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Dear HAPS members,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I wanted to remind you that we will be having our Fall HAPS General Assembly Meeting on Saturday, October 24th, from 10am -1pm at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, San Francisco. Please make every effort to attend.

We are very pleased to have as our keynote speaker Dr. Gail Holst-Warhaft, the Director of the Mediterranean Studies Initiative, Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, New York. She will be giving an audiovisual presentation titled "From Markos to Mikis: Theodorakis and the Transformation of the Rembetika" on the relation between the rembetika and Theodorakis' music. The agenda includes:

10 - 10:45am: Dr. Gail Holst-Warhaft presentation

10:45 - 11am: Question & Answer Dr. Holst-Warhaft

11 - noon: Society business, By-Laws Revision Committee Presentation,
Directory Distribution

Noon - 1pm: Lunch

We will be having a presentation of the HAPS By-Laws Committee to review and vote on proposed revisions to the HAPS By-Laws. Led by chairwoman Virginia Lagiss and with the assistance of Peter Bagatelos, George Mourgos, and the HAPS board, proposed changes have been made that fall into 3 categories: those that are essential and substantive, those that are minor clerical clean-up provisions, and those that were optional provisions subject to the determinations of the group and voted upon by the HAPS board. We would especially like to thank Peter Bagatelos and Virginia Lagiss for the extensive time they spent assisting with these revisions.

On our website (www.hapsca.org) you can find 2 versions of the By-Laws for your review: (a) edits in red so that changes can be seen and accounted for and (b) edits in black that incorporates how the new proposed version would appear. We will be voting individually on each revision at the General Assembly meeting.

In addition, the 2010 AXION award nomination is included in this mailing. Please return this to George Mattis by September 30th, 2009. The Scholarship is available online at www.hapsca.org and is due by October 17th, 2009.

Save the following dates for upcoming HAPS events:

November 2009: Movie Screening of the documentary *The Journey* with SFSU

Saturday, December 12, 2009, evening: HAPS Christmas Party

Sunday, February 14, 2010: Greek Letters Day, Annunciation Cathedral

Best regards,
Yannis Paulus, MD
HAPS President