Athenæum – Society of Friends of the Norwegian Institute at Athens

Athenæum – Society of Friends of the Norwegian Institute at Athens was established in 2019 at the initiative of Norwegian-based academics from the wider fields of Humanities and Social Sciences. Its purpose is to provide support to the Norwegian Institute at Athens (NIA) and promote its academic significance and contribution.

The goal of Athenæum is to strengthen academic connections between the NIA, the Norwegian academic community and the Norwegian public. It aims to disseminate the NIA's projects and academic contributions to the Norwegian academic community and public, while also fostering additional support for academic and research activities from Norwegian Universities at the NIA. Furthermore, Athenæum seeks to enrich the research and dissemination of Greek topics in Norway, spanning both historical and contemporary interests.

The Athenæum is governed by a board elected by its subscribed members and currently comprises a diverse group of supporters from both academia and the broader audience. Our Society is constantly in need of additional members to bolster its mission and advance its goals. Presently, our objective is to extend our membership to friends and colleagues beyond Norway. Consequently, we are strategizing to strengthen our presence in Athens.

The minimum membership fee for Athenæum is 200 NOK (approximately 17.54 Euro based on the current exchange rate). Members are not only allowed but also encouraged to contribute beyond the minimum fee according to their capacity. The entirety of the membership fee is primarily allocated to our grant—the Athenæum Travel Grant. This grant is awarded to students at all levels from Norwegian colleges and universities, who aspire to conduct research in Athens and other locations in Greece. Additionally, any remaining portion of the membership fee is utilized to fund social events in Norway, including lectures and seminars, facilitating the dissemination of news and work conducted by the NIA.

Individuals interested in joining Athenæum and becoming a member can conveniently pay the membership fee through Vipps or by depositing the fee directly into our bank account (details provided below in the section on fee payment methods). For both payment methods, we strongly recommend including your name and email address in the payment. This ensures that subscribers receive timely updates, news, and invitations regarding the NIA activities.

Fee Payment Methods:

- a) Via VIPPS 200,- to 586141 (OBS! Remember to add name and email)
- b) Via our Bank Account:

BIC/SWIFT: DNBANOKKXXX IBAN: NO8115063276410

Bank address:

DNB Bank ASA, Dronning Eufemias gate 30, 0191 Oslo

For any questions regarding Athenæum, membership and fee payment issues, please contact us:

- a) via email at athenaeum.venneforening@gmail.com
- b) through our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/athenaeumvenneforening

With best regards,

The board of Athenæum – Society of Friends for the Norwegian Institute at Athens