

Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis
President and Founder of the
Biopolitics International Organisation

Receives

WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2016 award

*from the Association of Women of Thessalonica–
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Professor Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, President and Founder of the Biopolitics International Organisation, has, for the past 30 years, promoted international cooperation for the protection of the unique gift of bios – life – on our planet. Through the cutting edge concepts of biopolicy, she has brought together leaders from every corner of the globe in a common effort to save the environment and mitigate climate change. For her unparalleled contribution and achievements, she has received numerous international honors and distinctions and has been many times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.



She was born in Athens and spent her young adulthood in New York and Paris, studying biology at Columbia University's Barnard College and working as a teacher and researcher at several prestigious institutions. She returns to Greece in the 1970s and completes her PhD in molecular biology at the University of Athens. She marries Athanasios Arvanitis, Governor of Church Property and Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, who supports her with loving care in her every move in life.

Alongside her scientific aspirations, she also develops the urge to pursue a global mission, outside the sterile confines of a research lab. The 1980s were plagued by environmental disasters, oil spills, rampant over-consumerism, catastrophic weather, visible climate change. Humanity, charged with environmental destruction, needs to take urgent action to reverse negative trends and achieve equitable, peaceful and bios-supporting development for all.

1985 is a landmark year. Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis creates the Biopolitics International Organisation with the aim of etching the climate crisis deep into the popular consciousness. The first announcement of this ambitious endeavor comes at an international event celebrating Athens as European Capital of Culture. Meanwhile, in her capacity as member of the Greek United Nations Association, she summons presidents from more than 30 other UNAs who join the Biopolitics International Organisation as founding members and pledge support to her goals and ideals.

Her inspirational ideas gain wide international acclaim, and the Biopolitics International Organisation acquires members and supporters in 165 countries. In 1991, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis realizes one of her most successful educational projects by creating the International University for the Bio-Environment and introducing environmental concepts in every academic sector.

Despite the international character of her activities, she holds a special place in her heart for her native Greece. She proposes that every corner of the land, according to its cultural contribution, become a global center for the evaluation of progress and the search for new values for the future: Athens for politics; Delphi for diplomacy; Kos, the island of the legendary physician Hippocrates, for medicine. She is also among the first to propose the inclusion of the environment in the Olympic Games, as well as the revival of the Olympic Truce, ideas which were later adopted by many world leaders and led to the first green Olympics in Norway and Sydney. Another of her innovative projects concerns an electronic Bank of Ideas for climate change mitigation, a proposal she put forward when ICT was still in its infancy and well before the internet had become the universal source of information.

A priority on her agenda is to increase environmental awareness in the business world. She is among the first,

globally, to link profit to environmental protection and to bring corporate social responsibility to the forefront. She organizes environmental business conferences in Greece and abroad, which are attended by over 150 industrialists and corporate leaders. Her vision for cleaner production and for corporate activities which increase profit gains by helping the environment quickly becomes the driving force behind economic development strategies worldwide.

In 1994, she was chosen by the Andrei Sakharov Foundation to host the International Sakharov Festival in Athens, in strong belief that she best exemplified the ideals of the great scientist and humanitarian. The event convened 170 speakers from 50 countries and featured a gala concert with world-renowned musicians Mstislav Rostropovich, Yuri Temirkanov, Hildegard Behrens, Leonidas Kavakos and Dimitris Sgouros.

An interdisciplinary educational strategy is the key for cultural development that enhances the urgency of protecting all life on our planet. In 2004, she launches an extensive e-learning program, offered completely free of charge, with over 10,000 participants from 139 countries. Also, through her pioneer concept of biodiplomacy, she has prompted governments everywhere to cooperate in environmental protection and to improve human relations for world peace.

Her brilliant career includes Visiting Professor of Bioethics at Panteion University in Athens, Honorary Professor at St. Petersburg State University for Plant Polymers, Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science, Fellow of the Vienna Economic Forum, Vice President of the Executive Council of the World Society for Ekistics, Full Member of The Club of Rome, Founder and President of the Hellenic Chapter of the Club of Rome, Vice President of the Euro-Arab Cooperation Center, Member of the Board of the Global Thinkers Forum, Member of the Board of the European Generation Foundation in Romania, Founding Member of the Middle East Division of

Learning Without Borders, Member of the Balkan Political Club, the Brussels-EU Chapter of the Club of Rome, the International Bioethics Society, the Academic Committee of the Regional Interdisciplinary Program for Bioethics in Latin America, and the Advisory Board of the Journal of Cleaner Production. She has also served as Trustee of the American University of Rome, Corresponding Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Founding Member of the Balkan Academy of Sciences, New Culture and Sustainable Development, Co-Founder of the International Science Foundation, Member of the International Academy of Ecology, Human and Nature Safety Sciences, Transparency International, the Hellenic Philosophical Society, the National Society of Greek Writers, and the Euro-American Women's Council, Vice-President of the International Bioethics Society, Member of the Board of the Alliance for Environmental Education, Member of the Board of UNA Greece, Vice President of the UNESCO-MAB Hellenic Committee, and Goodwill Ambassador for the Greek Society for the Protection of Autistic People.

She has received numerous international distinctions such as the 2004 Biopolicy Award by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, an Honorary Diploma from the Ukrainian Minister of Emergencies for her contribution to the elimination of the Chernobyl consequences, the A. Ipekci Peace and Friendship Prize, the Euro-Arab Cooperation Centre's Environmental Award, the Ain Shams University's Excellence Award, the Peace Through Tourism Award by the World Association of Travel Agencies, the Albert Schweitzer Gold Medal, Yildiz Technical University's Honorary Distinction, as well as repeated inclusions in the Pre-Eminent 500, alongside Barack Obama and Bill Gates. She has also participated in the Global Marshall Plan initiative with Angela Merkel and Kofi Annan.

In 1995, she is nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War,

recipients of the Prize. Her nomination has been renewed many times and has received thousands of letters of support from 100 countries.

To honor visionary thinking, she establishes Bios Prizes to be awarded to enlightened leaders who provide unique perspectives on the world. Recipients have included, among others, Jacques Cousteau, Ted Turner, Ruud Lubbers, Mstislav Rostropovich and the Kogi indigenous tribe of Colombia. In 1999, to welcome the new millennium, she hosted a special Bios Prize Award Ceremony at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, under the auspices of the Museum's Director, Academician Michael Piatrovsky.

She has been keynote speaker at hundreds of international conferences, seminars and roundtable discussions with global policy makers, and has sponsored numerous events with the participation of leading academics and Heads of State. Concerts and cultural events in her honor have taken place around the world, and, for the past 20 years, she has been co-organizing annual Youth Bios Olympiads in St. Petersburg, attended by more than 17,000 students. Her work also includes hundreds of publications, articles, books and monographs on climate change mitigation, as well as dozens of literary works and poetry translated in six languages.

With the message of biopolicy, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis has turned despair into hope and has opened new pathways for responsible leadership and for a global appreciation of bios, inspiring society to embrace synergy and peace promoting values. What we share is a lot more meaningful than what divides us. Conflict needs to be replaced by cooperation, since we are all endowed with the unique gift of life. Despite the many obstacles she has faced, her efforts have removed ignorance and fear, given hope, and brought a new vision to the world community, capable of sustaining humanity in the new millennium.

Inspiring a new vision in world leaders



Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis participates in the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) Conference in East Berlin, in 1986. The concepts of biopolicy and biopolitics – politics in a Platonic sense – which emphasize the need for international environmental policy, are hailed as the most pioneering and inspirational.

It was one of the first times that the protection of bios – all life on our planet – received center stage with international decision-makers. The conference took note of her vision to include the environment at the core of global policy issues and paved the way for future UN initiatives concerning the environment and development.

Presidents of many of the UNAs present at the conference joined the Biopolitics International Organisation and pledged to support its goals and ideals.

International cooperation for the protection of bios



Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis and B.I.O. Trustee, Prof. Rusen Keles receive the 1992 Abdi Ipekci Peace and Friendship Prize.

Biodiplomacy promotes international cooperation for peace and focuses on the interdependence of all forms of life. It calls upon diplomats and people of influence to engage in collective action in defense of the environment.

Biodiplomacy is an opportunity for the aspirations of sovereign states and civil society to converge in pursuit of long-term international environmental policy and action. At the same time, biodiplomacy actively supports efforts to maintain biological and cultural diversity and seeks to improve human relations and to attain the goal of world peace by replacing current diplomatic attitudes with a complete international and intercultural perspective.

International Sakharov Festival



International Sakharov Festival, Athens, 1994. Mstislav Rostropovich offers his bouquet to Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis at the end of the gala concert at the Herod Atticus Odeon.

In 1994, B.I.O. was chosen by the Andrei Sakharov Foundation and the Russian Academy of Sciences to host the International Sakharov Festival in Athens, in strong belief that it exemplified the goals and ideals of the great scientist and humanitarian.

The event convened 170 speakers from 85 countries and also featured a gala concert with world-renowned musicians, including cellist and human rights activist Mstislav Rostropovich, conductor Yuri Temirkanov, soprano Hildegard Behrens, violinist Leonidas Kavakos and pianist Dimitris Sgouros. The goal was to promote an international bioculture, where music, science, politics and the arts are all interrelated concepts in the struggle for a better quality of life.



Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, Ambassador Valery Nikolayenko, and guest of honor Elena Bonner, widow of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov, at the International Sakharov Festival. Athens, 1994.

The International Sakharov Festival was themed “Biopolitics – The Bio-Environment – Bio-Culture in the Next Millennium.” Bioculture reflects the spirit of bios as a powerful unifying force for the harmonious co-existence of all forms of life. It is a manifestation of life, promoting new cultural values for development, peace and international understanding.

Based on the cooperation of technology and the arts, bioculture emphasizes the importance of bios as an inspiration for the creation of a harmonious future. Aesthetic values, music, literature and the fine arts, can all contribute to the building of a new society of hope.

Bios Prizes

Bios Prize to Jacques Cousteau



Bios Prizes honor visionary thinking and promote new models for the future. The first Bios Prize laureate was Jacques Cousteau, who received the Bios Prize in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the understanding and appreciation of our planet's oceans. The award ceremony took place at the Naval Museum in Paris, in 1996, and was attended by distinguished personalities from more than 50 countries.

Millennium Event in St. Petersburg

The future can be more positive if we draw strength from enlightened leaders, who provide unique perspectives on the world. To promote this vision, B.I.O. hosted a Bios Prize Award Ceremony at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, in 1999. This unique event, held in celebration of the new millennium, awarded Bios Prizes to people of exceptional brilliance, inspiration, ethic, talent and ingenuity. Recipients included Mstislav Rostropovich, Kitty Kyriacopoulos, Anton Rupert and Jakob von Uexkull.



The award ceremony convened at the Theatre of Katherine the Great, under the auspices of the Director of the Hermitage, Academician Michael Piotrovsky, shown above with Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis and Mstislav Rostropovich. The ceremony also featured the world premier of “Millennium of Peace,” a symphonic and choral work based on a poem written by Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis and composed specifically for the occasion.

Bios Prize to the Kogi

In an effort to provide global recognition to the little known safekeepers of our planet, B.I.O. awarded a Bios Prize to The Kogi community in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, in Colombia. The Prize was conferred by Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis, during a visit to the area with the Minister of Environment of Colombia, in 1999.



Bio-Ethics



In 1997, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis was appointed Vice President of the International Bioethics Society (SIBI). Since then, she has many times participated in the Society's Global Congress on Bioethics in Gijon, Spain.

One of the most important goals of B.I.O. has been to promote the environment as a key component of bioethics. To be effective in addressing today's needs and in safeguarding life on our planet, bioethics must exit the confines of the medical sciences and encompass pivotal concerns such as the preservation of natural resources and biodiversity, the eradication of poverty, and the fundamental human right to a clean and safe environment.

A new order of priorities to save the gift of bios and ensure the harmonious coexistence of all forms of life



In 1997, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis received an Honorary Doctorate from the Rector of Mendeleyev University, Professor Pavel Sarkisov. The honor had previously been bestowed upon British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

In the global effort to save the environment and life on our planet, new models are seriously needed. B.I.O. focuses on a wider scope of environmental preservation – one which integrates the environment into all social and economic schemes – providing guidelines that will enrich environmental protection strategies with a view to the future.

Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences



In 2004, Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis received the Biopolicy Award from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and the Bio-Focus Foundation. This honor was conferred to her for her contribution to a new vision in international environmental policy. The Award Committee was chaired by Academician Carl-Goran Heden and by Ambassador Anders Wijkman, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the BioFocus Foundation.

A bios vision for peace



*Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis participated as a main speaker on bioethics at a special event hosted by f. First Lady of Portugal, Maria de Jesus Barroso Soares, for the publication of her book *Não às armas*, Portugal, 2009.*

B.I.O.'s pioneer thesis that world peace cannot be achieved on a planet ravaged by climate change, pollution, poverty and disease, has developed into a scheme for diplomacy and international cooperation that is presently at the core of many economic policies on a global level. Efforts to link the environment to the economy and to raise awareness of environmental justice as a crucial element in social development have not gone unnoticed by the world community, and leaders from 165 countries currently subscribe to the B.I.O. vision for peace, turning B.I.O.'s groundbreaking ideas into meaningful action and seeing them implemented into legislation. Furthermore, B.I.O. has many times appealed to international institutions to end conflict by prompting governments to cooperate in environmental protection, which knows no national boundaries, and to actively support cultural diversity and improve human relations for world peace.

Youth Bios Olympiads



Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis at the Youth Bios Olympiads, held annually in St. Petersburg, Russia.

B.I.O.'s concern for future generations is obviated in the reforms in education initiated over the past thirty years and in efforts to create many programs for youth, including the "Youth Bios Olympiads" which inspire the young to embrace synergy, cooperation, and peace promoting values. The Youth Bios Olympiads have been held annually in St. Petersburg since 1995, with the participation of thousands of school children and young adults from several countries.

**International support for the goals and vision
of Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis**

*Your visionary account of the power of Biopolicy and its relevance for climate policy should be on the minds of negotiators of the 21st Conference of the Parties of the Climate Convention, meeting in Paris later this year. **Ernst Ulrich Von Weizsäcker, Club of Rome Co-President (2015)***

*I was very impressed by the convincing and impressive way you have presented your essay in Sarajevo, on the occasion of the 9th session of the Balkan Political Club. I consider your approach very interesting and useful for the Romanian people, too. **Dr. Emil Constantinescu, f. President of Romania (2006)***

*Thanks to your personal involvement and the highly valuable presentation you made helped us to hold a successful and considerable conference. **Dr. Zhelyu Zhelev, f. President of the Republic of Bulgaria, President of the Balkan Political Club (2006)***

*Personally, I was inspired by your initiative and vision and urged the organizers of the 1994 Lillehammer winter Olympics to include the ideals of bios and the environment in the opening ceremony. As an advisor to the Sydney Olympics, I am also aware that environmental considerations were a crucial element in their bid. Your ideas and ideals were, once again, a source of inspiration and had a significant impact in rendering the Sydney Olympics the first “green Olympics” of the century. We thank visionaries such as Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis for her tireless dedication to helping us to envision and to implement sustainable societies. **Professor Don Huisingh, Senior Scientist in Sustainable Development, The Center for Clean Products and Clean Technologies, University of Tennessee, USA (2003)***

*It is obvious to me that our efforts belong together. We both want peace in a world where all forms of life are protected. We both want to prepare a better future for the generations to come. **Jacques-Yves Cousteau (1996)***

*The Founder and President of B.I.O. is one of the most energetic and inspirational non-governmental environmental activists on the current world scene. **Dr. Keith Suter, Consultant for Social Policy, Sydney, Australia (2000)** – Broadcast on Friday 17 November 2000 On Radio 2GB's "Brian Wilshire Programme" at 9:00 pm, and on 19 November 2000 on "Sunday Night Live" at 10:30 pm*

*The twentieth century saw, among others, the activity of great women. This is an incomplete list: Maria Sklodovska-Curie, Indira Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher, Mother Teresa, Princess Diana, Elena Bonner, and, undoubtedly, Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis. **Serafim Urecheanu, Mayor of Chisinau, Moldova (1998)***

*I would like to say how much I honour your active work. **Mstislav Rostropovitch (1996)***

*Keep up the good work. You are a pathfinder in a world in need of ethical leadership. **Brian Rosborough, Founder Chairman, Earthwatch Institute, USA (2001)***

*I congratulate you for the work you carry through and for your creativity. **Dora Bakoyiannis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece (2006)***

*It was a pleasure to receive your monumental work, which I am sure has been appreciated by the Ecumenical Patriarch and by all who care about the restoration of our environment. It is a work worthy of the consideration of the Nobel Committee. **His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Greek Archdiocese of North and South America (2003)***

Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis has shown an unfailing commitment

*to impress upon the international community that, with regard to our environment, we have quite literally reached the "eleventh hour" and that, therefore, concrete steps must be taken without further delay to adequately protect it. For this, the organisation deserves to be commended. **Tjaco T. van den Hout, Secretary General, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Netherlands (2001)***

*Thank you for your valuable contribution to our common effort to protect the environment. **Margot Wallstrom, Environment Commissioner, European Commission (2003)***

*Looking at your book, I became impressed, once again, by your erudition, determination and spirit of service. You are remarkable and I am honored to know you. **Jim Garrison, President, State of the World Forum, USA (2003)***

*I really enjoyed meeting you and read with great interest your publications. **Wolfgang Petritsch, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations (2006)***

*I hope your wonderful work will, someday, find reciprocation in the size of a Nobel Prize. I think you are giving an extremely good example of how we can create a world where life will find true sustainability. **Professor Felix Unger, President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Austria (2003)***

*Please accept my congratulations for your efforts and initiatives aiming at the promotion of international co-operation and education for the environment and sustainable development. I also congratulate the Organisation for its 18-year unwavering efforts and activities in the field of environmental protection, a field most crucial to the existence of humanity, and wish all its members every success in this most difficult task. **Apostolos Kaklamanis, President of Parliament, Greece (2003)***

We are convinced that the Biopolitics International

*Organisation has made a great difference to our world. It has disseminated a vision of hope, encouragement and harmony. **Professor Sergei Grachev, Co-President, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Russia (1999)***

*For us your presence at our event was a big honor. I took a look at the Biopolitics International Organization website and it was a great and a good surprise to find so much information of so high quality. For me, personally, it was a great pleasure and also an honor to have you visit our town. I believe that we will never forget your generous presence at the event. **Miguel Martins Pompeu, Deputy Mayor of Fafe, Portugal (2015)***

*I would like to congratulate you on the quality of your website. It is always a pleasure and stimulating to meet dedicated and talented people of your calibre. **Dr. Pierre Quiblier, WHO-UNEP Health and Environment Linkages Initiatives (HELI) (2006)***

*As the first Director of the Office of Environment Education for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, I had the pleasure of working closely with B.I.O. on several international projects. From this working relationship, I learned first hand the dedication, commitment and vision that Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis brought to the field of global environmental education. **Professor Bradley Smith, Dean, Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Western Washington University, USA (1995)***

*Congratulations on your astonishing and committed efforts the most fruitful of which are touching the lives of poor and hungry people who are mainly restricted in our continent, Africa. **Professor Ahmed Hamad, Botany Department, Faculty of Science, Assiut University, Egypt (2004)***

Your enlightened and enlightening words have indicated with persuasive vigour the way to be followed to make feasible and practicable the [International Court of the Environment]...The

*greatest appreciation also goes to the publications that your Organisation edits and diffuses with such clever and elegant skill. **Professor Giovanni Conso, President Emeritus, Constitutional Court, Italy (2001)***

*In this unforgivable world of economic greed, one bright and continuing light opens the windows to truth and science. That light is Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis of Greece. **J. Patrick Nicholson, Chief Executive, N-Viro International Corporation, USA (1998)***

*I feel in you a powerful capacity of vision and with this a great strength to realise that vision. This is a rare combination that you have received from God. Thank you for this gift you are sharing with humanity. **Marc Luyckx, European Commission, Director "Vision 2020," Belgium (2001)***

*I appreciate very much your work in Biopolitics, as well as your contribution to the Club of Rome emphasizing the role of values and ethics in human development. **Professor Sirkka Heinonen, University of Turku, Finland (2015)***

*There are many people who support the B.I.O. goals and to some of us the e library has become one of the single most important portals in accessing environmental information. **Wilson Rading Outa, Republic of Kenya (2006)***

*President Iliescu appreciates as extremely interesting all your discussions...Your concerns about the environment and sustainable development are the same as the President's and the main subjects of his activity. **Ioan Volpescu, Advisor to Ion Iliescu, f. President of Romania (2006)***

I was delighted to be present at your lecture at Serbian Academy of Science and Arts. For me it was a great experience not only because of the important humanitarian ideas presented, but also because of your spirit and sophisticated energy. Your activities are very important for giving corrections to decision makers in politics and for the

*intellectual elite all around the world. **Academician Dejan S. Miletic, Director of the Centre for Globalisation Studies, Institute for Strategic Studies and Development, Braca Karic University, Yugoslavia (2003)***

*Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis' imagination, dedication and vigour, have brought extraordinary accomplishments, and she will continue to serve as an example to guide future generations. **Academician Laszlo Kapolyi, President, System International Foundation, Hungary (1995)***

*Let me express my sincere admiration for the impressive bio-accomplishments you have achieved in the last 18 years. As a professor in the fields of ecology and forestry with the University of Banja Luka in Bosnia-Herzegovina, I would be very honoured to co-operate with your esteemed organisation. **Ambassador Srdjan Ljubojevic, Bosnia-Herzegovina (2003)***

*The Bios Theory is an unrivalled approach to the human society and to the whole living world. I have personally witnessed the impact this endeavour and vision has had on the promotion of peace and reconciliation in regions experiencing conflict. **Professor Dusan Kanazir, f. President, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Yugoslavia (1999)***

*I recognise and applaud the contributions of your organisation in the fight to halt the rapid deterioration of our earth's environment and to safeguard "life on our planet." I want to congratulate you on your excellent work. **Thomas Miller, Ambassador the United States of America (2003)***

*I wish to convey my warm congratulations to Professor Agni Vlavianos Arvanitis for her extraordinary work in environmental policies and matters. **Professor George Roussas, f. Rector, University of California Davis, USA (2003)***

The consistent, long and successful effort of Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis has been to secure the overall

*advancement of international co-operation for the effective protection of the environment, and to promote initiatives for steady improvements in education, public health and quality of life. **Professor Xenophon Zolotas and Professor Ioannis Pesmazoglou, Presidents of the Academy of Athens, Greece (1995)***

*I am indeed impressed by your work and quality. Your devotion and dedication to your dream, and the sensitivity with which you approach the serious problems of our age, are truly an example to us all. **Dr. John S. Bailey, President, The American College of Greece (2003)***

*As a nation in transition, Ukraine strongly believes in restructuring its society on the basis of "biocentric" initiatives. The B.I.O. President has made us realise that the Chernobyl accident was a prime example of the fact that peace cannot be guaranteed without respect for the environment. The ideals promoted by the Bios Theory are the only hope for Ukraine. **Sergey Parashin, General Director, Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and Vladimir Udovichenko, Mayor of Slavutich, Ukraine (1997)***

*The International University for the Bio-Environment, and Environmental Olympics and Bios Prizes are greatly encouraged. **Professor Jiro Kondo, Director General, Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth, Japan (1995)***

*Please accept my congratulations for your excellent work. **Sir David Madden, Ambassador of Great Britain (2003)***

*Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis has contributed to the promotion of Turkish-Greek friendship as a peace-loving intellectual. **Professor Rusen Keles, Director of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Ankara University, Turkey (1995)***

President Vlavianos-Arvanitis is a prominent figure in the

*world community struggling for peace and new thinking for mankind. **Professor Sergei Kolesnikov, Nobel Laureate, Co-President, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Russia (1995)***

*B.I.O. is a responsible and highly respected international organisation in support of the environment and its protection. Everyone associated with the Biopolitics International Organisation have benefited from its qualities and seriousness of purpose. **Professor Tham Seong Chee, President, UN Association of Singapore (1995)***

*The Biopolitics International Organisation and its great work protect our world and the environment. Our co-operation is dedicated to issues related to the environment and the arts. Together these two dimensions are essential for saving bios. Biopolitics and the arts will save the world. **E. Sidorov, Minister of Culture, Russia (1997)***

*We have chosen to champion [the B.I.O.] because we are convinced that it is of fundamental value to society. **Constantine N. Kanonis, Deputy General Manager, Commercial Bank of Greece (1997)***

*I would like to extend my deep and sincere gratitude for your useful and enlightening [publications]...The UNA of Nepal and the Nepal National Unesco Academy request to join in the promotion of the loftiest goals of the Biopolitics International Organisation in Nepal. **Professor Dambar Bir Thapa, Secretary General, UNA of Nepal (2002)***

*I am happy to see that Budapest is to host another outstanding B.I.O. meeting with significant importance. I shall make myself available for the period of the meeting. If you consider it appropriate and useful, I shall be honoured to address the meeting. **Pal Schmitt, Vice President, International Olympic Committee, Hungary (1998)***

Bio-diplomacy, aiming at environmental protection, is so

*inspiring. I strongly agree with the encouragement of everyone to welcome environmental ethics and act together in influencing governmental regulations, business leaders, scholars and educators. I wish to congratulate your excellent effort to educate people on the significant issue of the environment. **Ambassador F.X. Lopez da Cruz, Indonesia (2003)***

*Choosing dialogue and collaboration over a militant stand, the B.I.O. has been able to influence major decision-makers around the world about the urgent need for long-range policy to protect our planet. The unwavering efforts of its Founding President to promote a new vision for the environment as a primary societal goal are a unique achievement. **Julia-Panourgia Clones, Acting Chair, WorldWIDE Network Women in Environment and Development, USA (1995)***

*I deeply admire the tireless and unwavering B.I.O. efforts to halt environmental deterioration and to inspire all of us with an appreciation of the value of life on our planet. Your latest publication is amazing, a true treasury of environmental information and thinking, and I am absolutely sure it will be highly praised. **Evangelos Chronis, J.S. Latsis Group of Enterprises, Athens, Greece (2003)***

*We acknowledge the Biopolitics International Organisation and would like to participate in all B.I.O. activities guided by Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis. We adhere to the B.I.O. campaign for Environmental Olympics and believe that bio-diplomacy will help countries to invest in the bio-environment and societal values. We therefore decided to establish a B.I.O. branch in Albania, Bio-Alba, to sensitise Albanian people to bios. **Bardhyl Rexha, Chairman and Ardit Kamberi Secretary, Bio-Alba, Albania (1998)***

*B.I.O. has made an indelible contribution to the future. **Professor Svetla Raicheva, University of Chemical***

Technology and Metallurgy, Sofia, Bulgaria (1997)

*The B.I.O. President has worked for conflict resolution with the governments of countries facing hot national or environmental security issues, and her ideas and proposals have been incorporated in many national and regional policies. **Natasa Dokovska, Journalist Environmental Centre, Republic of Macedonia (1997)***

*B.I.O. is a pathfinder in the struggle for peace and global environmental harmony. **Professor Pavel Sarkisov, Rector, Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology, Moscow, Russia (1997)***

*One and all will appreciate B.I.O.'s relentless efforts for the rights of future generations. **Sitaram Sharma, WFUNA Deputy Secretary General, and Director, Asia Pacific, India (1997)***

*I strongly believe that the vision promoted by Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis is the only hope for achieving world peace and stability in the new millennium. **Kitty P. Kyriacopoulos, Chairman of the Board, Silver and Baryte Ores Mining Co., S.A. (1997)***

*Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis' struggle for life bios is, ipso facto, a struggle in peace and for peace. Peace without life is a dead desert, an emptiness. Nothing. **Professor Andreja Miletic, Federation of United Nations Associations of Yugoslavia (1995)***

*Thanks to the action taken by the B.I.O. to sensitise decision-makers in every country, considerable progress in the environmental field has been made. **Georges Martin, Agronomist, Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Merite, France (1997)***

B.I.O. has been supporting a new way of considering co-operation among nations, their mutual understanding and

*world peace. **Dr. Terezia Davidova, Environmental Planner, Bratislava, Slovak Republic (1997)***

*The vision of bio-diplomacy introduced and so strongly advocated by the B.I.O. can serve as a new concept of security in 21st century. **Professor Bedrich Moldan, f. Minister of Environment, Czech Republic (1997)***

*I hope you will continue to develop "bio-concepts" and spread them among the people of the world so they can grow like seeds. I am really happy that destiny gave me a chance to meet you, whom I greatly respect, and your followers, bios-oriented people from different fields of activity. **Dr. Stanislav Sokolenko, Chairman of the Board, UKRIMPEX Joint Stock Company, Ukraine (1998)***

*I express my most solid support of this distinguished fighter dedicated to the defence of bios. **Ana Lucina Garcia Maldonado, President, Latin-American Federation of Lawyers, Venezuela (1997)***

*B.I.O.'s efforts to unite scientists of different profiles to protect bios are outstanding. The ideas of Biopolitics are now widely implemented in modern education programmes in schools, institutes and universities. **Professor Victor Sadovnichii, Rector, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia (1995)***

*By gathering people who are interested in Biopolitics, not only have we achieved co-operation in environmental issues, but also, friendship between people of countries that have been put in enemy positions due to political reasons. **Professor Ahmet Samsunlu, f. Minister of Housing, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey (1997)***

*The work of B.I.O. has been doing for the welfare of our planet has been deeply appreciated. **Dr. Etienne Kabore, Centre Medical Paul VI, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (1997)***

*No other person in the Mediterranean region has made such a tremendous effort to conglomerate a unifying thinking on our environment and the future. This is particularly important in our times, as human impact is so immense that it pays no respect to borders. **Professor Lev Fishelson, George S. Wise Faculty of Life Sciences, Tel Aviv University, Israel (1995)***

*The B.I.O. President has perceived, as nobody else before her, that providing environmental conditions involves the modification of all concepts in every field of human activity...**Dr. Emil Rus, Head, Fluid Mechanics and Pollutant Dispersion Department, Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Bucharest Romania (1997)***

*The impressive list of B.I.O. achievements and activities is a matter which deserves our warmest and heartfelt congratulations. **Ambassador Aftab Seth, India (1995)***

*We have personally witnessed and have been very much touched by the efforts of Dr. Agni Vlavianos-Arvanitis to bring together personalities of international acclaim from the fields of technology and the arts in order to stress the interdependence and reconciliation between technological and cultural development. **S. Shaumian, A. Korneev, M. Saiamov, I. Mosgovenko, Y. Vorontsov, International Centre of Culture, Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation (1997)***

*The work of the Biopolitics International Organisation, which brings the importance of the biosphere to human existence to the forefront of our value system, is a tremendous contribution towards true and lasting peace in the 21st century. **Ngure Mwaniki, Managing Director, John Kashangaki and Aidan Eyakuze, Associates, AGRICONSULT Ltd., Kenya (1995)***

*We congratulate you and assure you of our readiness to cooperate with you in promoting a "bio-conscious culture" as a vehicle for peace. **Hisham Nashabe, Secretary General,***

Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO (1995)

B.I.O. has created the most efficient bridge for peace, by gathering numerous people of various national and academic origins around the concept of "bios." Professor Nur Sozen, Ankara University, Turkey (1997)

B.I.O. has made an enormous contribution to the cause of the world environment and peace. Dr. Terence Duffy, Director of Peace Studies, University of Ulster, Magee College, United Kingdom (1997)

We are looking forward to closer co-operation between the International University for the Bio-Environment and Klaipeda University. Dr. Vitalij Denisov, Director, and Dr. Sergei Olenin, Senior Researcher, Centre for System Analysis, Klaipeda University, Lithuania (1997)

Bio-environmental protection should be a major societal goal. I wish you great success. M.S. Swaminathan, Chair, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India (1995)

As an artist, I am convinced that "bio-culture" is the new millennium vision that can lead to a brighter future. Professor Leonid Goldin, President and Founder, The Russian-American Centre of Public Opinion, USA (1997)

I am a supporter of the innovative idea of bio-diplomacy and the B.I.O. efforts through the environment to bring a balance in life, which by far will have repercussions on peace on our planet. J. Ritter, Chief, Greek Liaison Mission, International Organisation for Migration (1997)

I look forward to the opportunity of co-operating with you in initiating a dialogue on Biopolitics, which assumes a great role in wildlife protection and habitat conservation. This will lead to fruitful scholarly discussions and workable options. Abeed Ullah Jan, Inspector General of Forests and Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock,

Government of Pakistan (1995)

*B.I.O. is devoted to the protection of the environment and to making this planet a better place to live on. **Dr. Slobodan Unkovic, Ambassador of Yugoslavia (1995)***

*The Institute of Liberty and Democracy has an enormous interest in continuing to support the goals and ideals of the Biopolitics International Organisation. **Manuel Mayorga La Torre, General Manager, Instituto Libertad y Democracia, Lima, Peru (1995)***

*The development of the International University for the Bio-Environment and the implementation of the project of Environmental Olympics and Bios Prizes will bring fruitful results in the near future. **Liu Chunyu, Director General, Foreign Economic Co-operation Office, National Environmental Protection Agency, China (1995)***

*I see that the vision promoted by the B.I.O. can make a high contribution to the achievement of world peace. **Dr. Enver Doda, Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy, Albania (1997)***

*Founded 11 years ago, the most meaningful, needed, global movement, active now in all continents and many countries, the Biopolitics International Organisation has rendered a unique contribution towards awakening world awareness of the need to protect bios, as well as to promote international friendship and understanding to achieve peace and co-operation in order to meet together the challenges ahead. **Ambassador Moshe Gilboa, Israel (1997)***

*The B.I.O. President's brilliant achievements as Founder and President of the Biopolitics International Organisation, and her personal qualities have set an example for the generations in the next millennium. **Dr. Vaclav Mejstrik, Institute of Landscape Ecology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (1995)***

*B.I.O. is for me a key instrument of thinking and action for a sustainable development of our African countries. All my encouragement and congratulations for your excellent work....For sure, a committed and dynamic leader like [the B.I.O. President] will make bio-environmental protection the primary societal goal and a reality in the 21st century. You can count on my full support. **Ali Haribou, Project Analyst, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, Ethiopia (1995, 2005)***

*Total devotion to environmental causes such as you have shown is of the greatest importance for the future of all of us. I will gladly participate in your valuable endeavours towards creating a more biocentric Olympic Games, and for the establishment of Bios Prizes. **Professor Gustav V.R. Born FRS, The William Harvey Research Institute, United Kingdom (1995)***

*B.I.O.'s novel proposal of enriching the Olympics with new biocentric values deserves support especially from governmental organisations mandated to provide healthy and liveable environments. You can expect such support from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. **Manuel E. Gonzalez Jr., Assistant Secretary for Management Services, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, The Philippines (1993)***

*In its programme for 1994-1995, UNESCO proposes to implement an interdisciplinary and inter-agency co-operation project entitled: "Environment and population education and information for human development". In view of the goals of the Biopolitics International Organisation, UNESCO is prepared to study the possibility of future co-operation within the framework of that project. **Federico Mayor, The Director General UNESCO, France (1993)***

I have invited four others to join you in safeguarding Hope.

You, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, His Holiness, President Yeltsin and His Majesty Emperor Akihito represent, political, religious and symbolic leadership. I am certain that with your guidance, Hope will remain the universally understood unifying force in our world. Irina Ilina, Artist, St. Petersburg, Russia (joined by the General Secretary of the Union of Russian Artists, Anatol Konstantinov) (1998)

Many thanks for your book "Biopolitics - Bio-Syllabus." I found it very interesting and am very happy to have it as I can use it for my lectures at the Charles University. It is a comprehensive syllabus of interdisciplinary approaches, which is in our time, the most important way to present environmental problems. Thank you very much for preparing such an important book for the students not only in our country but in the whole world. Dr. Jaroslav Stoklasa, Advisor to the Minister of Environment, Czech Republic (1992)

We are seeking to introduce Biopolitics into the secondary school curriculum. We hope that you would agree to serve as an advisor to the project and thus introduce your organisation and publications into the American public school system. Professor Byron O. Massialas, Lynn University, Florida, USA (1992)

I have heard a lot about B.I.O.'s fantastic ideas concerning the International University for the Bio-Environment. It is very important to explain to people that we have to find the best way to exist in harmony together with all forms of life. Your great influence and your effort to promote human rights and bios will make quality of life better for the next generations. Professor Anna Szaniawska, Institute of Oceanography, Gdansk University, Poland (1995)

I wish to express to you my heartfelt congratulations for the excellent work you do to save the wonderful riches of nature.

Mons. Luciano Storero, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, The Vatican (1991)

*While the B.I.O. has taken upon itself the pioneering task in the challenge for the preservation of bios, it is our sincere hope that its frontline soldier may leave a lasting impact on the shaping of a better tomorrow. **Tag El Sir M. Abbas, Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan (1990)***

*The concept of the International University for the Bio-Environment has a great deal in common with my grandfather's concept of holistic education of an individual which will make him understand and respect his or her environment and ecology. I find a great deal of commonality between the concept of biopolitics and Gandhi's concept of non-violence in life. **Arun Gandhi (1990)***

*I was highly impressed by your charming personality and cogent explanations on and about the biopolitics International Organisation. I assure you that we shall take up the task to generate awareness on and about Bios. **S.D. Pandey, Secretary-General, Indian Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA) (1987)***

*May I congratulate the Biopolitics International Organisation for the Bios Prize Awards which perfectly reflect the exemplary concern that your organisation has for the environmental problems facing our planet and the recognition it brings to the best efforts being developed to explore the biodiversity of the earth. **Ambassador Carlos Alberto Leite Barbosa, Brazil (1996)***

*We would like to congratulate you on the B.I.O.'s initiatives and for having launched the Bios Prizes Awards in order to promote incentives for environmental protection. **Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (1996)***

I address all my congratulations to B.I.O. staff and anyone -

institutions or governments of the world - who are now supporting the Biopolitics International Organisation. Long live B.I.O.! Fode Lunceny Camara, Head, ecosystems preservation, Conakry, Guinea (1996)

It is generally agreed that bios (life) is the only thing that links humanity today. B.I.O. has not only excelled in the protection and preservation of bios through contributions from eminent personalities, rather, it has gone a step further in identifying and honouring individuals who have distinguished themselves through their contributions to the uplifting of the B.I.O. goals. Tina Uwechue, Legal Advisor, United Nations Association of Nigeria (1996)

We share completely your hope that your noble acts favouring the mutual understanding between people of the world and certainly making an invaluable contribution to the cause of comprehension and protection of the unique biodiversity of our planet. Vladimir Panchenko, General Director, Gosconcert, Moscow, Russia (1996)

Like my father, I am deeply concerned by the many threats to our environment and I will always encourage any serious effort made to promote an action in this field. Your idea of including prizes during the Olympics is indeed very appealing. Prince Albert of Monaco (1993)

In Latin America we have followed with great and increasing interest the thought process you have inspired and which has led to the establishment of B.I.O. There is no doubt that the subject of Biopolitics has acquired unquestionable force world-wide and at the level of each country. I feel that Colombia's privileged tropical megabiodiversity and the process of political change offer a wonderful opportunity for disseminating the validity of the thesis set forth by the Biopolitics International Organisation. Belisario Betancur, f. President of Colombia (1995)

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