"Modern Greek for Archaeologists"!

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Thanks to a generous donation, classes in "Modern Greek for Archaeologists" have now started and have proved to be very useful for archaeological professionals who have never learned the language. The programme is a co-operative initiative with the Department of Modern Greek at the University of Sydney which has sourced an excelled textbook (pictured), provided teachers for the project and developed the specialised content required to help students with technical terms relating to archaeology. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the generosity of the Modern Greek Department and especially to Professor Vrasidas Karalis and tutor, Ms Eleni Elefterias-Kostakidis, for helping us develop this wonderful opportunity for the academic community.

Meet the Institute's new sponsor "Bite Size"

The Institute is proud to introduce its latest corporate sponsor, "Bite Size - Coffee Treats".

Director Jeremy Dakis started the company using his mother's traditional Greek recipes in a home kitchen to create miniature delicacies to accompany coffee. The company opened its doors to the hospitality market and now bakes 12 million biscuits a year and
supplies over 600 clients Australia wide. Their products have won 38 Royal Fine Food awards and numerous gold medals. The business is still proud to be 100% family owned.

The Institute will now have the Bite Size version of Greek Melomakarona (honey biscuits) and Kourabiethes (sugared shortbreads) at its events. The AAIA would like to take this opportunity to thank its new corporate member for this support.

For more information about the company, have a look at the "Bite Size" web-site.

A busy start in 2014 for our Hostel

The Institute’s Hostel has seen a busy start in 2014 with a group of students staying from the "Athens Architecture Studio". This programme was organised by Associate Professor Nigel Westbrook (School of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts from the University of Western Australia) and Athens based architect Kalliope Kontozoglou. Students lived in and used the hostel for lectures and seminars during their six week stay in Athens.

This group was followed by Ms Jennifer Wright, a PhD candidate at the University of Sydney, who stayed in the hostel while carrying out
research at the Athenian Agora. Ms Wright will be returning again later this year to continue with her work.

Associate Professor Louise Hitchcock, School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, University of Melbourne and holder of an AAIA Fellowship, arrived at the end of March. Associate Professor Hitchcock will be using the hostel as a base for extensive travel from March through to June.

**A successful 2014 Estia Lecture in Hobart**

The Tasmanian Friends of the AAIA in Hobart report a successful Estia Lecture for 2014. This lecture, which has been supported by the Tasmanian Friends for many years forms part of the annual "Estia Festival", which is organised by the Greek Community of Tasmania and celebrates the contribution of Greek culture to Australia.

The 2014 lecture was given by Mr Evan Pitt who was also the 2013 recipient of the Tasmanian Friends' and Greek Community scholarship to study in Greece. Presented at the University of Tasmania's Centenary Theatre his lecture was entitled "After Alexander" and dealt with the struggle for power in the years immediately after Alexander the Great's death in 323 BC, after which there was a period of uncertainty in the wider Greek world.