The Hellenic Society Prometheas

Invites you to a Book presentation by:

Dr. Harry Mavromatis

Emeritus Professor of Physics at the American University of Beirut

“Lost Edens”

Dr. Mavromatis will present his recent book “Lost Edens”, that takes us back to Cyprus the decade before it gained its flawed independence from Britain. The narrative then moves on to the post independence era and the events that precipitated the disastrous Turkish invasion and occupation of the island’s northern third. The perspective is that of an adolescent who comes to the island with his parents from the United States, and consequently experiences a clash of cultures. The author’s family had connections at the very highest levels of Greek Society. His uncle was Cyprus’s first ambassador to Greece, his first cousin, Yiannos Kranidiotis, Greece’s alternate foreign minister. Consequently the author saw and heard things first hand, and in this book mentions events that are not common knowledge. Additionally, Dr. Mavromatis very candidly and graphically describes several of the islanders and how life was like during those happier pre-independence days. The author concludes with perceptive comments about the causes of the Cyprus conflict and his hopes for the island’s future.

The lecture will be in English. Reception will follow.

Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 8:00 pm.
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