

Announcement of the untimely passing of Demetrios Konstantios, Secretary General of the Christian Archaeological Society

The Board of the Christian Archaeological Society announce with profound regret and sorrow the passing away of Secretary General, Demetrios Konstantios.

Demetrios Konstantios, elected member of the Board of the Christian Archaeological Society since June 1994, served as Treasurer first and then, since 2000, as Secretary General. Man with firm belief in democratic values, broad in spirit, prudent and consistent, Demetrios Konstantios supported and promoted the Society's mission, following the path of his predecessors. In his days the Christian Archaeological Society has evolved and expanded, keeping a prompt and regular attendance, due to the Annual Symposium and the annual issue of the *Deltion*. With decisiveness, high organizing abilities and soundness of judgment, Demetrios Konstantios knew how to give direct solutions, while maintaining balance, stably absorbed in his visions and without ever betraying his democratic principles.

While he remained loyal and committed to his main task, the re-organization and enhancement of the Byzantine Museum, he always cared for the Christian Archaeological Society and showed his care even shortly before his death, by expressing the wish, instead of funeral wreaths, donations to be made in favour of the Society.

A real pillar, heart and soul of the Society over the last decade, Demetrios Konstantios cared for the Society's evolution and survival in difficult times, always placing the substructures of the Byzantine Museum at its disposal with generosity and activating his Museum collaborators whenever necessary. With faith and vision for the future and thanks to his administration and organization abilities, he was actively seeking for financial resources, in order to ensure the Society's financial independence and promote its aims.

The void left by his passing away will be difficult to fill.

The Board resolved to have the following resolution published in the daily press.

**RESOLUTION**

The Board of the Christian Archaeological Society convened ad-hoc on the announcement of the passing away of its Secretary General,

Demetrios Konstantios, Director of the Byzantine and Christian Museum  
expressed profound regret and sorrow, and unanimously resolved to:

- express their deepest sorrow and condolences to the family of the deceased
- attend the funeral ceremony
- lay a funeral wreath upon his grave
- devote the 33<sup>rd</sup> volume of the *Deltion* to his memory
- have this resolution published in the daily press

Athens, 14 February 2010

The Board

It was his own request that, instead of funeral wreaths, donations should be made in favour of the Christian Archaeological Society (National Bank of Greece, account Nr 080/675652-29).

The President of the Christian Archaeological Society

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