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## A Symposium in Honor of Antonios N. Jannaris

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A *Symposion* is planned to honor the memory of the great grammarian, **Antonios N. Jannaris**, author of many books, but especially his unique *An Historical Greek Grammar. Chiefly of the Attic Dialect As Written and Spoken from Classical Antiquity down to the Present Time, Founded upon Ancient Texts, Inscriptions, Papyri and Present Popular Greek*, to be held on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death in 2009. Those of you who have seen my book, *The Development of Greek and the New Testament: Morphology, Syntax, Phonology, and Textual Transmission* (Tübingen: Mohr 2004; corrected rp. Baker December 2006), will have noticed that I dedicated it to the memory of **Antonios Jannaris** and **George Hatzidakis**, the greatest Linguist of Modern Hellas. Since Jannaris' main teaching post was at the University of St. Andrews, this venue was considered the most appropriate for such an event.

Because details of Jannaris' life are not well-known nor easily accessible, I have also written a brief sketch of his life and work. This will be expanded into an essay for inclusion in the volume that is planned to contain the lectures of the Symposium.

Jannaris' important legacy to us, his *Historical Greek Grammar* (still in print, thanks to the vision of the Georg Olms Verlag, Hildesheim, Germany), has as its scope the entire history of the Greek language, including the inscriptions and the papyri. It is, therefore, fitting, that a Volume dedicated to him ought to reflect the areas of research that preoccupied his pen.

The Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Classics Department of the University of St. Andrews and the Scottish-Hellenic Society probably in the John Burnet Center, a building honoring the memory of that great classical scholar. The Classics Department, honoring the memory of its Greek Teacher, has graciously and generously offered to give a reception to the delegates of our Symposium.

In this Symposium I reckon with drawing some of the best scholars of Greek for the various periods of the Language. It is also my intention to have the lectures published in a volume dedicated to Jannaris' memory. These lectures ought to be a great resource for all lovers of the Hellenic Language and its Literature.

More details will be announced as the time of the Symposium draws closer.