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We wish all our members, friends and supporters, a very Merry Christmas

IDENTIFICATIONS: The following identification was announced: Christou Georgatzi from Kythrea.

At the time of printing this News Bulletin no new identifications have been announced although a number of samples have been identified by the Bosnian laboratory and returned to Cyprus awaiting to be double checked by the Cypriot scientists.

More samples are to be sent to Bosnia and we hope the identification process will gain momentum as the Cypriot side gets more organised and get their working methods fully established.

NEW YEAR'S CAKE CUTTING AND THE LATEST ON THE ISSUE OF OUR MISSING:

This will take place on Sunday 20th January 2013 at St Barnabas Church Hall after the liturgy at St Mary's Church in Wood Green, where a memorial service will be held for those identified and buried and prayers for those still missing. The Cyprus Consul General, Mr G. Georgiou, will attend and give a short speech. All members, friends and supporters will be most welcome. The ORMC (UK) President will provide the latest information on the issue. He will also answer any questions. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The New Year's cake will be blessed and cut by the V. Rev. Bishop of Tropaïou Athanasios.

GENERAL MEETING: Our General Meeting will take place on Saturday 13th April 2013 at the Cypriot Community Centre in Earlham Grove, Wood Green, from 18.30. We call all our members to attend so that we can elect our new committee and discuss the way forward. All those members interested in being elected to the committee must send in their nomination form signed by two other members 7 days before the General Meeting. Nomination forms are available from the office. By post or via e-mail. Please call or e-mail the office.

INVITE BY APPG FOR CYPRUS TO THE CMP:

The Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Cyprus, (APPG) Mr David Burrowes MP, has invited all three members of the Committee of Missing Persons (CMP) to visit London and meet with them and discuss the issue of the Missing and establish the best way forward on the matter. The meeting is preliminary booked for 23rd January 2013, awaiting confirmation from the CMP.

We understand that the CMP has no funds to pay for these expenses and have applied to the British High Commission in Cyprus for funding.

PUBLIC INQUIRY BY THE APPG ON THE ISSUE OF THE MISSING:

From what we understand this will be taking place in the near future. "Evidence sessions" will be held with members of the families of Missing Cypriots and a report will be published on the findings.

STRASBOURG MEETING, COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS:

The issue of the Missing was discussed again at the meeting and it was agreed that the decision taken last June, i.e. Turkey to give access to its archives and to military zones still stands. It also asks of Turkey to carry out effective investigation on both the cases of those found and identified and of those whose fate is still unknown. It makes a clear and distinct reference to investigative officers, thus separating Turkey's responsibility from the work of the Committee of Missing Persons (CMP).

The recommendation that retired Turkish military officials whose memoirs are published should be interviewed by the Committee of Ministers is still standing.