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HELLENIC FEDERATION OF FRIENDS OF MUSEUMS

## Colloquium

### “Museums and their Friends: Challenges and perspectives in an ever-changing world”

#### In loving memory of

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## Program

- 09:00-09:30 **WELCOME AND PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION**
- 10:00-10:30 **GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS**  
*Chair: Lila de Chaves*, President, Hellenic Federation of Friends of Museums
- Konstantinos Karamesinis**, Vice General (I) (*retired*) President of the War Museum  
**Italo Scaietta**, President of the World Federation of Friends of Museums  
**H.E. Mrs. Laurence Auer**, Ambaadress of France in Greece  
**Haris Doukas**, Mayor of Athens (*pre-recorded message*)  
**Lina Mendoni**, Minister of Culture of the Hellenic Republic (*pre-recorded message*)
- 10:30-12:00 **SESSION 1**  
*Chair: Lila de Chaves*, President, Hellenic Federation of Friends of Museums
- Archaeological museums in transition: Facing the new challenges**  
Nicoletta Saraga  
*Deputy Director of Archaeological Museums, Exhibitions and Educational Programs, Hellenic Ministry of Culture*
- ICOM resolutions shaping museums’ collective vision, priorities and commitments**  
Penelope (Peny) Theologi-Gouti  
*Chair, ICOM Greece. Head, Science and Technology Museum, University of Patras, Greece*
- Beyond the Membership Card: redefining museum friends as strategic partners in the 21st century**  
Alexandra Bounia  
Professor of Museology, University of the Aegean, Greece
- The psychology of personal spirituality and the detection of the “spiritual” potential of museums**  
Marlen Mouliou  
*Ass. Professor of Museology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece*
- Museums and their invisible Friends: Approaching inclusion in the age of Artificial Intelligence**  
Maria Tzevelekou  
*President of the Board of Directors, Lighthouse for the Blind of Greece*
- 12:00-12:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

**PLEASE TURN OVERLEAF**

- 12:30-14:00 **SESSION 1** (*continued*)  
Chair: **Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias**, Gen. Secretary, Hellenic Federation of Friends of Museums
- Can every museum have friends? How its status affects its potential? Searching answers from the perspective of the small museum of the Historical Archive of the National Bank of Greece**  
Pari Kalamara  
*Manager of the Historical Archive of the National Bank of Greece*
- The role of the Association of Friends of Museums in times of crisis**  
Elena Korka  
*President of the Hellenic Committee of the Blue Shield*
- Museums: survival in difficult times**  
Afroditi Kamara  
*Lecturer, Masters' Programs CultTech & ManTech, University of the Peloponnese, Greece*
- Toward rapid ad hoc coordination: an important tool for cultural heritage preservation and monitoring during armed conflict**  
Erik DeMarche  
*Director, Proactive Cultural Heritage Protection Network (PCPH Network)*
- Collective care, shared futures: The power of cultural solidarity**  
Nadine Panayot  
*Curator, Archaeological Museum and Associate Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, American University of Beirut, Lebanon*
- Museums shoring the fragments of culture, memory and meaning in times of change**  
*(inspired by: "These fragments I have shored against my ruins", TS Eliot "The Waste Land")*  
Aspasia Destouni  
*Senior Research Associate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*
- Museums: A place to live in the world together**  
Nathalie Bondil  
*Museum & Exhibitions Director, Arab World Institute, Paris, Member of the ICOM-France Board of Directors*
- 14:00-15:00 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 15:00-17:30 **SESSION 2**  
Chair: **Italo Vincenzo Scaietta**, President, World Federation of Friends of Museums
- Presentation of WFFM members achievements in 2025**
- 18:00 **SMALL RECEPTION**  
**CULTURAL PERFORMANCE WILL FOLLOW**