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SCHOOL OF MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

CENTRE FOR THE GREEK LANGUAGE



2nd World Olympiad of Modern Greek Language

2018



The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Centre for the Greek Language organize the 2nd World Olympiad of Modern Greek Language under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. The event is sponsored by the “Charitable Foundation of Ivan Savvidi”.

Its main objectives are the following:

- attracting young people's interest in learning Modern Greek
- broadening and enriching intercultural youth communication
- widening the socio-cultural and linguistic competence of young people
- creating the necessary conditions to support the talented young people of Diaspora
- creating a basis for dialogue among young people who speak the Modern Greek language

Participants are people aged 18-25, born outside Greece or Cyprus, and living permanently abroad. Young people who have attended school within a Greek-speaking education system in Greece or Cyprus for more than 1 year and those who participated in the 1st World Olympiad of Modern Greek Language in 2016 are excluded from participation.

The **1st stage of the 2nd World Olympiad** will be held in 21 examination centres, certified by the Centre for the Greek Language, in the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Egypt, France, Georgia, Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, USA. At that stage, participants are required to take a Greek language exam of advanced level. The examination will take place on January 10th, 2018, under the supervision of the Centre for the Greek Language.

On February 9th, 2018, established as the International Greek Language Day, a press conference will be held where the results of the 1st stage and the names of the 21 top scorers (one per examination centre) will be announced.

The **2nd stage** will be held in Greece at the Kalandra University camping in Chalkidiki. There, under the supervision of the Aristotle University, the 21 participants will have the opportunity to attend courses in Modern Greek language and culture, to participate in educational visits to places of cultural and archaeological interest and to enjoy the beautiful Chalkidiki surroundings for a whole week. A Greek language examination of advanced level will be conducted on June 28th 2018, at the School of Modern Greek Language, under the supervision of the Centre for the Greek Language, in order to select three winners.



**1st stage**

Examination date	10/01/2018
Examination place	21 examination centres of CGL
Examination duration	4 hours
Examination level	advanced
Skills examined	Reading Use of language Listening Writing
Application for participating in the examination	online at http://smg.web.auth.gr/wordpress/?page_id=7520 from 4/12/2017 to 21/12/2017
Results announcement	09/02/2018





Daily program of the 2nd stage

Tuesday 19/6	Wednesday 20/6	Thursday 21/6	Friday 22/6	Saturday 23/6	Sunday 24/6
Arrivals 19:00 Welcome dinner	09.00-11.30 City tour 11.30 Departure for AUTH camping 14.00-16.00 Settlement at the cabins and guided tour	9:30-11:00 Language course 11:00-18:00 Free time 18:00-19:30 Workshop (teaching staff of the School)	9:30-11:00 Language course 11:00-18:00 Free time 18:00-19:30 Workshop (teaching staff of the School)	9:30-11:00 Language course 11:00-18:00 Free time 18:00-21:30 Cultural activity	Daily trip to Ancient Stageira - Arnaia

Monday 25/6	Tuesday 26/6	Wednesday 27/6	Thursday 28/6	Friday 29/6	Saturday 30/6
9:30-11:00 Language course 11:00-18:00 Free time 18:00-19:30 Activity (teaching staff of the School)	9:30-11:00 Language course 11:00-18:00 Free time 18:00-19:30 Workshop (teaching staff of the School)	12:00 Departure for Thessaloniki 13:00-18:00 Stop at Mediterranean Cosmos	09:00 Exam of 2 nd stage 13:00-20.00 Free time 21.00 Concert or Theatre	10.00 Guided tour at the Archaeological Museum 12.00-19.00 Free time 19.00 Closing ceremony	Departures





The **School of Modern Greek Language** of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki was founded in 1970. It operates under the supervision of the School of Philosophy and organizes courses in Modern Greek language to foreigners and Greeks from abroad.

In addition, it offers courses of Greek for specific purposes as well as teacher training courses. It participates in research and educational programs in cooperation with domestic and foreign institutions. It also organizes examinations for the acquisition of the certificate of proficiency in the Modern Greek language, a prerequisite for the admission of foreigners to higher education institutions in Greece.

The School of Modern Greek Language implements a series of actions in addition to its learning programs:

- online courses in the beginner A1 and A2 levels
- creation of guides and materials for the teaching of Modern Greek as a second/foreign language by members of its highly qualified teaching staff
- training seminars for those who teach the Modern Greek language in institutions/schools abroad
- cooperation with international organizations
- participation in Erasmus + Key Action 2 programs
- hosting incoming students implementing study-abroad programs
- implementation of summer schools (with linguistic and other academic content).

The School is not only committed to the teaching of the Modern Greek language but also focuses on various activities and cultural events. It hosts hundreds of students from all over the world, creating a space of multicultural coexistence. Students get acquainted with the Greek way of life and have the opportunity to immerse in the lively and warm atmosphere of Thessaloniki.





The **Centre for the Greek Language** (CGL) was established in 1992 in Thessaloniki. It is a non-profit research institute acting as a co-ordinating, advisory and planning body of the Ministry of Education on matters of language policy. It is a member of EFNIL (European Federation of National Institutions for Language) and, since 1998, it has been the official institution designated to conducting the examinations for, and granting, the Certificate of Attainment in Greek.

Its **mission** includes

- conducting research on Greek language and literature
- conducting research on language education and politics
- conducting the examinations for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek
- producing research, teaching and other material that contributes to the promotion and dissemination of the Greek language
- providing linguistic support and assistance to repatriates and expatriate Hellenism
- supporting those who teach Greek in Greece or abroad

In particular, with regard to Greek as a second/foreign language, the CGL

- conducts the **examinations** for the Certification of Attainment in Greek worldwide (<http://www.greek-language.gr/certification>)
- develops supportive **material** (print and electronic) for teachers and candidates (<http://greeklanguage.gr/product-category/klik-sta-ellinika>)
- offers the online **Distance Learning Programme** “Routes in Teaching Modern Greek as a second/foreign language” (<http://www.greek-language.gr/routes>).





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