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## Research Study "Innovation in Greece"

On the occasion of the European Year of Innovation the Kokkalis Foundation organized, under the aegis of SEV-Hellenic Federation of Enterprises, an event presenting the research study "Innovation in Greece-Comparative Evaluation with International Indicators, Policies, Strategy Recommendations," a study conducted by the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB).

In his opening address the president of the Kokkalis Foundation Mr. Socrates Kokkalis referred to the work and contribution of the Foundation toward furthering education and research in Greece and in SE Europe, as well as to the contribution made by Athens Information Technology, a prototype non-profit education and research center founded by the INTRACOM Group in 2002.

SEV's President Mr. Dimitris Daskalopoulos committed to contribute to further evaluating the findings of the study of the AUEB and to act upon these findings.

In the presentation of the research study, the head of AUEB's research team Professor Spyros Lioukas underlined that low expenditures on R&D in Greece and problems in entrepreneurship, the absence of networks between education institutions and industry, and investment incentives to innovation start-ups, are among the factors that explain the low ranking of the country in the general indicators of innovation. Greece fares better in the areas of absorption and diffusion of innovation, through in-company innovation or integration of products and processes new to the company but not new to the market.

The research leads to strategic recommendations for a focus on the so-called model of "open innovation," that emphasizes the absorption, integration, and configuration of innovations, because it maximizes the benefits of the trends observed in the Greek context and it does not require solving other complex issues such as those concerning the relationship between the university and the market, the bureaucratic requirements for start-ups, and the steep increase in expenditure on innovation.

In the discussion, the Special Secretary for Competitiveness of the Hellenic Ministry of Development Mr. Eleftherios Stavropoulos described the government's efforts to promote youth entrepreneurship and innovation, which the minister added must be complemented by tax benefit initiatives for investments in technology.

The CEO of Greek lottery games company INTRALOT, Mr. Konstantinos Antonopoulos, underscored the importance of innovation in every stage of company development stressing that INTRALOT supports a research expenditure equivalent to 12% of annual revenues. Equally important, Mr. Antonopoulos stated, is to go beyond product innovation and focus on new processes and applications, and to focus on offering a working environment that maximizes talent.

Using IOBE's research data, the Research Director of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE) Mr. Ioannis Stourmaras proposed changes in primary and secondary education aiming at developing critical thinking and offering conditions to enable the true autonomy of Greek universities. Greece must focus research efforts where it has comparative advantage and in areas that create institutional ties between education and technology.

NBG's Chief Economist and Chief of Strategy Pavlos Mylonas presented data showing the importance of a fair and flexible stability framework for healthy entrepreneurship and called for incentives that take advantage of the abundant talent of Greek researchers abroad to transfer research knowledge to Greece.



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## Europe in the World

### LECTURE BY EUROPEAN UNION HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE COMMON FOREIGN & SECURITY POLICY JAVIER SOLANA



Held on Thursday, 17 September 2009 at Harvard University, this was Javier Solana's second visit to Harvard to deliver an address. Back in April 2003, Solana gave the

Gordon Lecture with a speech entitled "Venus and Mars Reconciled: A New Era for Transatlantic Relations."

After introductory remarks by HKS professor Stephen Walt, the EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security policy characterized the new geo-political landscape as a rapidly changing one, politically, economically and technologically. This new context has resulted in growing complexity and interdependence and poses a challenge of shared leadership that can effectively address the problems of collective action posed by globalization.

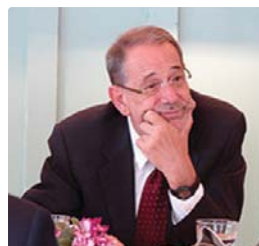
Solana indicated four main issues that require a close EU-US partnership and clear results in the months ahead: the creation of a new dynamic for peace in the Middle East; working toward the creation of a functioning Afghan state; building a new European security architecture, with US engagement and helping Russia find its proper place in the overall European order; and climate change, finding the right incentives to stimulate green investments

and addressing the global justice dimension.

A physicist by educational background, Solana's career includes appointments as minister of Culture, Education, and Foreign Affairs of Spain and as Secretary-general of NATO, to which he was appointed in 1995.

In 1999, Dr. Solana was appointed as the European Union's High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy; his international standing led President Clinton to note that now we know who to call when we want to speak to Europe, an allusion to Henry Kissinger's famous quip.

Javier Solana's lecture was co-sponsored with the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard; the Karamanlis Chair, Fletcher School, Tufts University; and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard, as part of the "Challenges of the 21st Century: European and American Perspectives Series."



## The Niki Award 2009 FRIENDS OF AIT



Friends of AIT has established the annual Niki Award to honor Greek scientists, and scientists of Greek descent, who are recognized by the international community for their contribution to the world of science and technology and who inspire new scientists to follow in their footsteps. This year's recipient of the Niki Award is Dr. Thanasis Economou.

The award is presented by His Beatitude Hieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, with keynote speaker Carnegie Mellon University President Dr. Jared Cohon, on Monday, 14 December 2009, at the Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens, Greece, in front of an audience of representatives from major Greek scientific and academic institutions, businesses, banks, organizations, diplomatic corps, and the media.

A native of Greece, Dr. Thanasis (Tom) Economou is a Professor of Astrophysics and Senior Scientist at the University of Chicago's Enrico Fermi Institute. He has been building instruments

for interplanetary spacecraft since the mid-1960s. Currently he is associated with three of NASA's robotic missions: the Mars Exploration Rovers, the Cassini mission to Mars, and the now-complete Stardust mission to Comet Wild-2, which has been redirected to a second cometary target.

Dr. Economou also built the Alpha Proton X-ray Spectrometer that successfully performed the first chemical analysis of Martian rocks aboard the Mars Pathfinder rover in 1997. Working in the laboratory of Anthony Turkevich, he contributed to the alpha backscattering experiment of three robotic Surveyor space probes that landed on the moon in 1967-68.

With Turkevich during the 1970s and 1980s, he also conducted basic nuclear physics research on the subatomic structure of matter using the most advanced particle accelerators at Los Alamos, Argonne and Fermi National Accelerator laboratories. During the 1990s they performed an important double beta decay experiment of Uranium-238 to Plutonium-238, suggesting for the first time that neutrinos consists of a small quantity of mass.

For more information, [www.ait.edu.gr/niki2009](http://www.ait.edu.gr/niki2009)

## Career Updates from KP Alumni



### Kritonas Arsenis

(Greece; Executive Education 2005), in the 2009 European Parliamentary election in Greece, was elected as a member of the European Parliament as a PASOK party candidate.

**Irina Bokova** (Bulgaria; Executive Education 1999) has been appointed Director-General of UNESCO on 22 September 2009 at the UN organization's headquarters in Paris. With her new appointment, Irina Bokova has become the first woman, the first Eastern European, and the fifth European to head UNESCO. Bokova had been serving as the Bulgarian ambassador to France and as a permanent delegate to UNESCO since 2005.

**Burak Erdenir** (Turkey; Mason Mid-Career MPA 2008) has been appointed Secretary-General at the Ministry of EU Affairs of Turkey. Prior to his new appointment, Erdenir served as senior expert at the European Union Secretariat General of the Turkish Prime Ministry, the governmental body which oversees Turkey's pre-accession process for European Union membership.

**Nadezhda Mihaylova** (Bulgaria; Executive Education 2008), in the 2009 European Parliamentary elections in Bulgaria, was elected as a member of the European Parliament as a Blue Coalition party candidate.

**Kyriakos Pierrakakis** (Greece; MPP 2007) graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Master's in Technology Policy in June 2009. In the fall of 2009 he commenced work towards his D.Phil. in International Relations at St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford (Department of Politics and International Relations).

**Dritan Prifti** (Albania; MC/MPA 2000) was appointed Minister of the Economy and Energy of the coalition government in September 2009.

**Damir Tokic** (Bosnia-Herzegovina; MPP 2008) is working at the OSCE Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a national political officer in the Head of Mission's Cabinet.

**Vesselin Valchev** (Bulgaria; Executive Education 2007) was appointed as the Bulgarian Ambassador to Cyprus, and began his ambassadorial duties as of 1 September 2009. Prior to this appointment, he served as the head of office of the deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs at the Council of Ministers.

## New 2009 Kokkalis Fellows at Bilgi University



The Kokkalis Foundation supports Greek-Turkish studies at Istanbul Bilgi University by offering scholarships and fellowships to Greek citizens pursuing the Master degree in International Relations with a concentration on Greek-Turkish relations at the University.

This year's fellowship recipients are the following:

**Orestis Adam** - Orestis holds a Bachelors Degree in Politics & International Relations from the University of Kent at Canterbury, U.K.. He has completed several internships, including at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has been engaged in volunteer work in reforestation projects and offering teaching support for grammar school students. Orestis holds two Track & Field medals and is a member of the Oion Athletics Association.

**Eirini Kechrioti** - Eirini holds a BSc in Economics from the Department of Economics of the University of Athens, and a degree in Music from the National Conservatory of Athens. She is also a member of the Greek-Turkish NGO Defne.

**Anastasia Koutri** - Anastasia holds a MA degree in Political, Economical and International Relations from the Mediterranean University of the Aegean (Rhodes) and a BSc in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Athens. She has been an Erasmus exchange student at Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms Universitaet Bonn, Fakultaeet Politikwissenschaft. Anastasia has also completed internships at the International Center for Black Sea Studies and at the Diplomatic and Historical Archives of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where she was involved in the research and organization of the archives (1926-1934 period) of the Greek embassy in Ankara.

**Evangelia Lantza** - Evangelia holds a BSc in Turkish language and culture from the Democritus University of Thrace. She has also

completed several internships, including at the Ecumenical Patriarchate and at the Hellenic Commission of UNESCO of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Eugenia Logiotatou** - Eugenia holds a BSc in Turkish language and culture from the Democritus University of Thrace. She has completed an internship at the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) organization and has participated in the 2004 and 2005 Model United Nations organized by the University of Macedonia.

The Master of Arts program in International Relations with a concentration on Greek-Turkish relations of the European Institute of Istanbul Bilgi University is the only one of its kind internationally and boasts a 50%-50% ratio of Greek to Turkish students. The Division of Turkish-Greek Studies at Bilgi University also boasts close cooperation with international education institutions, such as the Hellenic Observatory at the London School of Economics and Political Science; The Greek-Turkish Network at St. Anthony's College, Oxford; and the Department of Turkish Studies and Middle Eastern Studies of the University of Cyprus.





# Kokkalis Fellows

## NEW 2009 KOKKALIS FELLOWS AT HARVARD

This year's five fellowship recipients were chosen from a pool of fifty applicants from eleven countries. The new Kokkalis fellows are:



Mirela-Iulia Cojocaru, Romania

Born in Pitesti, Romania, Cojocaru enrolled in the two-year Master in Public Administration program in September 2009. She holds a MA in European Public Space from the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest, and a LLB from the University of Bucharest-Law School. Before commencing her studies at HKS, Cojocaru worked as a legal adviser for the Authority for State Assets Recovery (AVAS) at the Department of Legal Assistance and Administration-Privatization (Bucharest). She also served as an attorney at law with the "Nicolae Stanculescu" law firm in Bucharest.



Aleksandra Drecun, Serbia

Born in Belgrade, Serbia, Drecun enrolled in the Mason Fellows/Mid-Career Master in Public Administration program in July 2009. She received a JD from the University of Belgrade-Law School. Before applying to HKS, she served as a special adviser to the minister at the Ministry for the National Investment Plan. Prior positions include, among others: secretary general to the president of the Republic of Serbia, Office of the President (under Boris Tadic); secretary-general, Ministry of Finance and Economy; coordinator of the anti-corruption activities of the Serbian Government; senior representative of the Republic of Serbia to Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption and Stability Pact Anti-Corruption Initiative; and member of the Transition Group established by former prime minister Zoran Djindjic.



Angel Kelchev, Bulgaria

Born in Pazardjik, Bulgaria, Kelchev enrolled in the Master in Public Policy program in September 2009. Concurrently, he will work towards a Master in Business Administration at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Kelchev holds a BA from Stanford University. Before coming to HKS, he worked as a global technology and M&A analyst with Union Square Advisors LLC. He also served as an analyst in the same field for Lehman Brothers Inc. In addition, Kelchev initiated and lead numerous international projects with the Rotary Club and Rotaract since 2005, including a project to equip a children's library with computers in Pazardjik; a disabilities awareness campaign in Nepal; and an initiative to eradicate blindness in Bangalore, India, among many other projects.



Simonida Subotic, Montenegro

A native of Montenegro, Subotic is a second-year student in the Master in Public Policy program, from which she will graduate in May 2010. She holds a BA from Towson University in political science and economics. Prior to commencing her studies at HKS, Subotic served as a lecturer in the Baltimore Urban Debate League, and a Refugee Program intern with Amnesty International in Washington, D.C. She also worked as a research analyst for the Regional Studies Economic Institute. During the summer 2009 break, Subotic interned at the World Bank's Middle East and North Africa vice Presidency in the Social and Economic Development group, where she worked on a case study on Lebanon's human resource management reform.



Esra Unluaslan, Turkey

Born in Bursa, Turkey, Unluaslan enrolled in the Master in Public Administration and International Development program in September 2009. She holds a BS degree in Economics and Industrial Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Before attending HKS, she worked as a foreign exchange analyst with Goldman Sachs in New York. She also previously worked as a prime brokerage consultant with Morgan Stanley. Unluaslan is also co-founder and press representative of FINANS Network, a worldwide nonprofit organization for finance and economics professionals with the objective to advance Turkey's economic development.

## CONTINUING FELLOWS

The new fellows will join the following continuing fellows at Harvard:



Kosmas Kaprinis, Greece

A native of Thessaloniki, Kaprinis enrolled in the Master in Public Policy program in September 2008. He received a BA in Economics and International Relations at Brandeis University, and a LLB from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki-Greece. Kaprinis held internship positions with the European Commission Delegation (Washington, D.C.), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, and the Athens 2004 Olympic Organizing Committee. He also worked as a research assistant in various projects on Southeastern Europe at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, the Fletcher School of Diplomacy and the Brandeis International Center for Ethics.



Ussal Sahbaz, Turkey

A native of Ankara, Turkey, Sahbaz enrolled in the Master in Public Administration in International Development program in September 2008. He holds a BS degree from the Middle East Technical University and an MA from Bilkent University, both in economics. Sahbaz currently serves as a case officer at the Turkish Competition Authority, an autonomous antitrust enforcement agency. He was involved in the establishment of Economic Policy Research Foundation (TEPAV), an Ankara-based think-tank, where he coordinated design of the initial research agenda and recruitment of the junior staff. Sahbaz also wrote speeches for the chairman of the Turkish Union of Chambers (TOBB).



George Saravelos, Greece

Born in Thessaloniki, Saravelos enrolled in the Master in Public Administration in International Development program in September 2008. He graduated with a first class BA degree in economics from Cambridge University. Prior to HKS, he worked as a foreign exchange strategist at Deutsche Bank, where he was responsible for the fundamental analysis of major currency markets. In this role, he advised the bank's largest financial, corporate and public sector clients on risks and opportunities in foreign exchange markets. He also designed and traded currency models as part of the bank's proprietary trading activities.

## GRADUATING FELLOWS 2009

On 4 June 2009, HKS conferred degrees to 537 students, coming from 73 different countries. The Class of 2009 includes current and former diplomats, government officials, military officers, and public policy advocates. Graduates include a former NASA astronaut, a senior advisor to the president of Israel, a civil court judge from Jamaica, and a former director of the Los Angeles Opera. Special congratulations to the 2009 graduating class of Kokkalis Fellows:



Yll Bajraktari, Kosovo

Born in Prishtina, Bajraktari graduated from the Master in Public Policy program. He holds a BA from the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University. Before coming to HKS, Bajraktari worked at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), where he played a lead role in establishing the Center of Innovation on Media and Conflict. He also organized and published about USIP's Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, particularly concerning issues of governance, elections, the role of women, natural resources, and civilian military relations in non-permissive environments. Prior to USIP, Bajraktari served as the founder of The Forum, a prominent non-governmental organization in post-war Kosovo. He served as executive director until 2002, directing the implementation of numerous projects in the fields of advocacy, political accountability, and ethnic reconciliation. Bajraktari is currently considering work opportunities based in Washington, D.C.



Jelena Sesar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sesar, a native of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, graduated from the Mason Fellows/Mid-career Masters in Public Administration program. She holds a BA in Political Science and History from Purdue University and an MA in Southeast European Studies from the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. She currently serves as a political advisor for security sector issues in the Office of the High Representative (OHR) in Sarajevo, Bosnia and

Herzegovina. For eight years, she worked on various state-level institution and capacity building projects in Bosnia, including police reform and the establishment of the state-level police agencies responsible for combating organized crime, international terrorism, and human trafficking. Sesar also worked on the introduction of the first post-war ethnically neutral personal documents (ID cards, passports and driving licenses) for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sesar is exploring various work opportunities based in the U.S. for the next year.



Marina Dimova, Bulgaria

Born in Sofia, Bulgaria, Dimova graduated from the Master in Public Administration/International Development program. She holds a BA in Economics and Government, with a concentration in International Studies from Franklin and Marshall College. Prior to HKS, she worked as a senior analyst on health care and environmental policy at the Boston-based Analysis Group. She also worked in the securities practice of NERA Economic Consulting and as an intern with the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dimova has been a volunteer economic consultant for the Bulgarian-based NGO BankWatch Network, and has undertaken several field study trips around the world to research socio-economic and environmental issues, including to India, Tanzania, Hawaii, New Zealand and Mexico. Dimova is currently working as a research assistant for Tufts University Professor Steven Block on the trends in agricultural productivity growth in Africa. The research is part of the Africa Project of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

# A Win-Win Relationship: Turkey and the EU

**LECTURE BY TURKEY'S MINISTER FOR EU AFFAIRS & CHIEF NEGOTIATOR EGEMEN BAGIS**

Travelling to the US with Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan for the 64th Session of the UN's General Assembly, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator Egemen Bagis was hosted at Harvard by the Kokkalis Program for a lecture at the Harvard Kennedy School.

In his lecture, entitled "A Win-Win Relationship: Turkey and the European Union" and held on Thursday, 24 September 2009, Bagis claimed that one of the most important peace projects in history, the EU, will not be complete until the accession of Turkey and added that Turkey plays an active role in transatlantic security as a country with the second largest army after the USA and the only with concurrent membership in the G-20, NATO, OECD and the Islam Conference Organization.

Illustrating with Turkey's efforts to act as mediator for the resolution of tensions in regions such as Syria-Israel, Afghanistan-Pakistan, Lebanon-Israel, Russia-Georgia and more recently Syria-Iraq, the Minister for EU Affairs argued that the new Turkish soft power policy has brought a new dimension to the foreign policy initiatives of the EU in critical regions such as the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Central Asia and the South Caucasian region.

Alluding to the good rankings of the Turkish economy and the country's large and dynamic population, Bagis underscored that Turkey's accession would also have a positive effect on the labor markets and social welfare systems in European countries, faced with ageing populations and soaring expenditures.

Stressing that the EU was since its inception a project for political peace, Bagis emphasized that what gives Europe its contemporary character is diversity. For the first time since centuries, Bagis stated, there is now an opportunity to bring that diversity together and to unite Europe around shared ideals and common goals, and thus frustrate the scenario of a clash of civilizations.

Egemen Bagis was first elected to the Turkish Parliament in 2002 as a deputy of Istanbul. Bagis was the AK party's Vice Chairman in charge of Foreign Affairs and a member of AK Party's Central Executive Committee. He was appointed as Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator on January 2009 and has been working for full membership negotiations of Turkey since then.



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# Kokkalis Fellowships 2010 - Call for Applications

## MASTER'S IN PUBLIC POLICY, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION/INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIPS



**HARVARD Kennedy School**  
*Kokkalis Program on Southeastern  
and East-Central Europe*

The Kokkalis Program supports promising leaders and individuals committed to invigorating the public sector in Southeastern and East-Central Europe by providing them with fellowships for graduate study at Harvard Kennedy School.

Eligible to apply for a 2010 Kokkalis Fellowship are natives of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey, who are applying to one of the following Master's degrees at Harvard Kennedy School:

- Master in Public Policy (MPP)
- Master in Public Administration (MPA2)
- Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID)
- Master in Public Administration/Mid-Career (MC/MPA)

Candidates with academic and/or professional backgrounds in one of the following fields are encouraged to apply: public policy and administration, the non-profit sector, law, economics, social sciences, or related fields. Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to public service and the region of Southeast Europe.

Candidates must complete both the online HKS application for admission and the online Kokkalis Fellowship application. For more information, please visit:

[www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/admissions/apply](http://www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/admissions/apply)

[www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis/educational\\_opportunities.html#kokkalisfellowship](http://www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis/educational_opportunities.html#kokkalisfellowship)

The deadline for applying for the Kokkalis Fellowship is **8 January 2010**. Deadlines for admission to HKS vary according to the degree program. Applicants should consult the following website for details:  
<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/admissions/apply/deadlines>

## 11TH ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP



In mid February, the Kokkalis Program hosted its 11th annual Graduate Student Workshop (GSW) in collaboration with the Southeastern Europe Study Group at Harvard's Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies. This year, 12 scholars from universities in 8 countries joined together to present and lead interdisciplinary discussions on three topics: Diaspora as a Political and Economic Player in the States of Southeast Europe; Leaders and Leadership – Old and New – in Southeast Europe; and Westphalia, Neo-Westphalia or Post-Westphalia: Statehood in Southeast Europe. For more information and to access the papers presented, please visit:  
[http://www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis/gsw/2009/workshop\\_2009.html](http://www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis/gsw/2009/workshop_2009.html)



## ATHENS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXTENDS QUEEN RANIA SCHOLARSHIP



The five-year extension of the grant program offered by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah to Jordanian students from Athens Information Technology was announced on Monday, 12 October 2009. The number of grants allocated by AIT, in recognition of Her Majesty in 2005, is increasing from 14 to 17 per year.

The agreement was reached during a meeting with Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah and the Executive Director of AIT Mr. Thanassis Zesimopoulos, who visited Jordan as part of a delegation representing the college to assess the results of the scholarship program - which, during the past four years, has benefited more than 90 students who have joined AIT's masters degrees, executive training programs, and summer schools.

The grant initiative was created in recognition of Queen Rania's efforts on education and the development of modern technological skills for young people, and was inaugurated by Her Royal Majesty during her visit to AIT in December 2005.

During their meeting on 12 October 2009, Queen Rania highlighted the depth of historical relations between Jordan and Greece, congratulated AIT on the initiative, and praised the academic level of the Jordanian students and beneficiaries of the grants, stressing the need to strengthen this cooperation by increasing the number of grants in the coming years.

On the same evening, a reunion of Jordanian alumni took place at the Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Church. Over 30 alumni attended, with their friends and family, Royal Court representatives, and the Metropolitan himself, who all stressed the importance of strong alumni relations and the alumni's role as AIT ambassadors in their country. The attaché from the embassy of Greece in Jordan also attended the alumni reunion.

Finally, for the first time Open Day presentations of AIT and its academic programs took place at two Amman universities. AIT academic faculty and Royal Court representatives introduced AIT and the Queen Rania Scholarship Program to over 100 fourth year IT students at the University of Applied Sciences and over 70 students at the University of Jordan, who inquired about AIT's Master of Science programs and summer schools. A 2006 MBIT alumnus described his experience at AIT, the program, and life in Greece. Additional meetings were held with the respective board of directors and professors on potential collaborations between Athens Information Technology and the two universities.

AIT's commitment to Jordanian students will continue as they are considered an important part of AIT's international student body.

## DONATION TO THE HELLENIC SOCIETY OF HAEMATOLOGY



The Kokkalis Foundation has donated seventy palmtop computers (PDA), equipped with the software program UpToDate, to the Hellenic Society of Haematology. The program contains a complete and updatable medical science databank, and is an important support tool for medical research as well as for improved quality and effectiveness of medical services.

## THE KOKKALIS FOUNDATION NEW WEBSITE

In an effort to reorganize and modernize its presence on the internet, the Kokkalis Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of its new website. The new website offers improved design, layout, content, and accessibility, and provides additional news feeds from our affiliated Athens Information Technology (AIT) and Kokkalis Program at Harvard.

The website also offers a new membership registration area, which seeks to reach out to our many users and friends by giving them the opportunity to create, view, edit and update their profile and contact information online and thus be regularly updated about our research activities, receive announcements on educational opportunities, learn about our latest publications, receive our newsletter and invitations to Kokkalis Foundation events, and be generally informed about our activities, current projects and new priorities. Do visit [www.kokkalisfoundation.gr](http://www.kokkalisfoundation.gr)

