



1ST INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CONVENTION FOR PRESS AND MEDIA

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1st International Meeting of Culture and Tourism - YPERIA 2003. Aigiali, Amorgos, Greece.

We are pleased to announce that the 1st International Meeting of Culture and Tourism, YPERIA 2003 took place successfully from 1 to 5 of May 2003 at AEGIALIS Hotel in Aegiali – Amorgos Island in Cyclades and welcomed press and media representatives from different countries.

On May the 1st, first day of the convention, the guests-attendants were taken to a seaside area of Amorgos for the celebration of May the first with the traditional way. Later on, in Hotel Aegialis, the guests were welcomed by the **President of the Cultural Association of Tholaria, Aegiali Amorgos, and President of the organizing Committee of the Convention Mrs. Irene Giannakopoulos** and the **Vice-Mayor of Amorgos, Mr. Eleftherios Synodinos**.

Then followed the Opening of the painting Exhibition of the French painter Mr. **Michel Constant** with works inspired from the Architecture and Nature of Amorgos, slides projection of landscapes and local people, from the Architect and Vice-President of the Amorgians Society, Mr. **Antonis Vlavianos**, a speech of the actress and journalist **Mrs Eleni Kallia**, and the evening ended with the show of the famous film of Luc Besson “ Le Grand Bleu”.

The next day, Friday 2nd of May, day dedicated to the International Day for the Press, the guests were guided around the village Langada. In the evening the Eparch of Thira, Amorgos and surrounding Islands, **Mr. Epifaneios** blessed the conference and followed the speeches.

Mr. Stefanos Sigalas, representative of the Ministry of Press, member of the Union of Daily Athenian newspapers (E.S.H.E.A.) and of the International federation of Journalists read the message of the E.S.H.E.A. to the guests and spoke about the meaning of the Press and of the media on the Civilization, Development and projection of the Greek Islands and of Amorgos in especial.

Next, **Mr. Manolis Lignos**, Journalist, Lawyer and President of the Union of Cycladic Press made a brief reference on the History of the Cycladic Press.

The President of E.S.E.T. **Mrs. Nia Koborozou**, made a reference on the responsibility of the Local Self-Government and of the Press on the Development and Projection of the Islands.

Mr. Dionysios Klavdianos, journalist and member of E.S.H.E.A. made a brief historical Reference on the Press of the Ionian Islands, and next **Mr. Antonios Xenos**, curator of public relations of E.S.E.T., spoke about Tourism as a means of Development of Amorgos.



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The professor of archaeology of the University of Ioannina, **Mrs. Lila Marangou**, made an extended analysis on the History of Amorgos while projecting slides.

On May the 3rd, the guests were guided at the archaeological sights of Amorgos, by **Mrs. Marangou** and **Mr. George Antoniou**, archaeologist.

In the afternoon the guests were briefed about the Olympic Games of Athens in 2004, by **Mrs. Maria Fola**, official representative of the organizing committee **ATHENS 2004**, and afterwards a classical music concert, from the **Strings' Octet of the National Orchestra of Athens**, took place under the direction of **Mr. Pandelis Despotides**.

On May the 4th, the guests visited the village Tholaria and the village Potamos, of Aegiali. At noon they were taken to Chora where they had the chance to watch the traditional festivities for the local dessert *Pasteli* as well as local dances. They visited churches and the Castle of Chora and then went to the Monastery of Chozoviotissa.

They had dinner in Chora, accompanied by local music and dances.

On May the 5th, after their breakfast in hotel Aegialis, the guests departed for a visit to the Monastery of Theologos. They returned at the hotel for lunch and in the evening there was a Cocktail party and farewell to the guests. The evening concluded with dinner and a traditional feast in the hotel.