

Probus Club of Vancouver: IN MEMORY of former Guest Speaker:
DR. ANDRE GEROLYMATOS
Simon Fraser University

A Tribute for HIS FAMILY

On behalf of all the members of the Probus Club of Vancouver, we wish to express our profound sadness on hearing the untimely passing of Dr. Andre Gerolymatos. To those of us who had the privilege of being in the audience at his presentations and getting to know him, he was 'Andre' to us not because it was a challenge to pronounce his last name, but because he was our most popular guest speaker. He was invited to return to address us more times than any other speaker, and always accepted the invitations with grace and enthusiasm.

On reviewing our Probus Speakers' List since 2000, his topics were –
July 2003, 'Islam'
September 2009, 'Islam Today'
January 2014, 'The Struggle for Power in the Middle East'
November 2015, 'Mid-East Relationships following US/Iran Nuclear Agreement'
November 2016, 'The Russian Conundrum: Putin in the Middle East'

Andre was scheduled to update us on the Middle East once again in 2018. Unfortunately, he had to cancel the engagement because of his ill health.

Dr. Gerolymatos left us memories of much to treasure. He was an outstanding scholar and a brilliant speaker. He had the unique capacity to clarify complex issues for his audience. He will be missed by us all, not least his warmth and friendship. We will also not forget his invitations to join him at the downtown campus of SFU to listen to a visiting guest lecturer, sponsored by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation at SFU.

To all his family and loved ones, we send our heartfelt condolences at the loss of a truly remarkable man, whose presence enriched everyone who had the opportunity to meet him.

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