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CC: A) Disciplinary Board (434)
B) Local Archaeological Council of Central Macedonia (TASKM)
Γ) Conservancy of Paleoanthropology and Speleology of North Greece (CPSNG)

Topic: Your deceiving by CPSNG concerning reprehensible behavior of its employs on my speech for the 8th Lyceum from Maroussi - Athens.

Dear Mr. Minister, ladies and gentlemen,

It is almost impossible to list all the misrepresentations and intentional falsifications of the facts that the CPSNG (Conservancy of Paleoanthropology and Speleology of North Greece) has done in an unacceptable way with the goal of hitting the Anthropological Association of Greece (AAG), as well as the only paleoanthropologist of the Ministry of Culture, Dr Nikos A. Poulianos (who unfortunately today is under persecution with similar tactics that were done to me). I suppose that this behaviour is related to the regulation that has 'intruded' into the Ministry's law (2003), where legally but immorally only archaeologists become responsible for paleoanthropological matters without having this education. Not to mention that the continued destruction of anthropological evidence in archaeological excavations at more than 90%, has a negative impact internationally. Apart from the European Anthropological Association or the International Union of Speleology, we also had a recent report accompanied with many comments of the 29-1-2014, which can be addressed at the Ancient-Origins.net website where for the first 4 days the article has been read by 300,000 people worldwide.

In respect to the above topic, on the 9-4-2012/1838 I have reported that the chief of the CPSNG guards, Mr. Papadopoulos attacked me verbally on March of 2012 (saying: "it is not allowed for you to talk"), in an unprecedented effort to silence me while talking about the my excavations in front of the cave of Petralona to students of the 8th High School from Maroussi - Athens, for which the teachers of the school invited me. With the same letter 1838, I asked to be informed if there were any orders (written or verbal) of the Ministry (or if the guard was acting on his own accord), and if the State Services were informed about the incident, asking to send me any copies of orders or reports. At this point I have to note that Mr Papadopoulos and his chief officer are involved in a court case with false accusations against me and Dr Nikos Poulianos for allegedly excavating Petralona cave without permission.

Immediate actions have been asked by the General Secretary of the Ministry with the 2461/17-4-2012 note. CPSNG replied with the 2-5-2012/857, but without C.C. it to the Anthropological Society of Greece (where after requesting we were informed on the 11-9-2013). For some incomprehensible reason (probably as a demonstration of authority) CPSNG also turned against the 8th High School of Marousi, which replied properly on the 7-6-2012: “It is really depressing that a government scientific department writes so many inaccuracies, misrepresentations, lies and threats to a head master” as well as “unacceptable and defiant attitude of the authorities”. At the end of the letter is said: “Dear chief Officer, from the above it looks that you consider the archaeological site as your property”.

According to the above I have the question: for what qualifications this archaeologist was promoted to a member of CAC – Central Archeological Council (I suppose not as member of the political party of New Democracy, as some rumours are spread around)?

After the latest elections, the Anthropological Association of Greece comes back with the 1865/17-8-2012 document complaining because not got a reply yet. After it was revealed that it is a policy of CPSNG not to reply (something that goes against the country’s interest), CPSNG on the 11-9-2012/2356 ‘invented’ a new excuse that I couldn’t talk to the students of Marousi because I didn’t have a ‘Guide’ permit...

With the continuous misinterpretations and inaccuracies of CPSNG, AAG has sent the 1866/28-9-2012 document towards 7 addressee and 8 attached documents in order to re-examine the topic. Even if the topic was presented by the MP Sophia Voultepsi on the 3-10-2012, the matter is still unanswered, and still no any copies have been sent to us, nor even as concerns some oral or written investigation. It is also suspicious whether the Archeological Service and other supervising bodies did not realize anything about the above mentioned complains.

I do not think it is a coincidence that even if the chief officer of CPSNG should wait the case to be examined by the Administrative Supreme Court (ΣτΕ – Συμβούλιο της Επικρατείας), in 2013 he suggested the excavation permissions on his behalf. CAC decided to support CPSNG and on the back of AAG, which resulted in further court cases from us (AAG). It is however a question if for anything that has been impeached to the courts, the corresponding archaeological departments really knew.

I truly believe that practices like the ones mentioned in this letter should belong to the past. I do not know if the high ranking members of the Archaeological Department are ‘proud’ of their achievements, which I find to be preposterous, and like this they are to be recorded in the history of the Petralona cave. The only thing that remains now is just a last action from your side to save what can be saved from what in the past was noted as an important discovery.

Taking into account the above, please take the necessary actions to avoid any further misrepresentations, lies and destructions to the monument that I have spent 50 and more years of my life, and also take action to receive an appropriate use of the cave as well as the answers that I have been requesting for the last 2 years.

From the Board of Directors of AEE

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