

**BRIEF BACKGROUND OF B.I.O.**  
as promoted by its Founder and President, Dr. Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis

**1985**

**Conferences - Seminars - Roundtable Discussions**

- First presentation of Biopolitics - Dimensions of Biology by Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis, Euro-Philosophical Society Meeting, Athens, June 1985

**Keynote Speeches/Lectures/Special Events**

- Lectures and presentations at professional and cultural institutions promoting B.I.O. goals

**B.I.O. Events**

- Copyright of terms Biopolitics, bio-architecture, bio-peace, bio-assessment, bio-economics, bio-law, bio-environment, bio-art, bio-legislation, bio-diplomacy and Bank of Ideas
- Letters of support for Biopolitics received from leading international figures

**Publications**

- Publication of Biopolitics - Methods of Implementation (Greek and English)

**Media coverage**

- Articles in leading Greek newspapers and journals

**1986**

**Conferences - Seminars - Roundtable Discussions**

- Biopolitics and Dialectics, Greek Philosophical Society Conference, Athens

**Keynote Speeches/Lectures/Special Events**

- Presentation of Biopolitics at the annual meeting of the United Nations Association of Denmark in the presence of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Members
- Numerous lectures and presentations at professional and cultural institutions
- Presentation on Biopolitics at the United States Capitol, National Prayer Breakfast

**B.I.O. Events**

- Legal incorporation of The Biopolitics International Organisation (B.I.O.) Athens, Greece
- Biopolitics - A Pathway for International, Cultural, Technological and Environmental Co-operation, UNA Meeting, Berlin, GDR. Biopolitics as an instrument for international co-operation was recommended by the chairman and sent to 150 nations
- Official registration of the Biopolitics International Organisation Emblem

**Media coverage**

- Interviews on Cable Manhattan East-West Program, USA.
- Core Communications Inc. interview broadcast on 50 US radio stations
- Biopolitics and the Environment - The Chernobyl Incident, cover story Greece's Weekly
- Biopolitics - A Pathway for International Co-operation, featured in Greek UNA Bulletin
- Biopolitics - Bio-Economics feature article in daily financial newspaper, Express
- Articles on Biopolitics in leading Greek publications

**1987**

**Awards - Distinctions**

- Gold Medal of Honour for Outstanding Achievements and Dedication to Personal and Professional Goals, American Biographical Institute

**B.I.O. International Conferences**

- First B.I.O. International Conference. "Biopolitics and International Co-operation," with the participation of leading representatives from 30 nations. Resolutions promoting B.I.O. ideals world-wide were unanimously accepted by all participants, who also pledged to become founding members of B.I.O.

**Conferences - Seminars - Roundtable Discussions**

- Symposium on Bios in the Next Millennium cosponsored by the French Embassy in Athens, with the participation of the French Ambassador, the Minister of Technology of France and distinguished speakers
- Participation in Bio-Ethics Panel, organised by Etudes et Expansion, Belgium, the Minister of Health, Senators and the President of the Belgian International Council of Women

- AIDS International Conference, Paris: Presentation of B.I.O. proposal to use satellites for international co-operation on bios

#### **Keynote Speeches/Lectures/Special Events**

- Participation in roundtable discussion at the Europe at the Biopoles meeting, Belgium
- Lecture on Biopolitics at the United Nations Association Youth Forum, Athens
- Biopolitics - Theological Dimensions lecture at the World Council of Churches, Geneva

#### **B.I.O. Events**

- Initiation for the establishment of B.I.O. branches in 30 nations
- Biopolitics and International Co-operation, World Federation of UNA's, Ottawa, Canada
- Contribution of a chapter on Biopolitics in the volume published in honour of Professor C. Bonis, President of the Academy of Athens
- Resolution to introduce "Biopolitics - the Bio-Environment" in the activities of UNA'S.
- Resolution to include "The Role of Biopolitics," as well as "Women and Biopolitics" in the agenda of WFUNA Regional Conferences and Plenary Assembly

#### **Publications**

- Publication and world-wide distribution of "BioNews," the official B.I.O. newsletter

#### **Media coverage**

- Widespread coverage in newspapers and magazines as well as radio and TV interviews in Africa, North America, Asia and Europe

### **1988**

#### **Awards - Distinctions**

- Election as Honorary President of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka

#### **B.I.O. International Conferences**

- Second B.I.O. International Conference. "Bios in the Next Millennium," Athens

#### **Conferences - Seminars - Roundtable Discussions**

- Participation in Manipulations Génétiques Vers Une Meilleure Humanité, Entretiens de Romont, Belgium
- Participation as International Patron of the Global Co-operation for a Better World. Invitation to attend the international launching of this program at a luncheon reception at the House of Lords, UK
- Presentation on Biopolitics - The Bio-Environment and Bios Rights, WFUNA European Regional Conference, Athens
- Presentation at the E.L.I.N.A.S. North-South International Co-operation Conference

#### **Keynote Speeches/Lectures/Special Events**

- Keynote address, London Symposium, organised by the Greek-Orthodox Bishop of Thyateira
- Opening lecture, High Technology Forum, Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce
- Lecture on Biopolitics, Hellenic-American Organisation KRIKOS, New York
- Lecture and press conference, Union of Journalists and Periodical Owners, Athens
- Lecture on Biopolitics, GDR
- Lecture on Biopolitics at the University of Peace, Brussels, Belgium
- Lecture to the Israeli community in Greece
- Lecture at Psychico Cultural Centre, Athens
- Lecture at KRIKOS Scientific and Cultural Association, New York, USA

#### **B.I.O. Events**

- Biopolitics lecture by the Right Honourable Lord David Ennals, B.I.O. Trustee, co-sponsored by the British Council of Athens
- Bios Day in honour of the Right Honourable Lord David Ennals
- Biopolitics Non-profit Foundation established in the USA
- Biopolitics is incorporated in academic curricula in Europe and the USA
- Biopolitics seminars held in Poland
- Biopolitics seminar held at Oxford University, UK
- Biopolitics presented to Members of Parliament, Council of Europe Meeting, Greece
- Official visit to Israel. Presentation of B.I.O. to the UNA Board and policy-makers from universities, government and industry
- Universities in Poland introduce Biopolitics and B.I.O. concepts in their curricula

- Development of B.I.O. curricula in the Philippines
- Oxford University proposes the establishment of a Biopolitics Concentration Major
- Cambridge University proposes B.I.O. participation in Barito Ulu project

**Publications**

- Publication, Proceedings from the First B.I.O. International Conference on Biopolitics and International Co-operation - The Bio-Environment (352 pp.)
- Publication of the Right Honourable Lord Ennals' speech on Bios in the Next Millennium, given at the British Council

**Media coverage**

- Feature story on Biopolitics, Athens News Agency, distributed to embassies and foreign press agents throughout the world
- Feature article on Biopolitics, National Herald, New York
- Radio interviews broadcast in Europe, N. and S. America, Australia and Africa
- Numerous articles in newspapers and magazines, including feature stories in publications in Singapore and Sri Lanka