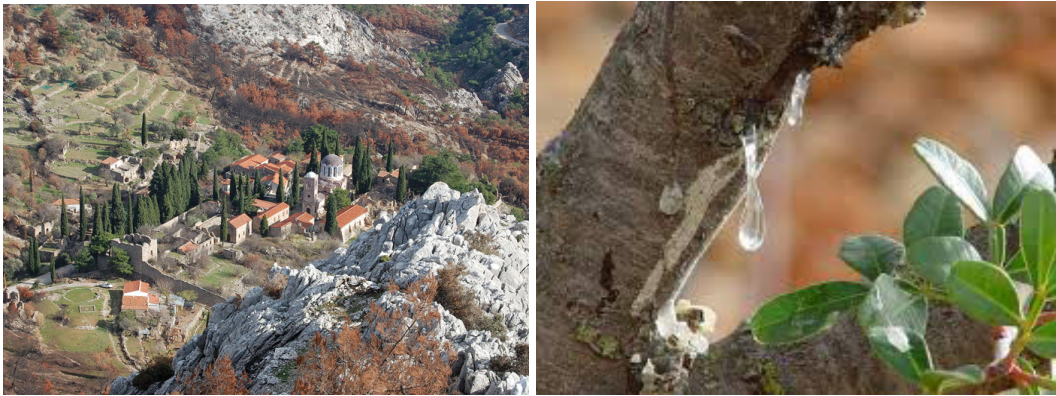
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### **"Chios: Byzantine Treasures and Medieval Architecture on the Island of the Mastiha"**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at The Embassy of Greece in Washington, DC



#### **Presentations and Speakers**

- Anna Missailidou (Archaeologist, Ephorate of Antiquities of the Chios service of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture): Nea Moni of Chios and its Influence on the Architecture of the Island
- Cristina Stancioiu (Assistant Professor of Art & Art History, William & Mary College): The Mosaics of Nea Moni
- Manolis Vournous (Architect, Mayor of Chios): The Medieval Architecture of Chios: Villages and Fortifications
- Ilias Smyrnioudis (Production and R & D Manager, Chios Mastiha Growers Association): The culture of the Mastiha: History, Tradition, and Economic Impact

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### **Speaker Biographical Information**

#### **Anna Missailidou**

Anna Missailidou was born and grew up on the island of Chios. Her birthplace is the medieval settlement of Kalamoti, which has played a pivotal role in her studies and career. She graduated from the School of History and Archaeology at the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, and went on to receive Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Byzantine Archaeology from the same Institution. Her research field is the religious and secular byzantine, medieval and post-byzantine architecture of Chios about the monuments of which she has published extensively. Her current work focuses on typological and morphological matters in the evolution of medieval settlement houses. Since 2005, she holds an archaeologist position at the Ephorate of Antiquities of the Chios service of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture.

#### **Cristina Stancioiu**

Cristina Stancioiu received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and is currently teaching Medieval and Byzantine art history at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Her research explores issues of cultural identity and dialogue between Byzantium and Europe, and a diversity of traditional artistic media and genres, focusing on the cognitive value of objects and images, and their potential to encode theories of self-representation, architectural form, ritual behavior, and gender display. Her publications consider art and objects that can connote subversive identity, or translate memory into the commemorative present, areas of interest for visual studies, social, and cultural history.

#### **Manolis Vournous**

Manolis Vournous was born on the island of Chios. He is married to Katerina Manoliadi and he is the father of two. He graduated from the School of Architecture at the National Technical University of Athens and received a Masters in Conservation of Historic Buildings (with distinction) at the University of York, in the UK. In 2004, he and his wife established their own architectural private practice, M+V Architects, on the island of Chios. Mr. Vournous has worked on conservation projects and introduction of contemporary architecture in historic context. His research has focused on the historic architecture of Chios since the 14th century. He has published on ecclesiastical architecture, late medieval fortifications, origins and evolution of vernacular settlements, as well as on the architecture of Chian mansions.

In May 2014 Mr. Vournous was elected Mayor of Chios, leading a group of people not involved in politics before.

## **Ilias Smyrnioudis**

Ilias Smyrnioudis was born and grew up on the island of Chios. He studied Agricultural Engineering at the Agricultural School of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki. He received M.Sc and Ph.D. degrees in virus epidemiology and virology in the UK under scholarships from the Pateras Foundation and subsequently from the European Union's "Marie Curie Research Training Grants". In 2000 he returned to Greece and after having spent one year at the Aristotelian University teaching Virology, he returned to Chios where he initially worked at the Developing Company of the Prefecture of Chios and then at The Chios Mastiha Association, where he is currently the head of R&D and Production Plans. His responsibilities include research on new products and on the beneficial effects of mastiha, support of the pharmaceutical companies that use mastiha, and the operation of the Mastiha Association factories. In 2014, he was elected Chios City Councilor.

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