



PRESS RELEASE

EVENT AT THE GENERAL STATE ARCHIVES

“THE G.S.A. WELCOMES THE ARCHIVE FOR CARTOGRAPHIC HERITAGE AND THE MAPS”

EXHIBITION OF MAPS

THE MAP OF RIGAS: FROM THE ARCHIVES TO THE DIGITAL WORLD

The General State Archives (G.S.A.) (www.gak.gr) on the occasion of the celebration of the International Day of Archives and the merge of the Archive for Cartographic Heritage (www.maplibrary.gr) into the General State Archives, will hold an event on **Monday 10th of June at 8.00 p.m.** in the G.S.A. Central Service building (61 Dafnis Str, 15452 Psychiko).

The purpose of the event, which is co-organized by the Municipality of Filothei- Psychiko (OKAPA), is to present to the public the scientific activities of G.S.A. regarding the preservation of historical memory with parallel projection of the Archive for Cartographic Heritage making use of new technologies and modern digital approaches to the cartographic heritage.

The event will include an **Exhibition titled: “The Map of Rigas: from the archives to the digital world”** and will be accompanied by speeches related to the topic. It is dedicated to the great Map of Greece of Rigas Velesinlis, which is not only **the ultimate achievement of Greek Enlightenment and Greek cartography** towards the end of the 18th century, but also a cartographic work of universal significance.

The historical importance of the Map in the context of Greek Enlightenment and other aspects relating to its symbolic, thematic, political, ideological significance have been widely analyzed, mainly from the perspective of humanities more in Greek rather than in foreign language literature.

The General State Archives has in its collection **one of the few complete copies of the Map of Greece**, which is presented in the Exhibition, and has recently been published in the form of a facsimile.

The Archive for Cartographic Heritage on its part contributes to **the promotion of the Map**, making use of its scientific cartographic reading which has recently been attempted for the first time in Greece, according to the rules of modern cartographic science with the aid of **digital technologies for analysis and visualization of historical maps**.

The Exhibition is a presentation of the emblematic Map, in the terms of modern science and with the contribution of digital technologies.

It is a look at Rigas’s workshop and the creation of the Map, the codes, the symbols and their use as means of communication.

A look at the wealth of the content, the illustration, the symbolisms in a “multimedia” of the era.

The Map of Rigas: The first map in the World that was officially connected with a Revolution!

At the General State Archives, in Psychiko, from 11th until 21st of June.

The Exhibition will be open to the public

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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