

Preface

The *Second International Conference on Modern Greek Dialects and Linguistic Theory* was held at the Archaeological Museum of Mytilene, Greece (Sept. 30 – Oct. 3, 2004). It was hosted by the Prefecture of Lesvos, and chaired by Mark Janse (Roosevelt Academy), Brian D. Joseph (Ohio State University), and Angela Ralli (University of Patras).

The conference brought together experts working on both linguistics and the dialects of Modern Greek, in a variety of topics and orientations. It was held in honour of **Angeliki Malikouti-Drachman** (University of Salzburg) and **Panayotis Kontos** (University of Athens) for their substantial contribution to Greek linguistics and dialectology.

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