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2nd International Scientific Conference on
The Greek World in Travel Accounts and Maps
“Corsairs and Pirates in the Eastern Mediterranean, 15th-19th c.”

17-19 October 2014
Museum of Cycladic Art, Athens

The ***Sylvia Ioannou Foundation*** announces the 2nd International Scientific Conference on The Greek World in Travel Accounts and Maps, entitled: **“Corsairs and Pirates in the Eastern Mediterranean, 15th-19th c.”** The Conference will be held at the Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens, from the 17th to the 19th of October, 2014.

The welcoming address will be given by **Nicholas Chr. Stambolidis**, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Crete and Director of the Museum of Cycladic Art, while **David J. Starkey**, Professor of History at the University of Hull, will be the keynote speaker.

Over 20 internationally acclaimed university professors and researches, from six different countries (Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Turkey, UK, USA), will be shedding light on the multidimensional phenomenon of piracy and privateering in the Eastern Mediterranean. Beginning with the 15th century and concluding with the 19th, emphasis will also be given to the presence and impact of piracy in the modern era.

The speakers' innovative approaches will be grouped in six **thematic sessions**:

- *Topoi* of Piracy
- Scale and Character of Commerce-Raiding
- Politics and Legitimacy
- Piracy and the State
- Images of Piracy
- Piracy: Past and Present

Moreover, there will be a presentation of the **first printed edition of Select Papers from the Proceedings of the 1st International Scientific Conference on The**

Greek World in Travel Accounts and Maps, also held in Athens, in October 2012, organized by the *Sylvia Ioannou Foundation* in collaboration with the University of the Aegean and the Department of History & Archaeology of the University of Cyprus. The theme of the 1st Conference was on “Cyprus on the crossroads of travellers and map-makers from the 15th to 20th century”.

For further information and instructions on registering for the Conference, please visit: <http://www.sylviaioannoufoundation.org/2nd-international-conference>. A system of priority will be maintained due to limited seating availability; early registration is strongly recommended.

The Sylvia Ioannou Foundation

The *Sylvia Ioannou Foundation* was established in 2009 by Sylvia Ioannou, with the main aim of making available to researchers, academics and collectors throughout the world, one of the largest private collections of books and maps dedicated to the island of Cyprus: more than 2000 manuscripts and rare books about Cyprus, an exceptional selection of travellers’ accounts, as well as over 600 atlases and maps of Cyprus and its broader surrounding region, from the 15th century up to the modern era. As a first step, a website was created: **www.sylviaioannoufoundation.org**, where digitized material from the collection is continually uploaded, so that the totality of the collection will eventually become accessible to all interested e-visitors. The SIF also supports **publications** related to its scope of interests and organizes, biennially, **International Scientific Conferences** on the Greek world in travel accounts and maps. Furthermore, the SIF has launched a **Scholarship Programme** (beginning with the academic year 2013-2014), in order to support postgraduate students in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences with a particular focus on the island of Cyprus.

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