



A Message from Mike Rann

I congratulate all those associated with the very successful 7th International Conference on Greek Research.

The breadth and quality of the Conference presentations were outstanding, and the event reflected the high levels of energy and academic rigour shared today by Hellenic scholars across the world.

In particular, I applaud Flinders University and South Australia's Greek community for hosting the Conference. Their efforts were yet another example of South Australia's leadership in the fields of multiculturalism and higher education.

The 2007 International Conference on Greek Research deepened our understanding of Greek culture, history and language, and it strengthened links among peoples of the Hellenic diaspora.

It is vital that we continue to foster and defend Greek traditions – especially in the face of those who seek to undermine the historical and territorial integrity of Greece and Greek-speaking communities.

I commend these Conference Proceedings to you, and I look forward to Adelaide hosting another Conference on Greek Research in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Mike Rann
Premier of South Australia

In memory of the late Mr Basil Taliangis AM C.Univ (Flinders) JP OJ
1938–2008
for his dedication to multiculturalism and his life commitment to
Modern Greek studies in South Australia.

Also

to the Friends of Greek Language and Culture Group (under the
auspices of the Greek Orthodox Community of Northern Australia)
in Darwin

Alkis Athineos
Lillian Gomatos
George Kapetas
Michael Koulianos
Tony Miaoudis
John Nicolakis
Angelica Poulos
John Prouzos
George Tsirbas

for their paramount role in introducing a vibrant and successful
program in Modern Greek studies at Charles Darwin University,
offered by the Modern Greek section at Flinders University; and
for their absolute dedication to further enhance the study of
Modern Greek at primary and secondary levels of education in
the Northern Territory.