



**2015 Annual Olympism4Humanity Boston Festival**  
**Saturday April 18 @5-7pm, reception and expo@8pm**  
**10 Akron street (West) @Harvard RSVP@ <http://tinyurl.com/HarvardGCP>**

**Annual Ancient Marathon-Boston Marathon Symposium:** A panel of experts will offer a rich discussion around Marathonism, Hellenism, Olympism and Stylianos Kyriakides legacy- and how these concepts can serve as platform for hope, inspiration, innovation and humanity.

**Hon. Iphigenia Kanara**

Welcome by the Consul General of Greece in Boston

**Panel Discussion Part I: O4H Bridges Across Time, Agencies and Space:  
From Doha to Boston, Marathon, Olympia, Cape Town- and- back to Boston**

**Dr. Alexis Lyras**

Olympism4Humanity Alliance CEO  
International Olympic Academy & Georgetown University

**Dimitris Kyriakides**

Marathon Good Will Ambassador  
Olympism4Humanity Alliance

**Maria-Alkistis Iliopoulou**

Athens BioAcademy & Cathedral Greek School  
Olympism4Humanity Alliance

**Lucian Wagner**

US Alliance, LLC & Eurousventures, LLC  
Olympism4Humanity Alliance

**Max Wagner**

Student, Thayer Academy  
Olympism4Humanity Alliance

**Panel Discussion Part II: O4H Inspirations and Steps of HOPE  
Physics, Biomedicine and Education bridges with Innovation and Humanity**

**Constantine Psimopoulos**

MAPHERD & Harvard  
Olympism4Humanity Alliance

**Professor Wolfgang Ketterle**

MIT & Marathon Runner  
Nobel Laureate

**Dr. Guy Smoot**

Olympism4Humanity Alliance  
Ph.D. Harvard

## 2015 Annual Olympism4Humanity Boston Festival Speakers in alphabetical order

**Maria-Alkistis Iliopoulou.** Born and raised in Greece, Maria-Alkistis has studied and worked in eleven countries across four continents. She is currently a director at Athens BioAcademy, a Boston-based organization that supports the Biomedical Research Foundation of the Academy of Athens (BRFAA). She also serves as the principal at the Cathedral Greek School of New England. Previously, she was an advisor to the Hellenic Ministry of Education and authored educational materials for the US Department of Commerce. She has also worked as a management consultant for a number of years. In this capacity, she advised a broad spectrum of organizations, ranging from large multinationals, such as Toyota and Miele, to tens of startups around the world. She holds a top-ranked International M.B.A (honors) and an M.S. in Global Marketing from Thunderbird. Maria-Alkistis loves sports and was a professional basketball player back in Greece.

**Dimitri Kyriakides, M.Sc.** Mr. Kyriakides was born in Greece in 1944, the son of marathoner and national hero Stylianos Kyriakides, who represented Greece in the international sports arena between 1933 and 1948. Mr. Kyriakides has a Masters Degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from Strathclyde University in Scotland. He is a Goodwill Ambassador of the city of Marathon, and represents the city's mayor in a multitude of events around the world. Mr. Kyriakides has created and assisted with memorials, exhibits, and literature about his father, including his book "Running With Phidippides" (2007); statues of Stylianos in Pafos, Marathon and Boston; exhibits about the marathoner at the Boston Athletic Museum, Deree College in Athens, the Marine Club in Piraeus, and Anatolia College in Salonika; and NBC's 2004 Emmy Award-winning documentary "Stylianos Kyriakides: Journey of a Warrior" which aired during the 2004 Athens Olympics. Mr. Kyriakides' partnership with former Marathon Mayor Spyros Zagaris helped form the Marathon Museum, to which Mr. Kyriakides loaned many of his father's marathon memorabilia; the establishment of the Marathon Flame, which represents freedom, democracy, equality, peace among all peoples, good will, and fair competition; the 2500th anniversary celebrations of the first marathon; and the twin city relationships of Marathon with Hopkinton, MA and Siamen, China.

**Wolfgang Ketterle** has been the John D. MacArthur professor of physics at MIT since 1998 where he leads a research group exploring new forms of matter near absolute zero temperature. He started out as a theoretical physicist (master's degree from the Technical University of Munich (1982)), switched to molecular spectroscopy (Ph.D. from the University of Munich (1986), postdoctoral work at the Max-Planck Institute for Quantum Optics in Garching), and then explored applied science by advancing combustion diagnostics with lasers (University of Heidelberg, 1989 and 1990). In 1990, he decided to return to fundamental physics and changed his research field from hot flames to ultracold atoms. Only a few years later, his group had developed new cooling methods to reach nanokelvin temperatures and co-discovered Bose-Einstein condensation in a gas, for which he received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2001. He ran middle and long distances while in high school and college. After some years focusing on his education, he ran six marathons between 1984 and 1987, the fastest just under 2:50. Twenty-three years later, he came back to marathon running, and since then has run two or three marathons per year, now running about 60 miles per week. His all-time PR in Boston in 2014 (2:44:06) earned him a third place in his age group, and he finished second in New York (2013) and Munich (2013).

**Dr. Alexis Lyras.** Dr. Lyras is the founder and CEO of the Olympism4Humanity (O4H) Alliance and currently holds the Conflict Resolution Fellowship position at Georgetown University. Dr. Lyras has 25 years of experience in strategic planning and consulting; developing and implementing integrated Olympism in Action academic programs and curricula; and in design delivery, monitoring and evaluation of humanitarian programs. Dr. Lyras is the author of Sport for Development Theory (SFDT), the first and most widely used Applied Olympism humanitarian interdisciplinary theory in this emerging field. In January 2013, he was appointed by the International Olympic Academy (IOA) to serve as a special advisor to the IOA on Olympism, Peacebuilding and Development. His most recent projects are HOPE and Olympism4Humanity (O4H) Alliance. O4H Alliance is a global venture that aims "to explore and enhance the contribution of Olympism to Humanity". HOPE stands for Hellenic Odyssey for Preservation

and Enlightenment a venture that aims to create a Pan-Hellenic global consortium that will serve as a social capital platform for promoting innovation, inspiration, civic engagement, cross-cultural dialogue, and social entrepreneurship. More information about his work can be found at [www.alexislyras.com](http://www.alexislyras.com)

**Constantine Psimopoulos.** Constantine Psimopoulos or Professor ‘Ψ’ Psi as his students call him is a dual citizen (Greece & USA). Psimopoulos is the Olympism4Humanity Alliance MA chapter coordinator and serves as the President-elect of the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD). His day job is within Harvard Athletics, where he directs fitness at the Hemenway Gymnasium, which is at the Law School campus and teaches classes for the Harvard community. He is also affiliated with the Prevention Research Center for Physical Activity policy at the Harvard School of Public Health. Coming from an academic background (PhD studies and research at OSU and Democritus) and having taught as an Assistant Professor of Kinesiology, Physical Education, and Sport Science in Ohio, NY and then MIT respectively, Constantine or Coach ‘Ψ’ Psi as his athletes know him, has travelled the equivalent to 5 times the earth’s circumference on his bicycle as a former Olympic level cycling champion. More information about his work can be found at: <http://scholar.harvard.edu/constantine>

**Dr. Guy Smoot,** Harvard Ph.D. (2015). Dr. Smoot is currently a Lecturer in the History Department at Northeastern University. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to an American father and French mother. An ex Mormon who grew up in a bilingual environment, his childhood religion first influenced his interest in genealogy: from the origin of people, Guy became interested in the origin of language and the origin of cultures. This has led Guy to pursue a Master's in Classics at Rutgers University and a PhD in Comparative Literature at Harvard. Guy has developed a keen interest in ancient Greek epic: he has just completed his doctoral dissertation on ethnicity and ancestry in Homer's *Iliad*. One of Guy's original and innovative arguments is that the historical background of the Trojan War, combined with linguistic and historiographical evidence, suggest that we should re-define and broaden the formative origins of Hellenism and the rise of Greek identity in the early Archaic Greek period: Guy argues that the early Phrygians (think of King Midas and the golden touch), the early Macedonians and even elements among the early Armenians should also be included in a broader proto-Greek family, which Guy refers to as 'Hellanic' and that a systematic, comparative analysis of their respective languages and cultures can improve one's understanding of the origins of Hellenism, including, surprisingly the origins of the Olympic Games.

**Mr. Lucian Wagner.** Lucian has a truly global outlook with an extensive set of contacts in North America, Europe, and Asia. He is currently a General Partner at EuroUS Ventures LLC, Chairman & Co-founder of Launch in US Alliance, LLC and EuroUS Accelerator, Inc. and his main focus now is helping European companies gain traction in the US. In this function, he lectures frequently at events throughout Europe and the US and helps organize study trips and visits to Boston and Silicon Valley. Before joining EuroUS Ventures in 2005, he was a co-founder of several US tech business. He is a current and past member of the Board of several European ICT companies and advises them on Marketing, Financing and General Strategy issues. Previously, Lucian spent more than 20 years in the semiconductor equipment industry, holding a series of positions in Sales and Marketing, based out of Switzerland and then Boston, MA. Lucian was born in Germany, educated in the French school system, and went on to earn a B.Sc. in International Economics from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University (with a minor in Russian) and an MBA from INSEAD in 1981. He met Dr. Lyras at a Georgetown Alumni event in late 2013 and attended the O4H Praxis Summit in 2014 in Olympia. Since that time, he has been actively involved in growing the O4H Alliance.

**Max Wagner.** Born in Boston, Max was already on a plane to Switzerland within his first 6 months. He has attended the Fessenden School in Newton, MA, the Intercommunity School in Zurich, Switzerland and is currently a freshman at Thayer Academy in Braintree, MA. Max has participated in several language and sports summer camps at the Lyceum Alpinum in Zuoz, Switzerland and was a participant at the O4H Summit in Marathon and Olympia, Greece in 2014. He speaks some German and is currently enrolled in French classes at his school. Beyond his academic interests, he plays american football, wrestles and is a member of the crew team (all as part of his school’s sport program). In addition, he is a

keen observer of the sports scene in the US and Europe and the person to talk to when in need of the latest scores or team updates. He also very much enjoys spending the summers in Zurich, where he uses the excellent public transportation system to roam around the city and the surrounding countryside with his friends from his school days there.



HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
**GRADUATE COMMONS**



Contact info Psimopoulos, Constantine [cpsimopoulos@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:cpsimopoulos@fas.harvard.edu)

**hsamit**

Visit us @ <http://olympism4humanity.com/>

RSVP @ <http://tinyurl.com/HarvardGCP>

