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Dutch Society for Modern Greek Studies**

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Nr	Date	Title	Partners	Aim/Speakers
1	6 February	Lecture on early Byzantine religion studies: “Waarom kozen mensen ervoor zich bij het christendom aan te sluiten?”	University of Amsterdam (UvA)	Free lectures in Dutch, English and Greek <sup>1</sup> Speaker: Dr. E. Verhoef
2	6 March	Lecture on Modern Greek contemporary music: Giannis Konstantinidis - de componist. De invloed van Griekse traditionele muziek op zijn composities.	UvA	Speaker: G. Moutsiaras, founder, artistic leader & conductor chamber orchestra <i>Nederlands Camerata</i> .
3	24 April	Lecture on Modern Greek Literature: <i>Why Cavafy?</i>	UvA	Lecture on the appeal of the poetry of C. P. Cavafy worldwide. Guest speaker: prof. dr. Gregory Jusdanis, Ohio State University.
4	19 – 21 May	3-day International Exams 2015 for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek (in cooperation with KEG/Centre for the Greek Language, Thessaloniki, Greek Ministry of Education)	KEG (Κέντρο Ελληνικής Γλώσσας), Thessaloniki	Exam Centre in the Netherlands. Coordination of International Exams 2015 for the Certificate of Attainment in Greek: 73 participants.
5	20 May	Workshop: Teaching Greek as a Foreign Language	KEG, Thessaloniki	Workshop for sworn translators-interpreters and teachers Modern Greek. Speaker: dr. Viktoria Panagiotidou, KEG-advisor
6	May – June	Founding the <i>Dutch-Greek Media-circle</i> : <a href="http://www.nieuwgrieksestudies.nl">www.nieuwgrieksestudies.nl</a>	The European Movement in the Netherlands (EBN)	Online platform to reframe the debate on the Greek crisis in the Dutch media: presentation of experts & open-access database
7	29 June	Book presentation & launch Dutch-Greek Media-circle	- EBN -Belgian editor <i>EPO</i>	Presentation of B. Tersago’s book on the Greek crisis & launch of the online platform
8	27 August	Column in Dutch newspaper <i>De Volkskrant</i>	Dutch-Greek Media-circle	Answer to prof. Verbon’s negative article on Greece in the same

<sup>1</sup> Free lectures by guest speakers in Dutch, English and Greek on various issues of the Byzantine and Modern Greek and Cypriot culture for students and a broad public of Dutch filhellenists. We organize 8 such lectures each academic year in cooperation with the Dept. of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies (4 in each semester).

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9	6 November	From Crete to Amsterdam ... and back	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-University of Amsterdam</li> <li>-Embassy of Cyprus</li> <li>-Embassy of Greece</li> <li>- Greek Dance group 2πAmsterdam</li> <li>- Greek Community of Amsterdam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 lectures on the Cretan culture by guest speakers</li> <li>- Ceremony for certificate-award to successful candidates of KEG-exams 2015</li> <li>- reception</li> </ul>
10	26 November	Open letter to <i>Amnesty International</i>	Media-circle	Protest against a petition of Amnesty International against Greece
11	27 November	Mediterranean Poetry of the fatherland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<i>Art and Language</i></li> <li>- <i>AstaroTheatro</i></li> </ul>	Lecture & poetry performance. Poets coming from various countries of the Mediterranean basin.
12	10 December	Workshop: Cypriot Greek & Modern Greek: differences and similarities [for sworn translators-interpreters Greek.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-University of Amsterdam</li> <li>- University of Cyprus</li> </ul>	Speaker: prof. dr. M. Katsoyannou, linguist, University of Cyprus.
13	11 December	Lecture on Modern Greek and Cypriot Linguistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-University of Amsterdam</li> <li>- University of Cyprus</li> </ul>	Lecture on the Cypriot dialect Speaker: prof. dr. M. Katsoyannou.
14	24 December	Benefit Concert: <i>Sing for Peace and Freedom</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Media-circle</li> <li>- <i>reART Collective</i></li> </ul>	Benefit concert for volunteer-organisations in Greece, supporting refugees.
15	29 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lecture about Rebetico music</li> <li>- Benefit concert with Rebetico music by the group: Rebetiki kompania <i>Ta Tzimania</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Media-circle</li> <li>- Foundation <i>Paradiso</i></li> <li>- Greek Community of Amsterdam</li> <li>-Foundation Pera</li> </ul>	Benefit concert in concert hall <i>Paradiso</i> , Amsterdam, for volunteer- organisations in Idomeni and Pireaus, Greece, supporting refugees. Donation: 3.500 euro